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NIAGARA

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(The Niagara Bridge collapsed this afternoon, the span so sentimentally favored by honeymooners. The ice jam ^{finally} won the battle. Tonight, the bridge lies in the water below the Falls, a tangled mass of wreckage.)

Earlier in the day the word was - they hoped to save it. Scores of men were working feverishly, desperately, risking their lives, to push off the pressure of the ice against the supports of the span. Then later on the word came - they had given up hope, the bridge was doomed. The pressure of the ice jam towering to ninety feet had thrust and cracked the support so badly, the structure couldn't stand. With that hopeless ~~position~~ decision - the men fighting against the ice were ordered to quit, and hurried to safety. And hurry they did. They were just in time. Ten minutes after the command was given, the great bridge collapsed with a thundering roar! The steel structure gave way, sagged and fell - plunged into the chaos of ice and water at the foot of the Falls.

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Immediately afterward rescue parties were sent into the gorge because it wasn't certain that all the workers trying to save the bridge had got away safely.

LABOR

The strife in the ranks of labor flared today, with a new threat of secession from the A.F. of L. The Union that threatens to pull out of the Federation is a powerful one - the typographers. Today its President, Charles P. Howard, announced that he will try to lead his Union out of the A.F. of L. and into the C.I.O. He ~~would~~ ^{will} call ~~for~~ a nationwide referendum of typographers and put the proposition up to them. The President of the Printers said he was "fed up" with the Federation in its failure to get together with the C.I.O. and reunite the labor factions.

Another peace idea was turned down today by President Green of the A.F. of L. - a proposal to ~~make a referendum~~ take a referendum of the Federation and determine how the members feel about joining up with the C.I.O. President Green said the notion was - foolish and impracticable."

BANK

Here's a report on banking - it emanates from the G-men.

Those federal agents are concerned with banking - they prosecute bank frauds as well as bank robberies. Today we have a statement made by Major Drane Lester, Assistant Administrator of the F.B.I. He told the Philadelphia Forum that last year the G-men convicted four times as many bankers as bank robbers. ~~Do we hear a cheer from the financiers of the nation?~~

KENNEY

The President's message was not delivered today. The White House recommendations to Congress concerning the defense and armament of the nation, ~~were~~ delayed until tomorrow. The schedule ~~was~~ altered " because of the death of Congressman Edward A. Kenney of New Jersey. The legislators decreed an adjournment out of respect to their colleague.

Last night, Congressman Ed Kenney was in his glory. Prominent member of the House, much publicized for his advocacy of a national lottery bill, he delivered an address at a New Jersey celebration of the appointment of John Milton of Jersey City to the Senate. A gala political delegation from Jersey was in Washington, hailing the event. The affair was all the more eventful because of the controversy about the naming of Milton, who is closely connected with Jersey City Mayor Frank Hague, center of political storms. Congressman Kenney, in his address, delivered a eulogy on Frank Hague. Politics were crackling on all sides, and the celebration ended with loud enthusiasm.

Early this morning, Congressman Kenney fell from a

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six story window of the Carleton Hotel, and was instantly killed. His room-mate, Harry Kellcher of New Jersey, was unaware of what had happened. Investigation today gives us ~~a deduction of what happened~~ ^{the clue.} Congressman Kenney had been under a doctor's care, for heart trouble and blood pressure. Seemingly, he grew ill, and in the darkness started to get some medicine. Instead, he stumbled out of a French window with a sill that's only eighteen inches high.

This afternoon I had further enlightenment about this - a phone call from a friend of the Congressman, Vincent Burnelli, the airplane designer. He told me that the Congressman's rented apartment was in the "Mayflower". There, to get his medicine, he would go from his bedroom into a ~~dinning~~ dining room. The dining room has a door that resembles the French window in the Carleton. That indicates a tragic error - mistaking the French window for the familiar dining room door, opening it, trying to walk through ~~to~~ ^P ~~stumbled~~ ^J out. A melancholy incident attending the controversy over the appointment of a new senator from New Jersey

There's controversy in still another appointment. The President today named Robert H. Jackson to the post of Solicitor General of the United States. This now goes to the Senate, where some lively opposition is expected. For Robert Jackson, as Assistant Attorney-General, has been an outright critic of business. Not so long ago he made a trust-busting speech that stirred plenty of resentment. The President now names him to succeed Stanley F. Reed, who goes to the Supreme Court.

That Reed appointment caused no opposition at all. The Senate confirmed it unanimously, and today President Roosevelt handed to Stanley F. Reed his commission as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. This was done by the President in person - scene in the White House, an elaborately engraved scroll. *Mr. Roosevelt* ~~the President~~ signed it and handed it to the new Justice, who walked out with the document under his arm.

A prominent
~~another~~ political figure resigned today. Senator Steiwer of Oregon. It has been known that he wouldn't run for reelection, and now he steps out. Senator Steiwer will be

remembered for the long and sometimes powerful speech he made as
keynoter of the Republican National Convention in Nineteen

Thirty-Six, when Landon was nominated. Senator Steiwer it was who

brought the convention to ^{its feet with} shouted responses " as he chanted

"~~three~~ long years!" ~~Well, Landon was not elected and it does~~

~~happen to be~~

CLOTURE

The filibuster in Washington is still on. ^{But} The Senate
took a vote to stop it today. The advocates of the Anti-Lynching
Bill tried to slap on the cloture rule, which would have closed
the debate, ^{stopped} ~~stop~~ the southern Senators orating in their effort
to talk the bill to death. Senator Carter Glass of Virginia
was prominent in the proceedings, declaring himself against the
attempts to apply a gag to the filibuster.

When a vote was taken, the Anti-Lynching advocates
had a majority, fifty-one to thirty-seven. A sizeable majority
but short of two-thirds; a two-thirds vote is necessary to shut
off a debate in the Senate.

So the filibuster goes on and there are more and more
the anti-lynching bill
predictions that ~~it~~ will be passed over - put on the shelf.

SONG

In Los Angeles a man hopes to obtain freedom - for a song.

He wrote the song in prison. ~~for he is a musician~~ Harry Steinhauser ^{who} says he was ^{an} Assistant Bandmaster at Annapolis ~~at~~ one time, and after the War ~~he~~ was bugler to General Pershing on a tour of American war graves in France, England and Italy.

General Pershing took him along to blow taps. In prison ~~he~~ Steinhauser organized a band, and wrote a song - "Without your love."

He was in ^{jail} on a three-year term, was released a couple of weeks ago, and immediately got into trouble again.

Deciding to become a ^{drink dispenser} ~~saloon-keeper~~ he bought a ^{place} ~~bar~~ and paid for it with a check - the check bounced back. And Harry Steinhauser is now ~~xx~~ awaiting trial for that one. ^{But} he has received word from New York that his song, "Without Your Love", is making a hit - and the publishers are ~~sixin~~ sending him a check for several thousand dollars in royalties. He wants to use the money to make good for that rubber check and have the indictment against him dismissed. Freedom - for a song!

PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania a firm of lithographers printed two and a half million motor inspection signs - and in them misspelled the name of "Pennsylvania." Spelled it ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
double n *double n*
"P-e-n-n-s-y-l-v-a-n-n-i-a." One "n" too many. The United Press correspondent ^{recommends} ~~comments~~ that ~~the~~ lithograph ^{- firm} should be kept after school and told to write "Pennsylvania", correctly ~~spelled~~ two million and a half times!

CHINA

More Japanese apologies follow another affront to the United States. The Mikado's officials at Nanking today said: "We are sorry. " They regret that a Japanese soldier on sentry duty slapped the face of a United States consul at Nanking.

There's some confusion as to what happened, what the consul was doing, and why the sentry committed the flagrant offense of *slapping the face of a diplomatic official.*

LEAGUE

In the old city of Geneva brave and ringing words have been spoken many a time during the past few years. Today, however, they don't ring out so bravely. With the Council of the League in session the gist of the speeches was -- let's keep the League of Nations alive. Instead of ~~putting~~ being a super government of the countries of the earth, the Geneva organization is worried about its mere existence. A number of the smaller member nations that want to keep neutral and out of trouble, are afraid that the whole league phenomenon will wind up in a feud between those countries that are members and those that are not. The League of Nations ^{would} ~~will~~ then become ^{just} some nations lined up against some other nations -- in a neat set-up for a war.

~~Keep the League alive~~ Such was the slogan today of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of England, Foreign Minister Delbos of France and Foreign Commissar Litvinoff of the Soviets. A somewhat sour note was injected by Dr. Wellington Koo of China. He said the ^{gentlemen} ~~conclusion~~ were merely uttering -- empty phrases. "The League of Nations," declared Dr. Koo, "has never found its ~~self~~ prestige and authority at such a ~~low~~ low ebb as today." The Doctor from China

~~was~~ no doubt thinking how much the collective security at Geneva has helped his own country, torn apart by Japan.

But the Council of the League of Nations did take action today. It voted a decree to abolish financial control over Hungary. The post-war treaties gave Geneva some kind of supervision over Hungarian finances. It never did amount to much, and now it's called off.

MUSSOLINI

Mussolini is doing the goose-step -- that must be a sight to see! He did it today. Some youths in the Italian army are learning that typical Prussian marching step, but they don't call it goose-step. They call it "passo Romano", which means - Roman step. We hear that Mussolini was impressed by that typical Prussian drill when he visited Hitler in Germany. Now, Hitler is to visit Rome and those Italian units are learning the goose-step in his honor.

Today the Duce was reviewing some goose-stepping Fascist militia. And they did it so well, that he dashed out, took his place at the head of the column, and marched with them - doing the goose-step!

KAISER

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There's a reminiscent touch of interest in the telegram King George of England has sent to the Ex-Kaiser. Congratulations on the marriage of the ~~Kxi~~ Ex-Kaiser's favorite grandson to *- a telegram signed Bertie, Elizabeth and Max. Bertie* Princess Kira of Russia. For the first time the Kaiser ^{has} received a message from a British king since the outbreak of the World War, although the German and British royal families are closely connected.

Today, the novelty gets a bit of illumination.

We hear of another telegram from King George to the Ex-Kaiser.

The British monarch wired his permission for the marriage. That

was necessary according to British law - "The Royal Marriages Act",

which provides that any member of the royal family must get the

King's permission to marry. And Princess Kira, bride of the

Kaiser's grandson, is distantly related to the House of Windsor.

and Max being the King - and Queen Mary.

NOBEL

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The familiar name of "Nobel" is in the news tonight - but nothing concerning the Nobel Peace Prize. In Scotland there was a fatal explosion at the Nobel explosive plant, Great Britain's largest factory for the manufacture of high explosives for war. Which reminds us that Alfred Nobel, donor of the world famous Peace Prize, was also the inventor of dynamite, the creator of the shattering chemicals that dominate modern battle.

Two blasts demolished the building where gelatine was being mixed for munitions. Only six men^were working there at the time, and all six were killed. The detonation shook the whole town of Ardeer and was felt twelve miles away.

Nobel means peace, but it also means the ^{explosive}~~shattering~~ death of war.

NIGHT CLUB

There are going to be hot times in Milwaukee, the City of beer. ~~There'll be~~ High-jinks! ~~with~~ Mirth ~~entirely~~ unconfined!-

For the Golden Pheasant is opening again! ~~Memories of gaiety~~

~~and wild festivity!~~ - The Golden Pheasant was padlocked during

prohibition, after a noisy career, as one of the hottest of

hot-spots. ~~Milwaukee beer was considered one of the finer sorts~~

~~of soda water.~~ ^{But} Now that night club of riotous recollections is

starting business again. This time - under the auspices of the

pastors of the Milwaukee Churches.

~~Yes sir, the pastors have turned to night club~~

~~proprietors! What about the drinks they'll serve? Have the~~

~~pastors selected a good bartender? Nothing like that they'll~~

serve tea. You can have your choice ^{Ceylon} ~~hot~~ tea or ^{Polony cold.} ~~iced tea.~~

Nothing harder ^{suds.} at the Golden Pheasant, not even Milwaukee ~~beer~~

"The operation of the Club," proclaim the pastors,

"will be a demonstration of our contention that liquor is not necessary to attract youth to entertainment places." ~~words~~

~~whether they read that in the Bible?~~

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^{No}
~~Now - the question of~~ hostesses, ~~those flashy blondes of~~
~~"ten-cents-a-dance."~~ In the old days, ~~the Golden Pheasant had a~~

^{No} gaudy assortment of glamour girls. ~~But this there won't be any~~
~~hostesses~~ ~~this time.~~ There'll be chaperons instead, and they won't be ~~such~~

glamorous blondes ~~either~~ ^{with a roving} ~~giving you the~~ eye. The chaperons will
^{their unroving eyes} keep ~~the eyes~~ on the dancing, to see that it's altogether proper -

^{no}
~~none of that~~ Big Apple bacchanalia.

^{What kind of manager?}

~~What kind of manager are the pastors installing in the~~

~~Golden Pheasant~~ somebody from a distillery or a brewery? No -

the clergymen announce that for a manager they've selected the

operator of an ice cream parlor, and they further specify in

precise words - that ^{they're taking him from} ~~it's~~ an ice cream parlor of good reputation.

So the Golden Pheasant is reopening in Milwaukee, ~~though~~

~~the beautiful bird would hardly recognize itself.~~ This time,

~~however, it's~~ not likely to be padlocked.

ACTRESS

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I'm all in favor of theatre audiences keeping still and paying proper attention to the play. Coughing is especially irritable (couple of coughs.) ~~I sympathize heartily with the actor who is angered by the noisy inattention of the people he is playing to. They simply shouldn't cough! (Couple of coughs)~~

So I'm all for Helen Hayes in her protest made in a ^{Chicago}~~London~~ theatre. (couple of coughs). She was playing in "Victoria-Regina" and her best lines were being spoiled by the fidgety audience. People coughing - they were coughing all over the place (couple of coughs), so Helen stepped bravely to the footlights and reprimanded them.

"If you want this scene to go on," she cried in thrilling tones, "you must give us your undivided attention." ~~To which some people in that coughing English audience exclaimed "Here, here!" (Couple of coughs).~~

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Yes, Helen did that - but why were the people coughing? There was smoke in the theatre, a fire next door, and acrid smoke was trickling in. There was a restaurant on fire, and you can imagine what the smoke of a burning restaurant would be like. (couple of loud coughs).

The ~~English~~ audience took it. Some left the theatre utterly unable to restrain their coughs. But most of them stayed in their seats, half choking, while the play went on. And still there was plenty of noise. (The lines the players spoke were mingled with shouts from the outside.) The yells of the firemen fighting the restaurant fire. Helen couldn't shut them up as they battled the blaze. All she could do was to put the quietus on the coughing, (lots of coughs), and -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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