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They said about Governor Landon that nobody knows where he stands, or what his policies are, or what he represents as a Presidential candidate. He has kept silent. There's at least one advantage in that --- it whets the edge of curiosity, and adds a touch of suspense to the Acceptance Speech tonight.

Suspense is a rather odd word, applied to such an old, standardized, cut and dried ceremony -- the chosen one solemnly informed that he has been named as candidate, which he already knows, he knew it the moment it happened. Then, the candidate just as solemnly handing out the surprising word that he accepts, when he was out for the nomination with foot, horse and artillery, long before it was ever made. It would seem to be altogether perfunctory, which most decidedly it is not, in the case of Governor Landon.

As a hard-working Governor of Kansas, he has not been in the national spotlight, has not declared himself nationally, on national problems. So the stale business of notification and acceptance turns into the stage and setting of the first full and formal enunciation of policies by the Republican Candidate for the

Presidency. That puts the drama and suspense into the Landon address, which will go out on the air three hours from now.

Meanwhile, here are a couple of things in advance, a few preliminary words from the Kansas Governor -- not that Alf Landon has been talking out loud about what he is going to say tonight. That's <sup>a</sup> the secret, and the prairie governor has been wrapped in a mantle of silence. Just the same, today the newspaper men did pry something out of him. They extracted a few words from Alf.

During a press conference, they talked to him about the new administration policy announced by President Roosevelt -- a policy concerning the Post Office Department. The President has come out in favour of putting all the first, second and third class postmasters under Civil Service..

Now let's go back to Landon's famous telegram to the Cleveland Convention taking exception to certain parts of the Republican platform. In this he declared for the principle of putting postmasters under Civil Service. So today, when the reporters mentioned the President's new Post Office policy, the Governor remarked that it was his own stand in the Landon telegram,

which has forced the President's hand and made him come out for Post Office Civil Service.

Then Governor Landon added that the President would do well to apply the same idea to the W. P. A. and put the W. P. A. executive posts under Civil Service. Is this a hint concerning the Acceptance Speech tonight? Is the candidate likely to say something about Civil Service for Postmasters and W. P. A. executives? My guess would be -- yes.

But these weren't the only ~~Landon~~<sup>AA</sup> words that were spoken ~~today~~ today. The newspaper men brought up another subject, which elicited a reply though entirely non-committal, not a direct reply at all. The reporters raised the question of the kind of Cabinet Landon would name, if he were elected. They asked him straight out whether he would appoint a Democrat to his Cabinet. Assuming that he had any Cabinet appointing to do. It <sup>has</sup> been supposed that the Landon plans might include something like this -- for the purpose of attracting Democrats hostile to the New Deal.

What reply did Alf make? He smiled, and told the reporters to wait until the Acceptance Speech tonight. This was

said in such fashion that people quickly jumped at the assumption that there would be a mention of a possible Democrat in a hypothetical Landon Cabinet, as a bid for the support of Conservative Jeffersonians who are thinking about taking an "Al Smith Walk." We'll see whether we will hear anything like this tonight.

Topeka is all set for the biggest show of its history. The town festooned with banners and sunflowers, all set for singing and shouting -- with a hundred thousand visitors streaming in from everywhere. The only misgiving is the weather, not that there's any doubt about it. Any political rally yearns for fair weather, and in Topeka tonight it's not only fair, but also warmer, with the mercury hitting a hundred. Fine for the show, but the most enthusiastic Landonite Kansan wouldn't mind if it rained pitchforks. Out there in the drought areas they've been ~~xx~~ having too much <sup>of</sup> ~~fear~~ and warmer. The Governor <sup>is</sup> ~~said~~ laughingly today that he didn't care if it started to pour right in the middle of his Acceptance Speech. ~~It~~ might wash out the ceremony, but it would be acceptable drought relief.

Meanwhile Father Coughlin is all set to apologize for what he said about Pres. R at the Townsend convention, presumably because of a hint from Lane.

INCOME

It may seem a paradox to say - that this has been a year of disaster for agriculture, but that the farmers in general are making more money. The drought has cut down the amount of foodstuffs the farmers have to sell, which in turn raises the prices they'll get for what they have left. For the first half of this drought year of Nineteen thirty-six, we find that the average income for men behind the plow ~~xxx~~ was higher than in any other year since Nineteen Thirty. The farm income for the first six months of this year was eleven per cent higher than for the first six months of last year. And the answer is - better prices.

But that's only half of it. What about the second half of this drought year, the six months to come? The Department of Agriculture today paints a favorable picture. Of course the drought did calamitous damage, and ruined many a farmer. But agriculture at large will benefit by <sup>all the soaring</sup> ~~the soaring~~ prices <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ destruction has caused. Such is the prognostication.

Figures released in Washington today also tell us something about the Treasury Department. During the fiscal year

just closed, Uncle Sam pocketed more cash than he did in any previous year since Nineteen Twenty-One -- three and a half billion dollars. A larger revenue than even in the boom years poured into the federal cash box. One reason of course is - higher taxes, much higher than in the boom years. But another reason is - that people are making more money. They have got more on which to slap the tax.

That is vividly illustrated by some Income Tax figures.

At the peak of the big bonanza, by far the greater part of the government's revenue came from the Income Tax. The Income Tax produced nearly eighty per cent of the money that Uncle Sam tucked away in his jeans. That figure proceeded to drop during the depression, because the incomes were dropping so fast. By Nineteen Thirty-Four, ~~the~~ bed-rock was reached. Instead of ~~making up~~ <sup>taking care of</sup> eighty per cent of the Federal Revenue, the Income Tax contributed only thirty per cent. Since then it has been rising. And today's Treasury Department figures show that for the last fiscal year the Income Tax made up forty per cent of the total. — *And the Treasury tells us the veterans have already turned over 60% of all their bonus money into cash. — all going into circulation.*

WENDEL

While Colonel Lindbergh <sup>was getting acquainted with the Nazis</sup> arrives <sup>in Germany</sup> ~~and~~

~~was~~ <sup>today</sup> received there with all that ponderous pageantry which <sup>and telling them to go slow on using planes</sup> the Nazis know so well how to devise - over here the news brings us the Lindbergh case once more. In Newark, New Jersey, it was announced today that a Federal Grand Jury will make an investigation - the proceedings to begin tomorrow. This quiz will concern the case of the one-time Lawyer Wendel, who was abducted and forced to sign a confession that he was the Lindbergh kidnapper. He later repudiated the confession, and it was tossed out of court. But meanwhile the Wendel affair figured largely in the series of circumstances that delayed the execution of Richard Bruno Hauptmann.

What's the meaning of this new Federal Grand Jury investigation in New Jersey? What significance has it in the news tonight? Let's sketch in a few facts for a moment. Wendel was abducted and forced to make his confession in Brooklyn, New York. A Brooklyn Grand Jury investigated, and returned indictments against the New Jersey Detective Ellis Parker, and his son. Detective Parker played a large part in attempts to

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stop the execution of Hauptmann. And he is accused, with his son, of having taken a hand in the forcing of the Wendel confession. The New York authorities have not been able to get hold of either of the Parkers, who are in New Jersey, Governor Hoffman of New Jersey refuses to extradite them.

Today's news, however, shows us a Grand Jury getting busy in New Jersey - the Parkers' home state. More over, its a Federal Grand Jury which has jurisdiction beyond the state lines, and can order an arrest anywhere. So the case stands this way: The Brooklyn Jury could indict, but wasn't able to extradite. The Federal Grand Jury in New Jersey can indict and won't have to extradite. ~~the bringing~~ A long step toward a decisive unraveling of the strange affairs that attended the doom of the Bronx carpenter, that sombre and dramatic culmination of the Lindbergh case.



LEAGUE

At Geneva the League of Nations is considering the case of a great villain. Not Mussolini this time, but Satan. The League didn't do so well in the scrap with the Duce, so now the Geneva statesmen have picked something easier - the Devil. It's a South Sea fiend, the Price of Evil, out in dark and dim New Guinea.

In the sweltering <sup>Papuan</sup> jungle there's a village called Bunki. About a year ago, one of the villagers, Marafi by name, told his neighbors a strange story. He related that he had met the devil, and struck up quite a friendship with him. And Satan took Marafi deep down underground to his Hellish home. And there said - "I'll never let you go back to the face of the earth unless you'll preach my gospel among the people of Bunki and persuade them to worship me."

So Marafi swore a diabolical oath and returned to Bunki, as the apostle of Satan. He told the villagers that the Lord of Evil had granted him miraculous powers, including the power to fly. I don't know how he succeeded in proving that point, but anyway the inhabitants of Bunki fell for ~~that~~ Bunki.

Marafi made the terrified villagers pay taxes to him, and went around giving orders in the name of the Devil, and raised hell generally. The life of the village was disrupted. The people forgot to plant their crops. And there was the devil to pay.

That part of New <sup>Guinea</sup>~~Zealand~~ is governed by Australia under a mandate by the League of Nations. And the League way would <sup>be</sup> to impose sanctions. But Australian sanctions are not like Geneva sanctions. The Australians sent some police to Bunki, and these arrested Marafi and some other chief Devil worshippers, and put them in jail. Maybe that's the kind of sanctions the League should have applied to Mussolini. However, as things stand, ~~it's not the Duke who is in jail, but~~ Marafi, the South Sea Disciple of the Devil, *is in jail.*

Under the League mandate, Australia is required to make a report on New Guinea affairs to Geneva. That's <sup>what brings</sup> ~~the~~ the South Sea Devil problem, ~~is~~ now, before the international statesmen. It's up to them to okay those Australian sanctions, the <sup>fate</sup> ~~future~~ of Marafi and the suppression of Satan at Bunki. I imagine the League will give its solemn approval, and take a good deal of comfort in whipping the Devil.

SPAIN

For a whole week Spain has been writing<sup>h</sup> in a convulsion of civil war. Today, the seventh day, sees the issue as undecided as ever. (The Left Wing Government at Madrid claims a victory against the Right Wing rebels driving against the capitol. Madrid tells of insurgent regiments beaten and pushed back for nine miles. The rebels on the contrary, claim they are pushing ahead, and say that the decisive battle for the capitol will probably be staged tomorrow. Madrid is on a plateau ringed by mountains. The logic of the struggle is for the Radical Government to defend the passes leading through those mountains. That's where the decisive battlefield must necessarily be -- a rugged mountain pass on the road to Madrid.)

Elsewhere in Spain the fighting goes on in numberless scattered battles and skirmishes, from the Pyrennes to Gibraltar. Everywhere men are falling, men are dying in an orgy of blood and fire. Today's reports tell of savage fighting at Zaragoza, the government planes bombing the rebel stronghold. Zaragoza turned into an inferno, riddled with bullets, ripped apart by explosions.

But more savage than any story of battle is the accounts of blood rioting madness. (There's a reign of terror in

beautiful Barcelona, red mobs looting, burning and killing. The Communist fury is raging against the churches, ancient, <sup>priceless</sup> beautiful edifices going up in flames. The fiendish story of massacre reached a pinnacle of horror with the beheading of three Jesuit priests -- their heads paraded by the shrieking mob. Revolutionary fury, with the relentless enmity of civil war. Red radicals executing conservative leaders that have fallen into their hands. <sup>Fascist</sup> Rebels shooting Communists as fast as they can get hold of them.)

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American warships are steaming at top speed to save Americans in the strife torn areas. The "Oklahoma" is hurrying along the northern coast of Spain in answer to an appeal from the Port of Bilbao. Americans with women and children are in danger there. The American Consul has called for a war ship to come instantly and take them away. Late word today is the State Department in Washington has heard from our Ambassador. No word for days from Claude Bowers, vacationing in San Sebastian, <sup>the resort</sup> that has been the center of a furious struggle, <sup>-with</sup> The fighting is still going on. Today from Ambassador Bowers a message was received -- that he is safe. But that dispatch was sent two days ago, and has reached

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Washington only now.

The British are having their troubles. Twice today ~~we~~ came stories of the boom of British guns, anti-aircraft weapons blazing away against reckless bombers. At Gibraltar the British destroyer "Wild Swan" was nearly hit by an air torpedo, as a rebel plane tried to bomb a <sup>Spanish</sup> ~~government~~ <sup>war</sup> ship. The guns of the Rock of Gibraltar blazed and drove the plane ~~to~~ away. At Tangiers, the British destroyer "Whitehall" fired on rebel bombers as they tossed high explosives, trying to break up the refueling of a cruiser.

A week of civil war in Spain -- and not even the beginning of the end is in ~~the~~ sight.

59 1/4 But the end of this broadcast is in sight — and s-l-u-t-y