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CONGRESS

In all this rambunctious session of Congress, today was the most exciting. All day there was a tug of war, ~~one~~ ^{The} of those pull devil, pull baker, affairs. ~~The~~ ^{New Deal} lieutenants of ^{the} President ~~Roosevelt~~ ^{using} had to use all their strength to fight down the opposition. And the Republicans, backed up by the Conservative Democrats, and led by cagey Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts, ^{also using} ~~used~~ every device known to parliamentary tactics.

~~Of course~~ The fight centered around ~~the~~ two vital bills. ^{First,} ~~There was~~ the money act; ~~the question~~ whether the President should retain his power to go on devaluing the dollar. ~~Then~~ ^{And,} ~~there was~~ the one and three quarter billion dollar relief bill. The Roosevelt leaders used ~~that~~ ^{the latter} as a club to aid them in the ⁱⁿ fight over the money bill. ~~It was what is known as~~ ^{A sort of} a squeeze play. ~~Here was the idea.~~ By holding back the relief bill until the money bill was passed, the ~~Roosevelt faction~~ ^{New Dealers} could force the opposition ^{to a vote} ~~into voting~~ on that ^{FoT} money bill. The opposition is ~~just~~ as anxious as the administration that there ~~shall~~ be no hitch in providing relief funds. If both ^{TR} ~~of them~~ ^{bills,} or either

one of them is not passed before midnight tonight, there will be trouble and confusion. For this is June Thirtieth, the end of the fiscal year, and if the relief bill isn't voted ~~by then~~ ^{tonight,} there will be no money for the jobless. And if the money bill isn't passed by then, the President automatically loses his power to devalue the ~~fuller~~ dollar.

During most of the afternoon the fight was waged in the House. ~~The majority leaders thought they were going to stifle~~ ~~debate.~~ But Republican Representative Clair of Michigan established a point of personal privilege, whereby the speaker was obliged to give ~~them~~ ^{him} one hour ^{or} time. Then the Republicans used a good old trick ~~time~~ after time one of them arose on the floor of the House, claiming, "Mr. Speaker, there is no quorum." And in fact there frequently was no quorum because the Republicans would disappear, going ~~wandering~~ off into corridors and cloak rooms. Then, as soon as a quorum was obtained, they would start vanishing again. Every time this happened, the ~~proceedings were delayed half an hour.~~ Finally, the Roosevelt leaders put on the screws and managed to push through a vote

on the report of the conference committee over the relief bill.

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It was approved by a standing vote of three hundred and twenty-one to twenty-three. The report was then sent to the Senate. And that report makes the bill practically what the President asked for. It leaves W.P.A. under the control of one man, not three as the Senate had suggested. But, it also provides that every W.P.A. executive earning more than ~~fix~~ five thousand dollars ~~has to~~ ^{must} be approved by Congress. It also means the death of the Federal Theatre Project, and compels people on relief and W.P.A. to take a thirty days' vacation without pay after they ~~had~~ ^{have} been on the rolls for eighteen months.

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As for the senators, they'll be talking at least until midnight and perhaps longer. ~~Earlier in the day, the Republican~~

~~leader, Senator Austin of Vermont, declared:- "We will be here until midnight." The reporters asked him:- "Does that mean a filibuster?" And the Vermont Senator replied:- "You can judge from the debate whether it's a filibuster. ~~Yeh~~ You'll ^{see} be able to see that it's not a filibuster but a legitimate debate." ^{said}~~

For yourself

Later in the afternoon, the House put its okay to the conference report on the money bill. And that also was sent to

the Senate. But at last reports the Senators were still
debating on it.

TAX BILL

The tax bill that Congress recently passed is now law. President Roosevelt signed it yesterday, and the White House announced ~~the fact~~ ^{it} today. So, ~~after this~~ there'll be no more ~~of that impost on the undistributed profits of corporations, for the last few years one of the bugbears of business men. That is,~~ ^{tax to add to} ~~the last few years one of the bugbears of~~ ^{the worries of} business men. ~~That is,~~ there'll be no more of it unless a later Congress enacts it again. Instead, ~~of that,~~ there's a flat income tax of eighteen per cent on all corporations that earn more than twenty-five thousand a year. The new bill also repeals the two thousand dollar limit on the amount of capital losses ~~that~~ a man can deduct, and one or two other concessions that business people have been clamoring for.

BUCKNER

The jury says guilty to William P. Buckner ^{locally} famous

~~the country over as the play-boy broker. His trial has afforded a good deal of entertainment for several weeks. There~~

~~have been few prosecutions with famous movie stars as witnesses and others named in the proceedings.~~ Young Buckner with four

others were accused of ^{trying} ~~having~~ to get money out of Frank Morgan

and Bing ~~Crosby~~ Crosby, and others, but he didn't get to first

base with them. However, he was convicted on ^{all} ~~an~~ eight counts

of an ~~indict~~ indictment that charged him with conspiracy and

mail fraud in connection with Phillipine railroad bonds. And

one of his fellow defendents, Felipe Buncamino the Phillipine

lawyer and legislator was also ~~convict~~ convicted on one count.

C. Wesley Turner and John Stewart Hyde former British Army

officier were acquitted.

McNUTT

The movement to hold on to the Philippines had another push forward today. It came from ~~no less a~~ ^{the} magnificent than the

High Commissioner ^{to} of the Philippines himself, Paul McNutt.

~~McNutt comes home with~~ ^{McNutt comes home with} ~~He brings to the argument the result of~~ two years' experience

~~in Manila~~ as Uncle Sam's Number One Man on the ^{spot} ~~job~~. He only

~~returned to his home at Indianapolis a few days ago. And this~~

~~is~~ ^{In} his first public utterance, ~~since he came back.~~ The

~~occasion was~~ ^{at} a mass meeting in Monument Circle, ~~the heart of~~

Indianapolis, ^{he spoke on the subject. The occasion} ~~it~~ was a welcome home ~~meeting~~ for McNutt, ~~and~~

^{all a} part of his boom ^{far} to ~~get~~ the Democratic nomination for the

presidency. ~~Before any speaking began,~~ There was a long, ~~long~~

^{with} parade, ~~The marchers were members of the~~ "McNutt-for-President"

^{marchers} ~~clubs~~ from every one of the ninety-two counties in Indiana. And

to help swell the noise, there were fifty-three ^{brass} bands, ~~and~~

~~drum corps.~~

~~This being part of his presidential campaign, it was~~

^{Naturally} curious to ~~observe that~~ Handsome Paul didn't have a word to say

about ~~any of the~~ internal affairs ~~of the country~~. He spoke

^{only} ~~exclusively~~ about the Philippines, ^{whence he had just come,} "We ought to hold on to

them," he said, "to preserve peace in the Orient. If Uncle Sam gets out July Fourth, Nineteen Forty-Six, in accordance with the Tydings-McDuffie Act, there will be trouble for at least a generation. If we withdraw, ^{he added} ~~from them,~~ "we will undo all the good work that has been accomplished there in the last forty years."

He also said one important thing which we've been hearing from other sources. The same ~~But~~ Filipino leaders who have been clamoring for independence have changed their minds in the last two years. ~~And~~ McNutt explained ^S that the Filipinos would not be able to defend themselves from ~~any~~ attack by a powerful foreign nation. ^{" Meaning Japan of course.} ~~And he added: "An independent Philippine government faces a very real threat of racial extinction."~~

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Hang on to the Philippines; that's a slogan we'll be hearing a good deal in the next few years. ^{with many} ~~But there'll be~~ plenty of voices ^{shouting No.} ~~on the other side.~~

INCIDENTS

Public feeling in Europe is running so high that episodes catch the eye which otherwise might not attract attention. For example, there ~~was~~ a military parade down Unter den Linden, ^{today} ~~the~~ ~~show street of the German capital.~~ Motorized infantry, anti-tank guns, field kitchens, anti-aircraft guns, rolled ^{ing} down that wide avenue ^{once famous for its} ~~with its linden trees~~ ~~handsome~~ linden trees. Overhead airplanes buzzed and swooped and dived. ^{TP} Now, a military parade in Germany as a rule is hardly in the category of news. But this ^{Parade} ~~one~~ was unexpected, unannounced. Nevertheless, in almost no time it attracted huge crowds ~~and a traffic jam.~~

Then there's an announcement from England, made by the Minister of Transport. He ^{has} ~~made~~ public the fact that the British government has made all plans to take over the railroads in case of war. He also ^{has} ~~said~~ complete precautions have been taken to protect the railroads against attacks ^{from the air.} ~~by airplane bombers.~~

And the Prime Minister of Belgium told his senate ^{today} ~~that~~ the Belgian ^{um} ~~government~~ has been making plans against the possibility of war. Not that he expects to be attacked this time. But he has laid in stores of ~~several~~ food products, such

as wheat, frozen meat, and staples, so ~~that~~ the Belgian people will have enough to eat in case war cut^s down supplies for everybody.

Then there's a dispatch ^{from Switzerland} ~~which emanates from a Swiss~~ newspaper. This ^a ~~one~~ ^{of} ~~reports that~~ there's an extraordinary movement of ^{railroad} freight cars from Italy into Germany. This movement ~~on the railroad~~ has been going on day and night, crossing the Brenner Pass with innumerable freight cars moving apparently under convoy. They're going towards Innsbruck, Vienna and other points in what used to be Austria.

EUROPE

In Richard Wagner's great opera, "Die Meistersinger", the great poet Hans Sachs sings a song famous to all opera goers. The opening words, literally translated, are:

"Madness, madness, everywhere madness."

~~Or, as one of our own lyric writers might put it:~~

~~"Nuts, nuts, everybody's nuts."~~

If Hans Sachs were alive today, and took a look around Europe, he ~~would indeed~~ ^{would see plenty of reason for singing} ~~might have reason to sing that song. For it seems to~~ ^{his madness song.} ~~represent without much exaggeration, the state of mind in Europe.~~

~~The most hardened~~ Observers of the European scene ~~don't~~ ^{are loathe to} ~~venture to make a~~ ^{prophecy} ~~On the one hand there are strong~~ ^{intimations that Hitler is} ~~going to take Danzig. In fact, an~~ ^{all set} ~~unofficial report from Berlin has it that the Fuehrer has made~~ ~~definite plans for a visit to the Free City during the last week~~ ^{of course,} ~~in July. No word comes from Hitler himself, who isn't tipping~~ ~~off his hand.~~ But officials high in the Nazi ranks are ~~prophesying that when Hitler goes to Germany,~~ ^{does go there} he will enter a city that is German once again. And they're prophesying that the Free City will be taken peacefully, that neither Britain

nor France will go to war over Danzig.

Nevertheless, Prime Minister Chamberlain and his Foreign Secretary, Viscount Halifax, repeat with emphasis what they ^{have} said before, ^{Britain's} ~~said several times.~~ John Bull's promise to help Poland will be made good if the Poles ~~have to~~ ^{for} fight ~~against~~ any ~~attack on~~ their rights in Danzig. The ~~explanation of this is~~ that Hitler plans ^{for} the movement to seize that port will come from inside the Free City. A large number of its inhabitants are Nazis, they will uprising and clamor for annexation to the German Reich. ~~Against~~ Such a step, the Nazis believe, will not be construed by Chamberlain and Daladier as an attack upon the Poles.

But, there's another guess ^{making:} which observers are ~~putting~~ out. ~~That guess is~~ that all this agitation about Danzig is merely a feint on Hitler's part. ^{His real} ~~Hitler's real~~ target this time ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{being} Hungary. ~~That's a rumor that we heard several months ago.~~

TP When I was in Washington in March there was an off-the-record report that the Fuehrer had planned to seize Hungary within sixty days. Those sixty days elapsed without ^{even} ~~any sign of~~ a hostile gesture aimed at the Magyar country. Instead, ~~of that,~~ Regent

Admiral

Horthy and members of his staff paid a state visit to Berlin and were received with ~~cheers~~ pomp and ceremony. All of which seemed to point ~~decidedly~~ away from ~~any grab of~~ Hungary.

When he started his career, Hitler stated many times ~~that~~ and often, that he wanted none but Germans within the German Reich. But he gave the lie to his own words when he took over the Czechs. On the other hand, there's a strong pro-Nazi sentiment in Hungary.

Whether it be Hungary or Danzig, everybody ^{seems} sure that Hitler is ~~going to grab something~~ *all set for his next move*.

alter the status of Danzig by force and in such a manner as to threaten the independence of Poland, would inevitably result in a general war which would involve Great Britain. You will observe that this statement, though not exactly one of usual words, is not so definite and precise as the Polish statement. It still leaves a notable set question. The question is, "What would be the British attitude if the Danzig issue proclaimed the Free City German territory?" The Polish would look upon it as an invitation to war. But it could not be considered as calling upon the British to take any action to alter the status of Danzig.

WARSAW FOLLOW EUROPE

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That opinion of the Nazi moguls is not echoed in Poland. (The Poles are ^{saying tonight} not going to stand for the tactics that Hitler applied so successfully to the Czechoslovaks ^{that} any coup in Danzig, whether it comes from inside the city or from without, will be regarded by the Polish government as a cause for war.) And that is practically official, ^{or so} it was stated ^{today} by a spokesman for the Warsaw government.

When this was cabled to London, there was an immediate demand to know what was the attitude of the British government to that Polish statement. The reply was that any attempt to try to alter the status of Danzig by force and in such a manner as to threaten the independence of Poland, would unavoidably result in a general war which would involve Great Britain.

You will observe that this utterance, though not exactly one of weasel words, is not so definite and precise as the Polish statement. It still leaves a loophole and a question. The question is, "What would be the British attitude if the Danzig Senate proclaimed the Free City German territory?"

The Poles would look upon it as an invitation to war. But it could not be considered as falling under the British definition of an action to alter the status of Danzig by force.

BERLIN FOLLOW WARSAW

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The Nazi spokesmen ^{today} continued to insist that there ^{will} be no war, but ^{that} Danzig ^a will be part of Germany before the end of the summer. ~~At the same time, it is now known that Hitler has been strengthening the eastern fortifications of Germany along the Polish frontier.~~

DEMPSEY

A few minutes before the Louis-Galento fight, something happened that rather astonished the huge audience. As was customary, the announcer called for other well known fighters to come up and take a bow, including the two ex-heavyweight champions, Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey. Gene jumped up on the platform, took his bow, shook hands with Louis and with

Gallant Tony. But the appeals for Jack were in vain. ^{Everybody} ~~Some~~ wondered: what's happened people said, "Surely, Jack hasn't turned high hat, he never was to Jack. He's always on hand that way." ~~And it turns out that he wasn't that way on Wednesday night.~~ ^{Now we know the answer! -} He was home, sick, and he didn't know how sick he was.

He thought he had a stomachache, but it was ^{far} ~~much~~ worse than that.

He had a bad appendix and he postponed too long the calling in of a physician. The consequence was when they took out that bad appendix the surgeons found it should have been extracted much sooner. So now ^{Jack Dempsey} ~~he~~ lies on a hospital bed, gravely ill with peritonitis. And the telephone switchboard of that hospital is being swamped with calls, some of them coming from as far west as the Pacific Coast.

And there's one of the curious ironies of the

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~~boxing~~
~~boxfight~~ business. When Dempsey was a triumphant champion, the terror of the prize-ring, he was one of the most unpopular men in the United States. ~~That didn't hurt him,~~ ^{Nevertheless} people rushed to buy tickets for any fight, ^{in which he was to play a part} ~~he was engaged in,~~ ^{probably} in the hope of seeing him get his ears knocked off. ^{But} After he lost his title to Gene Tunney, ^{Jack} ~~he~~ found he had gained something else, and that was the good-will of ^{everybody,} ~~most Americans.~~ Since then his popularity has grown and grown. Hence those numerous telephone calls. Today ~~there were even~~ ^{crowds of} youngsters lingering ^{ed} outside of the hospital, in the rain, waiting to hear news of ^{one of the greatest} ~~the mighty Jack~~ fighting men in ring history.

While I was on my way to my office late this afternoon, several people stopped me to ask whether it was true that Jack had lost his fight with peritonitis. About the same time, the switchboards of N.B.C. and every newspaper were overloaded with ~~in~~ inquiries about this rumor. ^{So} ~~It is not true,~~ ^{for} Here is the latest bulletin:- Jack Dempsey is resting easily and his physicians say he now has more than a fifty-fifty chance. As Jack said himself earlier in the day, "I'll be okay. I'm in there punching." ^{This time} ~~The first time he has been actually~~ punching with death.

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EXPEDITION

In an hour or two a group of American flyers will take to the air on the final lap of a flight around the world. They are returning^{home}/from one of the most unusual journeys of exploration in recent years. They are coming^{back}/from the heart of wild New Guinea, a land of mystery and of^{fascinating}interest to learned men in many branches of science. New Guinea is one of the least known parts of the earth. But, nearly every year explorers return from there and add to our store of knowledge. This latest expedition to the great cannibal island of the South Seas was sent out by the American Museum of Natural History. Its leader, Richard Archbold, son of one of the Standard Oil kings. With him went Russell Rogers, pilot; Raymond Booth, radio operator; and that jovial trans-Atlantic flyer Louis Lon Yancey as navigator.

I'll bet Lon Yancey is bringing back some wild tales of how he escaped from the cannibals.

Dick Archbold took along a plane specially built for scientific exploration. Reports are that their expedition has been a complete success. Among their discoveries, a tribe of New ~~Guinea~~ Guinea natives who had never seen a white man before.

None of the Archbold party were eaten. The unknown tribe, unlike some other folks in New Guinea, do not like broiled fillet of explorer for breakfast. Instead they were ~~initia~~ initiated into the tribe. And what a yarn Lon Yancey will have to tell about that.

Among the interesting animals they found were rodents three feet long.

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After completing their New Guinea explorations, Dick Archbold ~~and~~ and his companions decided to do a lot more flying. So instead of flying back across the Pacific whence they came, they flew down to Australia. And from there they made the first ~~right~~ flight across the Indian Ocean from Australia to Africa! After that they flew right across the so-called "Dark Continent". And from Dakar, in French West Africa, they have just made a non-stop flight ~~to~~ to the Virgin Islands. Tonight they take off on the final lap -- from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, bound for New York, to report to Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews and the heads of the American Museum ~~under~~ under whose auspices they

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have made their unusual flight around the world and their
flights into the unknown wilds of New Guinea.

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