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A strike of a new kind is sweeping the United States, a strike against the government. Only in this country is it new. Great Britain some years ago faced and licked a general strike. France has faced several of them without much harm done. The

strike against the American government ^{concerns} ~~is~~ the W. P. A. ~~business.~~

^{It} It spread in a different direction today. It [']is now being aimed at not only the government but at private contractors who supply material for W.P.A. projects.

Furthermore, this is one time when a strike seems

to have no possible issue. ^{At any rate so says} ~~That was made clear in an interview~~

~~between~~ Colonel Harrington, Administrator of ^{all} Works Projects.

^{He said this to} ~~and~~ a delegation of officials of the American Federation of

~~xxxx~~ Labor. They called on him to protest against changing

the wage schedules. ~~Harrington~~ Harrington pointed out ~~to them~~

that what they are striking ~~g~~ against is an act of Congress. ^{And}

That brings ^{up} the interesting question;- "How can a union or even

the most powerful combination of unions strike against an act

of Congress?" ^{Which also} ~~That brings the interesting question;- "How of~~

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~~Congress~~ The act is thereon the statutes, ~~and~~ is the law of the land until a subsequent Congress elects to change it. As ~~then~~ Colonel Harrington pointed out to the union chiefs, if he complied with their demands, he would be flatly breaking the law, and as such liable to punishment.

Col. Harrington, however, ~~EXEET~~ expressed the utmost sympathy with the union and the workers whom they represent.

Reporters asked him whether he considered the union officials

To which he
~~were~~ unreasonable. ~~and he promptly~~ replied, "No, I think they ~~are~~ *are* exercising their rights as a labor organization."

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The Union men, however, are expressing personal
resentment against Harrington. They say the bill that has caused
them so much grief had Harrington blessing, and they add that the
building trades are not going to take it lying down.

SWANSON

Two weeks ago, the United States Navy started a flash radio ~~XXXX~~ system, a new method for sending important orders to the ~~fleet~~ ^{fleet} ~~warships~~ ^{to} warships at sea. The first major test of that flash radio system was made today. It was made with the words - "Secretary Swanson dead."

Secretary Swanson, ~~was~~ the third member of Mr. Roosevelt's ~~XXXX~~ cabinet to die in office. As a matter of fact, ~~he~~ his death was not unexpected. He had been ailing for two years and was unable to move without the help of an orderly. It has been the fashion to say in Washington that really President Roosevelt has been his own Secretary of the Navy.

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But to do the late Secretary Swanson justice, he ~~is~~ ^{is} accredited with achieving something that many other better known cabinet officers have failed to do. He kept up the prestige of the Navy so well on Capitol Hill that Congress frequently appropriated funds which any other Secretary would have failed to obtain. That was because he knew the ropes better than most secretaries, having served as Acting Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate for many years, including

the years of the World War. Of course in the last year his illness prevented him from doing much, and the Assistant Secretary, Charles Edison, has been in poor health also.

There ^{is} a certain irony in the place ^{Sec.} where Swanson died. It was at ex-President Hoover's fishing camp on the Rapidan. At that camp some nine years ago, the late Ramsay MacDonald, then Prime Minister of Britain, sat on a log with President Hoover, mapping out plans for the Nineteen Thirty Conference at London where the big powers met and agreed to cut down their navies. ^{Since then} ~~and~~ Swanson was the Secretary under whom the United States Navy started its biggest and most spectacular period of expansion.

The fight ^{over} ~~about~~ the Neutrality Bill is going to be even hotter than anybody ^{had} thought. It seems ~~like a fair bet~~ ~~today~~ that whatever happens in the way of revising ~~and improving~~ ^{please the} that bill ~~it~~ will not ~~be the way that~~ President. ~~Roosevelt wants~~

^{TP} For instance,

There'll be no removing of embargoes on shipments of arms to belligerent countries. That isn't even a prophecy, it's ^{now} a sure thing. For the ~~warmest~~ news from Washington today is that a bloc of Senators has been organized to fight any effort to do away with the embargoes; ~~and it is~~ a formidable bloc ^{of} thirty-four Senators, ~~that is~~ enough to stop any controversial proposal. For they promise that they will go on talking and talking and talking, all thirty-four of them in turn, and talk any such proposal to death.

The 34 Senators

~~They~~ [^] say they're unalterably opposed to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law. They're against permitting the chief executive, no matter who he is, being given discretion to decide ^{who} ~~or~~ is not the aggressor in a foreign war, and finally, in their own words, "We believe in the real neutrality of our nation in the case of any armed conflict."

That seems to clinch it. For this bloc of thirty-four Senators is led by none other than the veteran isolationist,

Hiram Johnson of California. With him are such hardened and experienced campaigners as Arthur Capper of Kansas, the old lion of Idaho, William E. Borah, ^{and} ~~Even the ex-Progressive, Bob~~ LaFollette of Wisconsin;

In short, thirty-four Senators ^{who know their} ~~including some of the~~ way around when it comes to most intelligent and certainly the most canny and acute masters of parliamentary tactics.

Most of the news from the Far East makes us wonder whether the Japanese are not ^{at this moment} deliberately preparing for a war with Great Britain. Aside from ^{those} incidents at Tientsin which had no explanation unless they were intended ~~to~~ deliberately to tweak the tail of the British Lion, the Japanese propaganda machine has been concentrating on an effort to arouse hatred for the British. It has been so successful that today mobs were howling around the ~~the~~ British embassy at Tokyo. Having aroused ~~the~~ ^a mobs, the *Mikado's* Government was then obliged to send a strong force of police to protect the embassy against the mobs that it had aroused. And a statement was made publicly that "Never before during Anglo-Japanese relations has Japan borne such hatred for Britons." Those words were uttered by a spokesman for the army.

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POLL

In Berlin the other day, there was a banquet of military men, the highest ranking officers in Hitler's army. Fifty six of them were present from all branches of the service -- ~~and~~ ranging from Field Marshals and Colonel-Generals all the way down to plain Colonels.

As might be expected, those commanding officers got to arguing about politics. When this reached its height, someone suggested that a poll should be taken on the question, "Will the present international situation lead to war?" So each one of those officers wrote his answer and his name on a slip of paper. When they came to counting the ballots it was found that only five out of fifty-six high German officers believed there would be a war.

Here's an interesting final announcement about next year's presidential campaign. Handsome Paul McNutt of Indiana will not try to be President, will not even try to be a candidate if the big boss in the White House wants a third term.

When he came out from that meeting with Secretary Hull today McNutt ran into newspapermen, and instead of talking about the Philippine he talked about the presidential nomination. A report had been published that McNutt's hat was in the ring, even against the boss. And that was what he wanted to contradict. He had made no such statement, he said. If President Roosevelt wants a third term, his High Commissioner to the Philippines will bow gracefully and politely out of the picture.

TENNIS

~~The spectators at Wimbledon saw some thing worth~~
~~looking at today.~~ Observers who ~~no~~ have seen Wimbledon
~~xxxxxx~~ championship matches by the dozen, declared that they
never saw a more stirring, exciting affair than the duel ^{today} between
— in that all-American final.
the two American aces, Elwood Cooke of Portland, Oregon,
and Bobby Riggs of Chicago went the limit in their battle
for the championship of ~~all~~ England. For five hard fought
sets, ~~xxxx~~ they ^{raced} ~~passed~~ back and forth. ^{Apparently,} ~~on that court,~~ there
never was a ^{tennis} ~~gamer~~ fight then the one put up by the lad from
Oregon. He won the first set, six-two. Bobby Riggs won
the Second, ~~only after a ding-dong deuce set,~~ eight-six.

In the third set young Elwood Cooke of Portland
came back again, winning six-three. But in the last two,
the superior experience of Bobby Riggs won out. So it's
Bobby Riggs of Chicago who tonight has one of the most coveted
~~xxxx~~ titles in the world of sports, tennis ~~xxxx~~ champion
of all England.

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The experts are still chortling, saying what a
joke young Elwood Cooke played on the committee of the United
States Lawn Tennis Association. They thought so poorly of
Cooke's chances that they would not pay his full expenses,
as they did those of the other players. They gave the Portland
boy just his boat fare. And behold, he came within ^{an eyelash} ~~a short~~
~~distance~~ of running away with the championship. ~~and~~ At any
rate, he covered himself with glory. ~~for~~ **I**n getting ~~it~~ into
the final round he beat ^{some} ~~several~~ of the finest players not only
in England but in the world.

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REGATTA

Success and good luck were also with the American colors on the water. Today the crews rowed the semi-final round of the Grand Challenge Cup at the Royal Henley Regatta, the big event of the year for rowing fans. The Harvard crew went up against the oarsmen of Jesus College, Cambridge. It was an easy win for Harvard. The Americans won by two and a quarter boat-lengths, and that puts them into the finals.

In the same event the Argonaut Rowing Club of Canada won an even easier victory over the Sydney Rowing Club, beat them by three lengths. So the finals tomorrow will be between Harvard and the Canadians.

It was also the day for the semi-finals in the Diamond Sculls. The race of racers for single oarsmen, ~~that~~ ^{and of} ~~is of peculiar~~ interest to us in this country since Joe Burk of Philadelphia, last year's champion, reached the finals easily.

FIGHT

Apparently

~~is~~ the next heavyweight championship fight ~~is~~ will be

~~probably to be~~ staged

And

at Detroit. The place will make a great deal

of difference to the nature of the encounter, In Michigan

fights are allowed to go twenty rounds. Of course Joe

Louis in his recent engagements, has been a quick finisher. **But**

his last meeting with Bob Pastor went to ten rounds and was

cynically described as being more like a six day bicycle

race than a heavyweight championship fight. It would be

interesting to see whether Pastor can stay on that bicycle

~~is~~ for twenty rounds and what effect ^{also} ^{10 rounds} ~~will~~ will have on

shuffling Joe Louis.

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MURDERS

only in the news tonight
The ~~big~~ thriller ~~for today~~ is a detective story, and

rather gruesome; ~~stuff~~ but it has intrigued so many people that I

~~it has to be told~~ guess I'd better give you
a few of the highlights.

From time to time, we've been hearing about the

Torso murders in Cleveland, Ohio. Over a period of more than

three years, thirteen men and women were murdered in most

sinister fashion, their remains ~~cut up and~~ scattered here,

there and everywhere. The first of these crimes completely

haffled the Cleveland ^{police,} ~~scopes~~ But presently they began to string

facts together. ^{And by a} ~~so by a~~ ^{process} of induction they decided

that all ~~these~~ ^{the} murders were the work of one man whom they

called "The mad butcher of Kingsbury Run."

But it was a long ~~xxxxxx~~ stretch from that decision

to finding that mad ~~xxxxxx~~ butcher of Kingsburg Run. After the

Cleveland detectives made their diagnoses, the mad butcher

continued his ^{mad career of crime} ~~butchery~~ until thirteen victims fell to his

count.

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One day last summer the police picked on a bricklayer named Frank Dolzil. He answered them so cannily they couldn't pin a thing on him; had to let him go. But they kept a watch on him, and they found stains in the bathromm of the house where he lived.

Forty-eight hours ago they picked him up again. And after forty-eight hours questioning, he broke down, confessed to one of the murders. But he protests hysterically that he is innocent of the other twelve. However, he also confesses to having had a knife duel with another of the thirteen victims.

A grim tale for the crime books, more material for the mystery writers.

BYRD

Admiral Byrd has plunged into the work of preparing for his next expedition. Says he'll be ready to start in October. His plans to use three ships, and he will make good American claims to the territory in the Antarctic that has been explored by himself, Lincoln Ellsworth, and the other American explorers. The Germans recently announced that two hundred and fifty thousand square miles of the Antarctic Continent belong to them, because a German expedition had flown over part of it. They had been getting ready another expedition to spread their claims out still further. Byrd's hope is to head off the Germans.

He made a visit to the White House today and received instructions direct from the President; instructions to put the American flag all over that frozen South Polar Continent where the temperature right now is one hundred below zero. In fact the President wants to proclaim that empty continent of ice as coming within the sphere of the Monroe Doctrine.

All of which sounds like a chilly job; but a nice cool story with which to end a news broadcast on a sizzling hot day.

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SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY