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ELLIOTT

Let's start with a lot of American news tonight - for a change:-

There was a bit of a Roosevelt family reunion at Dayton, Ohio, over the weekend. When President Roosevelt was there on his tour of inspection, he encountered a relative, to wit, his son, Captain Elliott Roosevelt. And the guessing was that the President and his son discussed the uproar created when Elliott was made a Captain, a non-combatant, non-flying captain in the Air Corps.

H At any rate,

Today Captain Elliott Roosevelt resigned his commission.

it was because of

It was explained that the publicity about his captaincy and his own opinion that it might have an injurious effect on the selective program, ~~caused Captain Elliott Roosevelt to submit his resignation.~~

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But, that wasn't all. Brigadier-General Echols, Commanding Officer at Wright Field, refused to accept Captain Roosevelt's resignation! And, here's the official explanation:- "Captain Roosevelt's physical examination shows his eyesight is such that it renders him unfit for either combat or flying duty." The official explanation continues:- "Due to the large amount of work resulting from the Air Corps expansion program, it has become necessary to commission a large number of non-flying reserves for duty in connection with the administrative, inspection, procurement and

engineering functions of the Air Corps Materiel Division at Wright Field, the Air Corps depots and the field of inspection units.

These reserve officers will be commissioned from personnel not physically fit for flying and will be trained in administrative, supply and procurement activity so that they may replace physically fit flying officers now on this duty."

The Brigadier-General's explanation continues;-

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"With Captain Roosevelt's background in radio work, he is perfectly capable of carrying on the duties required of him in regard to the liaison between the Air Corps and Signal Corps in connection with the procurement of aircraft radio equipment. His services are needed."

And the statement concludes:- "He has signed up for one year of duty at Wright Field and his resignation will not be accepted."

And that appears to be that.

BALL

A newspaper man in the Senate! Of course there are plenty of them, at every important session, ~~up~~ ^{that is,} up in the press gallery.

But you don't often see one on the floor of the House, in the senatorial toga.

When ~~the late~~ Senator ~~Ernest~~ Lundeen was killed in an airplane crash in Virginia, six weeks ago, that left one of the Minnesota seats vacant. And today Governor Stassen of Minnesota appointed Joseph H. Ball of St. Paul to fill Senator Lundeen's unexpired term. Ball will be ~~one of~~ the youngest man in the Senate.

He's only thirty-four, and an editorial writer on one of the ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~known~~ ^{known} papers in the west, the ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS AND DISPATCH.

Senator Ball is even younger than Senator ~~Bash~~ Holt of West Virginia.

The term to which Governor Stassen appointed him does not expire until Nineteen Forty-Three.

CONSCRIPTION FOLLOW BALL

Democratic Senator Holt of West Virginia objected today to the appointment of Clarence Dykstra, President of Wisconsin University, as Director of Conscription.

President Roosevelt had sent in his formal nomination, to the Senate, and Democratic leader Barkley had the gears all oiled ready to rush through the confirmation. The majority leader asked unanimous consent of the Senators, to skip the usual procedure, which is to have a nomination sent to a committee, discussed there, and then reported back to the floor of the Senate. The Republican opposition put no obstacle in the way of the Democrats. G.O./P. Leader McNary yielded, said he didn't approve of such procedure, however he consented reluctantly, adding: "these are unusual times."

Just as everything was going to go through on greased skids, The Democratic Senator from West Virginia said nothing doing on unanimous consent. He admitted that he considered the nomination of Clarence Dykstra superior to most of Mr. Roosevelt's nominations. Nevertheless, he felt that there should be no railroading and that anybody who objected should have a chance to speak his piece. That annoyed Senator Barkley, the Majority Leader,

who had made plans for a three-day holiday, a three-day recess.

Senator Holt spoiled all that, so Senator Barkley announced

there would be a session tomorrow to confirm the nomination of

Clarence Dykstra as Conscription Director.

WILLKIE

Republican Candidate Wendell Willkie spoke out about war today. Touring through up-state New York, he attacked the foreign policy of President Roosevelt -- called it dangerous and likely to thrust us into war totally unprepared. He spoke of the United States as the last untouched land of freedom, but he added that "we are woefully unprepared for war." Willkie declared that sending a nation into war when it is not adequately prepared is worse than a betrayal, it is just taking men to slaughter. "I hate war," he said, "and pray that this great free land may never become involved in it," to which he added "And may we never go into armed conflict unprepared."

In his attack on the President, he did not mention Mr. Roosevelt by name. He simply called him the "third term candidate". "I do fear," he said, "that this third term candidate by his reckless declarations, by his assumption of leadership in world affairs, by his recklessness at a time when America is not strong, may bring warfare to our shores -- "

Meanwhile, in the Democratic camp, National Chairman Ed Flynn was busy repudiating that much discussed attack on Willkie,

the statement that referred to the B.O.P. Candidate's ancestry. Flynn explained that the statement had been prepared and written by a volunteer unpaid worker in the Negro Division of the Democratic National Committee. The worker who wrote it, he said, was discharged after admitting that he was not authorized to prepare it and intended it simply as a suggestion. Also that the attack on Wendell Willkie was not distributed although it had been mimeographed. Only one copy of it got out, but unfortunately that passed into the hands of a newspaper man. Flynn today disavowed the attack on Willkie indignantly, and called it despicable. The head of the Negro Division of the National Committee also repudiated it.

There was more of this un-American vegetable throwing at Willkie today. As he was driving under a railroad bridge, a ripe tomato dropped in his lap. This is a new thing in American politics, this vegetable throwing. Up to now, as a nation we have kept that sort of thing out of our national politics.

Another breathing spell for Communist Earl Browder,
Dictator Stalin's Number One Man in the United States.

But today the Supreme Court consented to review the case.
The nine Justices probably won't hear arguments before December,
and won't make a ruling until later still. So Browder, who is out
on bail, will have months more of liberty, months more in which
he can tell the people why the government should be destroyed and
supplanted by something like the show that Dictator Stalin is
running.

BRITAIN

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The Nazi air command ~~precipitated~~ ^{launched} another series of fierce raids on Great Britain today. There had been somewhat of a let-up over the weekend. But all through the day and after nightfall large groups of German raiders flying high and fast dropped destruction not only on London, but on Liverpool, the Midlands, and other points in the south and west of England. They dropped fire bombs, high explosives and parachute flares. Most of them were extinguished before they did much damage, but nevertheless a number of fires were started.

A feature of today's raids was the appearance of a number of combination fighter-bomber planes. According to claims in Berlin, they dropped seven hundred and seventy thousand pounds of bombs in one day. The Nazis also boast that they destroyed one of the most important airdromes in Britain, an airdrome designed to protect London. They claim to have given the British fifty bombs for everyone ~~that~~ the British hurled upon Germany. The account from London reports that the Nazi bombers adopted zigzag tactics, darting in and out through the searchlight beams and the heavy fire of the Archies. They bombed nine London districts and, as

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I was on my way to the studio, reports were still coming in of
Nazi raiders over Britain. ^RThe British announce that the casualties
in today's raids were heavier than they have been for some time.

Mean ~~All this~~ while the Royal Air Force was trading blow
for blow. Its bombers blasted at ports, airdromes, oil plants,
and Nazi naval bases. And they rained a fire of bombs along ~~the~~
other side of the Channel all the way from Ostend to LeHavre.

RUMANIA

That Nazi invasion of Rumania has been something of a nine day wonder. It has had everybody the world over rather puzzled.

Here we have a plausible explanation that it was aimed at Russia and that it has Stalin stymied.

It comes in a special radio dispatch from Leland Stowe, correspondent of the NEW YORK EVENING POST and the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. His information is that this Rumanian coup is "A strategic achievement of historic dimensions", and he infers that it's one of the smartest things that Nazi Chancellor has pulled off.

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A month ago, Hungary and Rumania were quarreling about Transylvania, deadlocked. They appealed to Hitler to arbitrate. The Fuehrer first of all said "nothing doing", he hadn't time to attend to that until the war was over. On the following day, Stalin moved his Red troops across the Prut River, which borders Bessarabia. When Hitler heard of that, he changed his mind about arbitrating the Hungarian-Rumanian squabble and arranged for the Vienna conference. We ~~are~~ already know what had happened at that Vienna conference: the Hungarians got Transylvania. But, also, the Rumanians got a guarantee from Hitler to protect the rest of their borders. That gave Hitler the right to garrison Rumania, which ~~has~~ he has done.

And so, as Leland Stowe reports in detail, a German legion is planted along a forty mile strip in Rumania, between the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains and the delta of the River Danube. That German legion effectively blocks the way to any possible move by the Red soldiers of Stalin in Bessarabia. If Stalin had moved in time, he could have seized that part of Rumania himself. But now Hitler has beaten him to it, and has a Red army immobilized in

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Bessarabia just as he has another one immobilized in eastern Poland.

All of which will give the Turks plenty of food for thought, and ~~food~~ food for alarm. Every day it seems more probable that the Axis dictators are going after the oil in Iraq and Iran, Mesopotamia and Persia. And their direct route lies across Turkey. The Turkish Government last week warned that there are two million Turkish bayonets to bar their way. But in the light of modern warfare, they might as well have two million polo sticks.

Of course all this from Leland Stowe is unofficial, and it comes under the heading of dope. All the same, it's fascinating, grim but fascinating.

RUSSIA FOLLOW RUMANIA

There follows the question:- "What are the Soviets doing about all this Rumanian business?" There were rumors that Stalin was making heavy concentrations of Red soldiers behind the border of Bessarabia. But military observers have remarked that Stalin's army isn't so good, since he purged so many of his officers, particularly his high ranking generals. Hence, that Russian troop concentrations don't mean much. And Colonel Ratey, Uncle Sam's military attache in Bucharest, says there are no more movements in Bessarabia now than for several weeks past when the Soviet officers were garrisoning the airfields for the winter.

However, there's a strong report that Soviet diplomats are scurrying round trying to make defensive alliances with Greece and Turkey.

Just a moment! Here's something important just in!

Germany has demanded that Jugoslavia submit to an Axis-dictated role in "The New European Order" with concessions that would strip this Balkan nation of its economic sovereignty. Jugoslav economic experts gave this out tonight from Belgrade.

HINES

A motor car today drove away from the side door of the Criminal Courts Building in New York City. In it were two deputy sheriffs, and a tall, burly, still robust man of sixty-three.

He looked as vigorous and almost as cheerful ^{as in} the days when he was a lusty young blacksmith in the heart of Manhattan. The ~~lusty~~ young blacksmith had a good political mind, became powerful,

^{In fact he} became rich. ~~He~~ became the most influential of the leaders of powerful Tammany Hall. That sixty-three year old man was

ex-leader Jimmy Hines, on his way to the New York Penitentiary at Sing Sing ^{to do} ~~for~~ a four-year stretch.

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His last appeal had failed. After the New York Court of Appeals turned him down, Jimmy ^{Hines} decided to ~~take~~ ^{proceed} no further ^{with} his fight for freedom ^{for} ~~and~~ the reversal of his conviction. As he left the Criminal Courts Building he said:- "I can take it and I'm going to show 'em I can take it." ~~He was in good health and smiling.~~

His chief complaint ^{today} was that a couple of reporters had libelled him - not his character, but his golf game, which he played up to the last day of his freedom. ^{TR} None of his family was present in the courtroom to say good-bye to him - that, ~~was~~ at his own request.

But there were plenty of others, quite a crowd. Jimmy Hines
now Convict Number Nine Seven, Seven One Nine in Sing Sing.

HATS

Can you imagine the august nine justices of the Supreme Court solemnly discussing the question of ~~XXXXX~~ women's hats?

To be sure, it needs the courage of a great jurist to monkey with such a problem. ~~Most of us helpless men have to contend ourselves with a few snickers.~~ *And now* But the mighty Supreme Court of the United States is going to settle a dispute over the little woman's headgear. And this is how it comes about:

All of us know what pride the lady of the house feels when

she comes in with a chapeau that is unique. It may look like, *well* ~~let's skip that - but~~ *exclusive, then it's* ~~weak of a chicken house.~~ *But* so long as it's ~~unique,~~ *that's all*

marvelous,

~~right,~~ You also know the fury ~~and indignation~~ of the same lady when

she finds that the elegant top-piece for which she has paid twenty-one

dollars, is shown in a shop window down the street ~~and marked one~~ *at a lower*

price.

~~ninety eight,~~ For years that has been the big headache of all

hat designers and makers. They call it style piracy. So the hat

people established a Millinery Creators Guild with a bureau where

a designer can register any original hat styles. They organized

58/2 one thousand, six hundred millinery shops in this movement to stop

style piracy; ^{and} anybody belonging to the Guild refused to deal with anybody who wouldn't cooperate.

Thereupon the Federal Trade Commission stepped in. Said the F.T.C., that Guild business is a boycott and it's against the Anti-Trust Laws. So it forbade the Millinery Creators Guild to carry on in that way. The Guild appealed, but the ^{U.S.} Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Trade Commission. The judges of the Court of Appeals decided that the purpose of the Guild was to make expensive hats more expensive and that it did away with "socially desirable competition." So now the Guild appeals to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has agreed to settle the argument.

Women's hats before the Supreme Court of the United States! Some of them ought to be brought up in Felony Court.

9/4 What about it Hugh?