

STORM

R.T. Suroco. Monday, January 23, 1939.

Death rode on the wings of the icy gale that swooped down on the northeastern United States last night. There were periods when it blew ~~as fast as~~ ^{up to} seventy-two miles an hour. No fewer than

twelve people perished in the blizzard. One young man and a young woman went fishing through the ice of Oneida Lake. This morning they were found frozen to death half a mile from shore. ~~Some~~ ^{New York's}

~~hundreds~~ ^{hundred} ~~of~~ ^{were} odd motor drivers marooned in snowdrifts. State police ~~today~~ ^{today} were busy all day rushing to the rescue.

To add to the freakishness of ~~that~~ ^{the} blast from the north, thunderstorms were reported from several regions. The blizzard seems to have been ~~worst~~ ^{at its} in up-state New York. ~~As for the property damage, nobody has counted that up yet.~~

SHIPS FOLLOW STORM

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The gale was bad enough on land, but still more ferocious at sea. From all parts of the Atlantic, came radio calls for help. No fewer than eight ships reported themselves in distress; a Chilean motorship, three Greek steamers, ^{and} a Danish freighter; ~~another~~ ^Q German ship ~~lost~~ a man overboard, ~~off the~~ Off the French coast a British vessel had to be towed into Brest. Two ships went to the rescue of the Dutch steamer PARKLAAN, in distress halfway between Bermuda and the Azores.

CAVALIER

On a New York pier today, there was a grim mixture of hilarity and tragedy. A terrific crowd was there to watch the oil tanker Ezzo Baytown tying up to the dock, bringing the five men and five women rescued from the CAVALIER disaster.

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~~The hilarity was allowed, mingled with~~ cheers for both the survivors and the crew of the tanker who had rescued them. The tragedy lay silent underneath the cheers and laughter. For way out in the Atlantic Ocean are the bodies of the three men who did not survive.

Two passengers and the steward^d. ~~And one can only guess at the emotions of the wives of those two passengers, the women who were saved while their husbands perished.~~ One of them, Mrs. Donald Miller of Lincoln, Nebraska, seemed to be visibly overcome by grief as she walked off the tanker, hiding her face in a heavy overcoat and a man's hat, supported on the arms of two men.

Facts as they were brought to light took some of the ~~fire~~ edge off the horror of the original story. With an icy gale battering at our doors we all pictured those ten survivors as *on life preservers* having floated around in the ocean for ten hours, chilled to the marrow_z by the bitterly cold waves. ~~In fact, everybody wondered~~

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The part of the ocean in which they fell was the Gulf Stream.

And Captain Spurr of the tanker says the temperature of the water was seventy-two degrees.

That explains the accounts given by members of the rescue ships' crew. When they pulled those five men and five women out of the water they climbed into the lifeboat laughing and singing. The women were conspicuously hilarious, a couple of the men more silent and reserved.

Later, just a few minutes ago, Mrs. George Ingham, a young lady from Bermuda, ~~had~~ told her story. to the United Press. These are her words:-

"The Last ~~word~~ we got was that the plane was landing and we were ordered to get our life belts. I came out the door with ^{mine} ~~my life belts~~ in my ~~arms~~ arms. Then we all gathered together in the water and more or less held on to each other. It wasn't very rough, although ~~it was~~ choppy at times, and after we'd been in it about six hours, it began to be very ~~very~~ cold.

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"There was no panic of any sort," ^{said she,} "even though when we crashed we only had been told that we were going to land and did ~~not~~ not expect a crash. One man was injured but held himself up ~~very~~ bravely. I don't know his name. We talked the whole time there in the water and tried to be as cheerful as possible under the circumstances.

"We knew we had been sighted because the ship gave three long blasts.

~~Would I go by plane again? I think so yes~~

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~~I'm sure I would.~~ In the water we sang a little bit, and
I don't remember just what we talked about. ~~It was~~ Just
general conversation. Once we ~~that~~ we saw a plane but I'm
not sure about ^{it,} ~~it.~~ Then there was a boat that went past us
and we were a little bit blue for a while. Finally the
Baytown came along and we all shouted and started swimming
toward it. ⁾ ~~There were two men who swam ahead of us when the~~
~~Baytown~~ ~~near us when we were sure we had been sighted.~~

FOLLOW CAVALIER

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Congressmen in Washington were as excited as most other people over that CAVALIER disaster. As usual, several of the lawmakers proposed new regulations. They commented acidly on the fact that the CAVALIER, a British plane, was not subject to the safety regulations which ^{our} ~~the~~ Civil Aeronautics Authority imposes upon American airliners. And it was observed that American ~~x~~ liners operating from English airports abide by the rules of the British government for safety. ~~But the Civil Aeronautics Authority has no jurisdiction over planes that the Imperial Airlines operate to Bermuda.~~

Senator Reynolds of North Carolina was shocked to hear that the CAVALIER had no de-icing equipment. Gross negligence, said the North Carolina Senator. He was backed up by Republican Representative Maas of Minnesota, a former pilot of Uncle Sam's Marine Corps. ^{who} ~~He~~ said: "All trans-oceanic planes ought to have the latest de-icing devices and should be grounded until they have them."

~~apoke up.~~
~~Senator Nye of North Dakota said: "If British flying~~

~~boats using American airports aren't under the regulation of the~~

CRASH

Another crack liner of Imperial Airways ~~was~~ forced down in a distant part of the world. ~~It was~~ a big flying boat on its way from India to Southampton. Over the Island of Corsica the liner ran into bad weather, ~~was forced down~~ *and descended* on Lake Biguglia. ~~However,~~ *no* harm down, ~~except the four passengers and the crew of five~~ ~~was forced to remain aboard the airship.~~

But The wind was so high over that lake that a boat sent out to bring ~~them~~ *crew and passengers* off couldn't ~~even~~ get near. ~~However, it is added~~

~~they are in no danger.~~

SPAIN

(It looks as though the Republican Spanish government were *making its last stand at* ~~on its last legs in~~ Barcelona. The fighting columns of ~~General~~ Franco have battered their way to a point where they can ~~actually~~ ^{now} see the city.) Their ~~front~~ lines are no further than nine miles ~~away from the defenders,~~ ^{Barcelona. #} ~~of the great city~~ The streets in the suburbs are jammed with refugees, ~~They've left~~ ^{leaving} their homes at the order of their own government. All day bulletins have been coming in reporting that town after town on the road to Barcelona has succumbed to the insurgent armies.

in Catalonia.
However, that doesn't necessarily mean the end of the war. The Republican generals have prepared another line of defense ~~around Gerona~~ ^{— to the west.} The government called upon all able-bodied residents of Barcelona to drop their work and help in the apparently futile job of defending the doomed city; ~~the government has~~ ^{and they've} appointed a military chief for the Province of Gerona, which would imply that they intend to maintain a stubborn resistance there. Furthermore, martial law has been proclaimed throughout all those parts of Spain that are still in the hands of the Republican government.

ITALY

A rumor that started in Amsterdam precipitated a new war scare in Europe. Its first symptom was a movement on the Royal Stock Exchange in London. People started selling not only the French Franc but the Netherlands' Guilder. The rumor was that there was a possibility of French intervention in Spain and that Mussolini was mobilizing the Italian army.

The mobilization rumor was founded on a report from Rome. It was said that soldiers in the reserve, men in the class that is now thirty-eight years old, had been called back to the colors.

H however, Rome did not take the war scare so seriously. Observers in Italy say that Mussolini ~~was~~ confident that the French ~~would~~ keep their hands off Spain. He ~~was~~ calling those reservists to the colors just ~~in order~~ to be on the safe side and take no chances.

All this, of course, is an immediate consequence of the imminent fall of Barcelona.

CHAMBERLAIN

All ears in Europe were listening to the radio this afternoon ^{to} ~~it was~~ a broadcast by Prime Minister Neville

Chamberlain, a broadcast calling for volunteers. Not volunteers ^{for} ~~instant war~~ ~~for the army~~ but for recruits in all the military and civilian defense services.

as follows:-

Chamberlain explained: "This is a scheme to make us

ready for war. But, that doesn't mean I think war is coming." ^{To}

^{which he} ~~He~~ added: "We in this country would never begin a war, but, we

might be forced to take part in one begun by others or we might

be attacked. ["] ~~ourselves~~ Then he repeated the statement of his

predecessor, Earl Baldwin, that the English Channel no longer

protects England against attack from the continent.

Concluded Chamberlain:-

~~He said also,~~ "The better prepared we are to defend

ourselves, the less likely we are to be attacked."

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The Senators today went on talking about Harry Hopkins. But they confined themselves to thirty minutes each. Democratic Senator Schwollenbach of Washington spoke up in Hopkin's behalf: "His opponents can't point to a single dishonest act that he committed while having charge of the spending of billions in relief funds," asserviated Schwollenbach.

Senator Neeley said Hopkins had done more for the country than anyone since George Washin ton," Neely's speech included the mention of the Crucifix ion, the imprisonment of Christopher Columbus, and the assassination of Lincoln. The Senator must have hit a new all time oratorical high.

Republican Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, asked: "Does the Senator mean to put Hopkins in the same class with Christ, Columbus and Lincoln? - as well as Washingont?" Neely replied that he would not compare the Secretary of Commerce to the Saviour of the World but he added: "I would compare Harry Hopkins to Lincoln and Columbus."

But the t alking came to an end this afternoon. The Senate confirmed Hopkins by a vote of fifty-eight to ~~SEVEN~~ twenty-seven.

PERKINS

Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor, came back at her critics in Congress today. She was replying to the Congressmen who

criticized her because she hadn't deported Harry Bridges, ~~the~~

- Bridges who operates
Australian leader ⁱⁿ the C.I.O. on the Pacific coast. She started

by saying that Bridges had come into the country quite legally

in Nineteen Twenty. ^{was} That before the strict immigration laws

were passed. As for the charges that he is a Communist, she said:

"No Congressman had backed up his accusations ~~that~~ with any proof",

and she declared further: "It was not until the longshoremen strike

in Nineteen Thirty-Four that any complaint was made about Bridges."

~~And she added: "The immigration acts do not forbid an alien to~~

~~organize workers, lead strikes, or engage in any other trade union~~

~~activities."~~

Madam Perkins also said: "There is no evidence that

Bridges ^{to} ~~adv~~ated the overthrow of the government by force and

violence and that he likewise advocated sabotage."

This reply ~~of Madam Perkins~~ was read to the House by

Representative Mary Norton of New Jersey.

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BRIDGES

Harry Bridges, C.I.O. labor leader on the west coast, has been the target for many acrimonious charges. Not the least of them is that he is a Communist and ought to be deported.

Today Harry Bridges comes to bat with accusations against other people. He declares that some of Hitler's Nazi agents are getting in their dirty work in a couple of California aircraft factories. The spies of Hitler, ^{said he,} ~~he says,~~ are sabotaging planes that are being manufactured by the North American Aviation Company of Los Angeles and the Consolidated Aircraft Company of San Diego, California.

All this, Harry Bridges charged in a telegram to President Roosevelt. He added the extraordinary statement that officials of Uncle Sam's government as well as of the two aircraft companies are fully aware of the sabotaging being done by these Hitler spies. But, says Bridges, neither the government nor the companies are doing anything about it.

At the end of his telegram Bridges wired: "We do not want a bunch of crackpots like the Dies Committee investigating these charges."

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MARTIN

The row in the Automobile Workers Union is now in the courts. A bill of complaint was filed in the Circuit Court at Detroit today by the opponents of Homer Martin, President of the Union. This complaint charges that ~~Homer~~ Martin and four members of the board are conspiring with the Ford Motor Company to destroy the Union. And counsel asks the judge to issue an injunction restraining the Ford Company and the others from that alleged conspiracy. The bill of complaint also mentions two hundred and fifty people named "John Doe" as well as the National Bank of Detroit, ~~a Detroit bank,~~ and a bank in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Before firing ^{all} this ~~shot~~ at Homer Martin, his adversaries elected one of themselves as the new president of the U.A.W. *And,*

~~thereupon they~~ declared they would try to have ^{the in version of} ~~a new organization~~

the U.A.W.
A recognized by the C.I.O.

HEALTH

President Roosevelt sent Congress today his long expected program for national health. It will add eight hundred and fifty million dollars a year to the public expenses. ~~That is, not~~ immediately, but after a period of ten years. This expense to be shared by the states and Uncle Sam.

The message embodies the report of Mr. Roosevelt's Interdepartmental Committee to Coordinate Health and Welfare Activities. The object of his program, he says, is "to make available in all parts of our country and for all groups of our people the scientific knowledge and skill at our command to prevent and care for sickness and disability, to safeguard mothers, infants and children." ~~He explains: "The average level of health or the~~

~~average cost of sickness has little meaning for those who now must meet personal catastrophes. To know that a stream is four feet deep on an average is of little help to those who drown in ten feet of water." So he adds: "I recommend the report of the Interdepartmental Committee for careful study by the Congress."~~

~~It is noticeable that his message~~ ^{was} ~~is~~ singularly devoid of any peremptory tone; ~~there is~~ no suggestion of "must" about it.

PADEREWSKI

Music news provides us with a striking item this ~~is~~ - evening -- Paderewski to make another concert tour in the United States. The novelty is that he has made so many, over such a long time. Paderewski, ~~the~~ genius of the piano, made his first appearance in the United States forty-seven years ago, and thereafter ~~he~~ toured the country until he became a legended symbol of the art of the black keys and the white. ~~He~~ ^{Then} took time out to figure as a Number One personality in achieving independence for Poland, ~~and he~~ ^{In fact he} became his country's first premier.

Today Paderewski is seventy-eight; and he returns once more. Under the management of the Artists' Service of N.B.C. he will be here for ten weeks and will give concerts in twenty American cities. The first, on February twenty-sixth will be on the R.C.A. radio program, ^{the} MAGIC KEY. Another tour by Paderewski! -- ~~and he~~ ^{Seems} like old history coming back to life!

VISION

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At Tarentum, Pennsylvania, a lady sixty-one years old had a vision. She saw her son, a grown man, perishing in a snowstorm. According to the vision, this son, who lives in Youngstown, Ohio, was driving to visit her. On the way his car had ~~gone~~ ^{run} out of gasoline and in consequence he was marooned by the heavy storm.

^{was dreamed}
All this ~~happened~~ ^{was dreamed} ten days ago. ~~Her husband was not~~
~~home at the time.~~ ^{And the} This old lady believed so firmly in her vision that she set out on foot carrying a jug of gasoline and walked along the roads to rescue her son. A couple of boys saw her, plodding gallantly but vainly along the highway some miles from her home. That was a week ago Friday night. From that day to this not a sign nor trace has been found of this ~~elderly lady~~ ^{woman} who believed in ~~her vision.~~ ^{dreams.} ~~Searching parties have combed every~~
~~wood, every valley and every creek in the neighborhood and, at~~

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At the moment she set out ^{to rescue} ~~in the snow and cold from her house carrying~~
~~a jug of gasoline to save~~ her son, that son was safe and warm in his home at Youngstown, Ohio.

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