

EARTHQUAKE

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A prophecy is made for Saturday. ~~and for several days~~  
~~following, and~~ Let's <sup>see</sup> ~~observe~~ if it comes true. A shocking  
prophecy - <sup>yes shocking. An</sup> ~~for it concerns~~ <sup>In fact a</sup> whole series of  
tremors, ~~is~~ predicted for the coming weekend.

It's all highly scientific, and comes from Italy -  
where a leading <sup>a</sup> seismologist tells ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ cosmic crisis, <sup>microseismographs</sup> and telluric tension.  
His forecast reads this way: "An ~~extensive~~ cosmic crisis, ~~will~~  
~~it says,~~ will begin Saturday, with a violent tremor which will  
be recorded on microseismographs throughout the world." This  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ does sound shocking, but it isn't all. The  
earthquakeologist continues: "This will be a prelude," he says.  
"It will be followed by minor movements until December Fifth  
or Sixth, when the telluric tension will reach a maximum."

P Does this mean quakes and tremors all over this earth, with  
cities falling and skyscrapers toppling? That would be too  
shocking! It won't be that bad, for the seismograph-man  
describes the location of the shocks in these words: "The regions  
most severely affected," he specifies, "will be under the oceans -

probably in the upper Pacific areas. However," he adds, "shocks will also be felt elsewhere - including the Mediterranean basin,

47 the Balkans and Anatolia." *He doesn't mention Dutch Country - or your country!*

It sounds like some mighty precise predicting for Saturday and ~~for~~ several days following. Well, we'll find out how accurate it turns out to be.



## SHIP

A ship was sunk off the Virginia Capes today, and plunged swiftly to the bottom of the sea. A pilot boat off Cape Henry,—rammed by the British steamer LEVERNBANK. ~~A~~<sup>Ab</sup>oard the doomed craft were twenty-five men, and not a one of them lost! They leaped to safety, and an intelligent bit of leaping it was.

At the moment of the crash, everyone of the twenty-five men aboard the ~~doomed~~<sup>sinking</sup> pilot boat took a strenuous jump and leaped aboard the British ship that did the ramming.

## STEAMER

From the blizzardy north, off Prince Edward Island, comes a note of optimism tonight. During the storms last week, an eleven hundred ton Norwegian steamer sank in Northumberland Strait, near Southwest Point -- the coast of Canada. Today the salvage men announced they had given up hope, salvage attempts abandoned.

That doesn't sound so optimistic, but the dispatch goes on to say if the sunken ship survives the storms of the northern winter, they'll try again to refloat her in the spring -- if she survives!



BUS

That frightful school bus tragedy in Utah can be blamed on the weather - so the late reports indicate. It was snowing and the roads were slippery. Because of this, the bus, crowded with some forty school children, was late, and at the railroad crossing the falling snow kept the driver from seeing <sup>the</sup> ~~A~~ freight train. Because of the weather the train was an hour late, and to make up lost time was running at top speed. It hit the bus squarely in the middle, with untold horror. The latest reports put the casualty list at twenty-<sup>-three -</sup>~~six~~ <sub>A</sub> - one of the most pitiful disasters on record.

## BURGLAR

Yesterday at Cape May Court House in New Jersey, a prisoner made a pitiful plea to the judge, but the judge sternly rejected it. A convicted burglar implored <sup>his honor</sup> ~~the judge~~ for another chance - vowed he'd go straight. In an affecting appeal he told the judge he <sup>would</sup> sign an affidavit authorizing the court to sentence him to death if he ever went wrong again. This dramatic offer the judge refused <sup>as he</sup> ~~he~~ imposed a sentence of ten years.

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Today - the prisoner escaped, got out of jail, <sup>and got</sup> away - free as a bird.



## FRANCE

In France a thousand strikers have been sentenced to jail - terms -- from a week to three months. Punishment because of activity in the general strike of yesterday. Seven thousand workers have been dismissed, tossed out of their jobs -- because of their part in the walk-out.

The leader of the general strike, Leon Jouhaux, was punished today -- by being removed from his post as a regent of the Bank of France. Two other prominent leaders of the labor federation have been removed as members of the Railroad Board.

In that drastic fashion Premier Daladier continues to press his victory -- the suppression of yesterday's general strike.

But labor troubles go on in France. A sit-down in the Schneider Arms Factory, the great French plant for building armament.

And in other places sporadic labor troubles -- as protest against the Daladier victory.

ROUMANIA

(The Government of Rumania today continued its drastic measures to suppress the Iron Guard. There were many arrests, and a number of officers of Iron Guard sympathies were dismissed from the army. Jewish communities were guarded against attacks by anti-Semitic fanatics.)

In one place, an anti-Jewish measure was put in force by a provincial governor who himself is an enemy of the Iron Guard. This anti-Fascist governor issued a decree forbidding anybody to speak anything but Rumanian, in stores and shops. The merchants in his province are predominantly Jewish, and the decree was actually directed against the speaking of Yiddish, prohibits it.

(The outlawed Iron Guard issued a declaration today, which was only to be expected - a declaration concerning the killing of Iron Guard Leader Godreanu and thirteen of his colleagues. The government explanation is that they were shot while trying to escape. But today's Iron Guard manifesto proclaims it - outright assassination. And some observers in Europe agree with this.)



JEWS

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From Germany comes a story of two hundred happy Jewish children, yes happy, leaving their homes, separated from their families, going into exile. They're in England tonight, cared for by organizations helping the refugees. Their happiness away from home and family is most eloquent testimony of the situation of the Jews in Germany.

A new decree of suppression was promulgated today - Jews are now prohibited to sell or mortgage any real estate they own. This is interpreted as a preliminary to the seizure of Jewish real estate. Don't let 'em sell or mortgage, we're going to take it -- that seems ~~the meaning~~ to be the meaning.

SCHUSCHNIGG

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An appeal was made to President Roosevelt today in behalf of Kurt Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of the one time Republic of Austria. <sup>Wilhelm</sup> Hendrik Van Loon, historian and writer of best sellers, suggests to the President that he appeal to Hitler, asking him to allow Schuschnigg to take refuge in the United States. Van Loon says the former Chancellor is kept a close prisoner in a small room, with guards pacing back and forth incessantly. The sort of treatment that is likely to bring him to a breakdown.

<sup>Van Loon</sup> And ~~he~~ supposes that Hitler may find Schuschnigg an embarrassing person to hold and might be glad ~~to~~ enough to have an excuse for letting him go into exile.

Such is the appeal to the President made by Hendrik Van Loon, who has just written a book called "Our Battle", a reply to Hitler's own ~~ponderous~~ volume, called "My Battle." And it's thoroughly anti-Nazi. But then, the President has also uttered a few anti-Nazi words. So, the Van Loon-Roosevelt appeal ought to go big with Hitler.



EDEN

The forthcoming American visit of former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain has rather a reminiscent sound today. Captain Eden is coming over here to make an address before the ~~American Manufacturers~~ <sup>National</sup> Association <sup>of Manufacturers</sup> journeying across the ocean expressly for that. And he'll visit President Roosevelt.

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Today's news from London adds that the former Foreign Secretary while in America will also make a study of housing. And that does recall that other notable trip over here which was to have been made - by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The Duke was to have studied housing but it all ended in a lot of squawks, and the visit was called off.

WHEAT

Sold - two million bushels of wheat. To whom?

England. The Department of Agriculture announced the transaction, which was arranged by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Surplus American wheat sold to Britain, twenty million bushels, ~~of it~~



## INSURANCE

Here are some figures that include most of you folks:-

The Association of Life Insurance presidents is holding its Thirty-Second Annual Convention in New York, and today the chairman told the assembled presidents that as this year of Nineteen Thirty-Eight comes to an end, there's more life insurance outstanding than ever before in the history of the United States. People are insured for a grand total of a hundred and ten billion, three hundred million dollars -- a staggering figure. The number of people who carry life insurance is sixty-four million.

If you add the number of people with policies to the number of beneficiaries named in all those policies -- the total comes to a hundred million; nearly everybody.

## INCOME

The biggest little world in the world is that two-letter word -- IF. We all know what it means. If we hadn't done this and if that hadn't happened, everything would be marvelous -- if. All of this was presented in a big way, a giant gargantuan way before the Anti-Monopoly Inquiry in Washington.

If there had been no depression, if during the past year things had kept on the way they were going in 1929 -- oh, what an IF. The witness before the enquiry was Dr. Isidore Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics. The Doctor told the committee that if the big boom had just kept going on and on, instead of plunging off the precipice into the depression -- things would be a lot better. Of course, we know that, but the Doctor said it in figures: during the nine years of unemployment since the crash wage earners have lost through being jobless one hundred and nineteen billion dollars. That would provide each wage earner with more than a year's full pay -- fourteen months. If there had been no depression-drop of agricultural prices, the farmers would have got a lot more -- thirty-eight billion dollars more. If stocks had kept on paying their 1929 dividends stockholders would have received



more dividend -- income to the extent of twenty billions. The depression loss to the nation figured in terms of national income adds up to a total of one hundred and thirty-two billion dollars.

Oh - boy -- If there had only been no depression. IF.

## MARRIAGE

A sprightly brunette, wearied with the social whirl! That's how they described Sally Clark, whose sister Ann married the President's son, John, last June. That presidential alliance brought a lot of publicity, the limelight, and Sally said she liked it -- that dark haired girl who found the round of social formalities so tiresome. Further to relieve the tedium, she became a nightclub entertainer, singing with a jazz band. And many an admiring toast was drunk to -- the beautiful blonde.

Now don't think I'm getting the colors confused, getting the hair all tangled up. You know how it is -- from brunette to blonde.

But now the nightclub singing is done for Sally Clark, whose sister married into the white House family. She herself is getting married on Saturday. A resplendent society wedding and a beautiful blonde bride.



The Dies Committee has staged a lot of ructions on the subjects of Fascists on one side, and Communists on the other. And, today's star witness lashed out in that same twofold way, to the left and to the right - two-fisted. He's a celebrity whose appearance before the Committee has long been awaited - President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers.

He took a hefty verbal sock at Judge Paul Gadola of Flint, Michigan. Judge Gadola was one of the witnesses before the Dies Committee who denounced Communism in the C.I.O.

Today, Auto Union President Homer Martin proclaimed Judge Gadola to be an enemy of labor and a Fascist. "He is," declared Martin, "a notable hater of organized labor and the activities of the labor movement." As for Fascist, the union president said:

57 "It is reliably reported that he participated in meetings called to help finance Mussolini's war of aggression in Ethiopia". Well Gadola sounds like an Italian name, doesn't it?

After taking a hefty punch at the Fascists, the two-fisted union president swung a haymaker at the Communists. He said there were Reds in the auto union, but they were being

eliminated; (declared there were Communist influences in the C.I.O. but maintained they were exaggerated. He explained that the Red comrades misrepresented their strength and told a pack of lies.)

Then he concentrated on Harry Bridges, the C.I.O. chief of the maritime workers on the Pacific Coast. He said Bridges was a Communist, although Bridges has denied this.

"He can deny it from now until dooms day that he is a Communist,"

~~declared~~ <sup>vowed</sup> Homer Martin, "but I won't believe him."



UNION

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For the last ~~bit~~ in this broadcast, let's take the first letter of the alphabet. Let's take it five times, and tell a bit of automobile news from Detroit. Alphabetically speaking, it's just a lot of A's.

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There's an attempt to form a new auto union. Today, all the members of the U.A.W., which is affiliated with the C.I.O., got an invitation to join a new organization - which intends to tie up with the A.F. of L. That statement is alphabetical enough, but let's look at the name of the proposed new union. It is to be called the American Automobile, Aircraft, Automotive and Allied Employees. That's a lot of A's. I suppose they'll call it the A-A-A-A-A-E - five A's, which will certainly eclipse the commonplace New Deal tripple A, just as ordinary triplets are eclipsed by the Dionnes.

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The A-A-A-A-A-E is sponsored by Ralph Knox, who used to be President of the Briggs Local of the U.A.W. He believes there are a lot of members of the present C.I.O. union who are discontent with the way things are going, and are ready to step over into an organization affiliated with the A.F. of L. *There's* ~~it's~~  
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a good chance of getting twenty thousand members to join the  
new A-A-A-A-A-E.

The circulars the union men received today speak  
against Communism, revolutionism, Atheism, Fascism. None of  
these isms will be tolerated in the A-A-A-A-A-E. To which

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we say, <sup>-A-A</sup>  
Amen brother, and -- <sup>0-00</sup>  
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.