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And —

A plane is on its way from Ireland to America. It isn't
Corrigan in his nine hundred dollar crate. ~~It's a specimen of~~ ^{In fact it's} the

last word in airplane engineering. ^{TP} Not one plane, but two, one

on top of the other, took off from Foynes in Ireland, ^{One of them} on its way

to Botwood, Newfoundland. They took off from the ^{smooth} surface of the

River Shannon. The "understander," as acrobats would call the

mother ship, is a big one of four engines. The one that's making

the flight is a smaller one with two engines. The one on top

took off in mid-air and started winging its way across the ocean.

It is expected to reach Montreal in twenty hours. ^{TP} ~~It's~~ an

experimental flight of British Imperial Airways.

The idea of ^{the} two ^{stunt} ships is that the smaller one

couldn't have left the ground with a heavy ^{enough} load of fuel ~~enough~~

to ~~carry it~~ across the Atlantic.

(One of the first things Young Corrigan is going to do when he gets home is -- make an exhibition flight across the United States. It'll be in behalf of the Golden Gate international Exposition, the San Francisco World's Fair^{r.}) He will use that nine hundred dollar plane in which he flew twice adross the country, nonstop, and then all the way to Ireland. Corrigan will go from New York to Philadelphia, then to Washingron, Nashville, Memphis, Dallas, ForthWorth, El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. Whoopin ig upfor the Golden Gate ~~Exp~~ Fair. Hs flight will end on Treasure Island, in the middle of San Francisco Bay, the focal point of the San Francisco's World's Fairl

(Howard Hughes did his for dear old Grover Whelan and the New York World's Fair.) Now along comes Corrigan to give San Frnacisco a break.

PLANE CRASHES

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Death rode the air in several parts of the country today. Three miles south of Fort Plain, New York a small airplane crashed into a hill. Three ^{casualties} ~~people, two women and a man, were killed instantly.~~

At Roosevelt Field, New York two seventeen-year-old ^{boys} ~~men~~ took off in a small ^{monoplane} ~~plane~~ for Ambler, Pennsylvania.

That crashed too; ~~and~~ both ~~lads~~ perished.

^{Then - a United States} ~~One of Uncle Sam's~~ Army plane was making an observation flight near Belleville, Illinois. ~~It was purely a matter of~~
Routine duty. ^{Crashed} ~~That one too came to grief and two members of~~
^{Two} ~~the Army~~ Air Force ^{men} ~~were~~ killed, a second lieutenant, and a private.

~~And here's another, one from~~ McKeesport, Pennsylvania.
A flying instructor ^{and} ~~was taking~~ a pupil up at Bettis Field, Airport. He had gone only half a mile when his machine fell ~~g to earth.~~ It killed the instructor and gravely wounded the pupil.

EARLE

Governor Earle of Pennsylvania had himself an adventure today. He has been learning to fly, which doesn't mean that he's a novice. But he was getting additional practice so as to qualify for a pilot's license. He has been for some time ~~an accomplished pilot~~ *flying an* ~~of~~ autogyro, ~~planes.~~ *and had* He had been in trouble with his flying more than once, but always escaped ~~without~~ injury.

Today he started out from Harrisburg, ~~to practice landing~~ *with* As he puts it himself: "I flew over the Susquehanna, ~~when~~ *1* the fog ~~came~~ *π* closing in." For two hours he flew blind between Harrisburg and Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. Finally, he had to make a forced landing on the campus of Ellis College, ~~and~~ *There the Governor smacked* into a tree, damaged his plane, ~~slightly,~~ but ~~again~~ got off unscathed, except for a ~~few~~ bruises and a ~~bad~~ shaking up.

IOWA

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The Iowa National Guard went into action today, real action. Not against a foreign enemy but in a battle against ~~striker~~ rioters; ~~in~~ a strike. For several days there has been a walk-out of workers at a washing machine plant in Newton, Iowa. The company stood pat, and undertook to break the strike. The troubles came to such a head last night that Governor Kraschel sent in ~~the~~ a battalion of soldiers and proclaimed martial law.

While the troops were at breakfast this morning a fight started. The police couldn't handle it, so the National Guardsmen dropped their coffee cups and the knives with which they were eating their oatmeal and rushed to the scene. Like the Marines they soon had the situation in hand. No casualties, although there were plenty of hits. Tonight martial law has been drawn so tight in Newton that only the most essential activities are going on in the ^{Iowa} town.

GRAFT

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^{dry nutmeg}
The atmosphere of Connecticut will soon ^{be stirred up} ~~crackle with an~~
^{by a big}
~~almost major league~~ corruption trial. Twenty-five notables ~~of the~~
~~good old Nutmeg State are~~ involved, ^{including} ~~one is~~ the Lieutenant-Governor,
^{and the}
~~another is~~ Mayor ~~Hayes~~ of Waterbury. The Grand Jury has been
doing a bit of probing into the affairs of Waterbury. And it ^{all} ended
in ^a ~~the~~ report, ^{saying} full of accusations, [^] that graft has been going on
in the city and throughout the state. ^{Whereupon the} ~~with which that~~ grand jury
handed down true bills against ~~these~~ [^] twenty-five defendants.
Fifteen of them tried to head off the trial with legal obstructions,
demurrers, as the lawyers call them. The judge in ^{the} Superior Court in
Waterbury today overruled those demurrers. So tomorrow ~~those~~ [^]
twenty-five Connecticut magnificoes will be arraigned.

BERG FOLLOW GRAFT

In New York City, a state senator was in dire trouble;

~~He had been~~ summoned to appear before ~~the~~ district attorney,

Thos. E.
~~District Attorney Tom Dewey, the racket buster.~~ *Mr.* Dewey wanted to ask this Senator, ~~his name is Berg,~~ about his supposed

connection with the taxicab racket. When he received that summons,

State Senator Berg went to a hospital for a few days. But, ~~he~~ *finally*

he could ~~not any~~ longer, ~~stall off answering Mr. Dewey's questions.~~ *stall no* *And —*

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While in the midst of this trouble, the County Democratic Committee had notified him that he would not be renominated for election.

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~~It was~~ the eleventh hour before State Senator Berg had to face District *att.* Dewey, *he* ~~to~~ telephoned ~~to~~ his wife. ~~He left their home~~

~~in the country and came to his office in New York.~~ An elevator

operator overheard *his wife* pleading with him. "Tell everything you

she said. know," Then the elevator man heard the State Senator *answer:—* ~~says~~ "I can't,

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it would involve too many people, it would involve one of the highest officials in the state."

the farmer's
The State Senator and his wife went into ~~his~~ office and continued their argument for hours. While she went out to get a drink of water, she heard a shot. Rushing into the office she found her husband dying, a revolver by his side.

DOCTORS

President Roosevelt's National Health Conference ran into a fight today. You may recall that it opened Monday, with a vigorous message from the President. ~~at sea.~~ He called for a national program to promote the public health, a program of cooperation by national, state and local governments. Today came violent words of objection.

{ (The President's adversaries in this scrap are members of the medical profession.) The American Medical Association is agin it all ~~the President's ideas,~~ agin the Health Conference. Spokesmen for the Medical Association said the conference was merely an instrument of propaganda. And they said further that if the recommendations of the conference were put in force, they would end by regimenting the entire medical profession. One member of the A.M.A. objected because the conference is composed not only of doctors, but of representatives of labor, industry, agriculture and welfare workers.

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ANTI-TRUST

The government today fired off a big gun in the anti-trust campaign. The target, ^{is} the motion picture industry. ~~The gunfire was not in criminal, but in civil proceedings,~~ The Department of Justice filed suit against the eight big-shot picture producing companies. The man behind the gun is Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold. He, you will recall, is the trust-buster recently given a job in the Department. He brings a suit in equity, asking the courts to compel the producing companies ~~to~~ either ^{to} get rid of the theatres they own or give up producing and distributing pictures. Trust-Buster Arnold brings the charge that those eight companies are ~~virtually~~ a virtual monopoly, ~~which~~ either drives ^{ing} independent theatres out of business or compels ^{ing} them to sell out to the chains owned by the producers.

T.V.A.

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The fur flew and tempers clashed in Knoxville, Tennessee, today. It was during a session of the Committee of Congress that is investigating the Tennessee Valley Authority row. Dr. Arthur Morgan, the deposed Chairman of the T.V.A., was describing his quarrels with his fellow directors. He ~~described~~ ^{told of} a conference with Francis Biddle, general counsel for the Committee. Biddle, he said, ~~told~~ ^{informed} him that he could not talk to employees of the T.V.A. except with the consent of Biddle.

At this, up spoke Representative Jenkins of Ohio, a member of the Committee. He intimated that Biddle had been turning over to officials of the T.V.A. the information employees ~~gave~~ had given Dr. Morgan. That aroused the fury of Lawyer Biddle. He jumped to his feet and said: "If this kind of dirty slurring is to continue, I'll resign right now."

The Ohio Congressman took up the challenge. He shouted: "If you do, I think you'll do yourself and the country a great favor."

MONTANA

A New Deal victory in the Montana primary election. ^{In} The

^{center}
~~Senator~~ of that most important fight in the copper state was

Representative Jerry O'Connell; ~~he was~~ up for renomination ^{and}

~~there was~~ quite a galaxy of adversaries looking for his ^{scalp.} ~~spot.~~

^{ran as}
O'Connell ~~was~~ an out-and-out one hundred per cent ^{New Dealer.} ~~pro-Roosevelt~~

^{And}
~~platform~~ He won, hands down.

G.O.P.

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The Republican Program Committee ^{set} ~~got~~ to work today, making plans ^{for} ~~part of those plans is to make~~ a study of the relief administration. The idea is to get facts about the charges of skullduggery that have been made against relief heads in several states, charges that relief has been awarded by political favoritism.

KING GEORGE

Everybody has known that there was a good deal behind
the visit ^{to Paris} of King George and Queen Elizabeth ~~of England to Paris~~.

~~it was~~ Far more than a mere matter of politeness between the two
~~nations,~~
~~western democratic countries.~~ While the big-shots of the Republic

were paying honor to the visiting royalties, diplomats have been
conferring and negotiating behind the scenes. There is undoubted

meaning in the fact that Hitler chose this occasion to send a
personal messenger to Paris, ^{taking} ~~he brought with him~~ a proposal from

the Nazi Fuehrer for the settlement of that Sudeten question in
Czechoslovakia. The conditions of the offer have not been given

out. ~~But one hears that they are being favorably considered by~~

~~both the French Foreign Minister and King George's Foreign~~

~~Secretary, Lord Halifax.~~

Late flash:— report from
Paris that Lt. Britain
and France have turned
down the Hitler proposals.

TOKYO

~~In the Far East, the bogeyman of Russo Japanese dispute~~
~~is out of hiding again.~~ The Japanese high command in Manchukuo
reported ^s that troops of the Russian Soviets ^{have} occupied a hill
which is in Manchukuoan territory, ~~according to Japanese claims.~~
And, more Russian troops are on the way to that spot. Other
advices report that Soviet ^{soldiers} ~~troops~~ have been moved to a bay on
the seashore near that hill. It's all in the neighborhood of
Vladivostok, the ^{great} Soviet seaport and fortress looking out on the
Sea of Japan.

In Tokyo, the incident is considered so serious that a
council of war was held. General ^{Itagaki,} ~~Itagaki,~~ the War Minister, ~~first~~
called on the Mikado, ^{and} Then ~~he~~ summoned officers of the high
command into conference.

FOG

Old New England has been smothered for two days by a blanket of fog, a ~~pea-soup~~ pea-soup fog almost as thick as a "London particular." Airlines have been cancelling their flights since Monday. At the Cape Cod Canal a dozen vessels lay at anchor, not daring to move. In the ~~outer~~ outer harbor of Boston, a steamer of the American Export Lines, with sixty-three passengers from the Mediterranean, was fog-bound for almost thirty-six hours.

A skiff with three men capsized near Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. Two men were drowned and for hours Coast Guards and yachtsmen searched for the third man in the dense fog. He was finally rescued by the crew of the New Bedford-Nantucket steamer.

FOREST FIRES

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It's a pity the West couldn't have gone at least fifty-fifty on the drenching rains that ~~six~~ have been falling in the East ^{these past few} ~~for the last several~~ days. Those six hundred forest fires reported yesterday in several states are raging worse^r than ever. ~~Mr.~~ E. J. Makibbin of New Bloomfield Pennsylvania wires me in these words: "You treated those forest fires in the west too cautiously in last night's broadcast." And he adds: "~~This is serious.~~" The best timber land in the world is going up in smoke." He says further: "the disaster is grave enough to order out the National Guard in the states that are being ravaged."

EXPLOSION

A gang of men were at work on a public works project at Baltimore. They were driving a water tunnel sixty-five feet underground. A load of dynamite was lowered into a chamber that had been carved out of solid rock. There were four hundred and fifty pounds of dynamite in that lot, and without warning it blew up, with a roar. There were ~~There were~~ **F**ourteen men in the gang, [!]eleven killed instantly. The three others are in the hospital, seriously injured.

RINGLING

Still more grief attends that great circus dynasty, the Ringling family. It's a matter of recent history that the Big Show was taken over by John Ringling North as executor of the will of his uncle, the late John Ringling. But now a document comes to light which is said to be a ~~will~~ codicil of that will. In this codicil ~~Mr.~~ John Ringling is supposed to have disinherited the present head of the circus, John Ringling North, also his brother Henry Ringling North. It also reduces the legacy left to John Ringling's only sister, ~~Mrs.~~ Ida ~~Ringling~~ Ringling North, mother of John and Henry.

This codicil is offered for probate at Sarasota, Florida today. What it means is that circus affairs become plunged into a lengthy legal dispute. ~~According to the~~ ~~petition~~ ~~contends~~ ~~that~~ ~~when~~ the estate John Ringling left runs to something like twenty million dollars, ~~and~~ the first words of that codicil are:- "I hereby revoke, annul and make void any and all legacies and bequests in my last will and testament to both my nephews, John Ringling North and Henry Ringling North." And it adds: "For reasons good and sufficient to me I have determined

28 { that neither of such nephews shall receive anything whatsoever
in any form, shape or manner from my estate." } According to the
codicil it is stated that his estate goes instead to ten of
John Ringling's other relatives including his nephew Robert
Ringling the operatic baritone.

A twenty million dollar estate. Of one thing we may
be sure. Some lawyers are going to get rich.— and maybe
the poor lions will starve.

HANGMAN

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A citizen of Montreal was missing several days from his customary haunts. Usually he hung around ~~around~~ the courtrooms *of the great Canadian metropolis.* ~~of Montreal.~~ Few people knew his occupation. ~~He~~ didn't appear to have any.

The police investigated and found him living in the most squalid conditions. He was not only abjectly poor, but undernourished and ill. *Today he* ~~he~~ was taken to a hospital and ~~today~~ it is reported that there is not ~~much~~ hope. *The word is that the* ~~and the outcome is that that~~

mysterious figure is Bartholomew English, for many years the *who* unofficial hangman of Canada ~~he~~ put no fewer than five hundred people to death in the course of his career and is supposed to have been paid a hundred dollars for each execution. ~~He did this although~~

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~~He~~ always said that hanging was an antiquated and cruel method of punishment. Of late years hangings were few and far between in Canada, *the last two* ~~The last time Bartholomew English executed a man was two~~

years ago. *So the hangman sank* into poverty. *of s-l-u-t-m.*
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