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TENNIS.

The come-back of Helen Wills ~~Matta~~ Moody had another set-back today. In England a couple of weeks ago, the one time invincible queen of the courts, was beaten by an English girl. Today, she lost out to a lady from Denmark. In her attempt to come back in England, Mrs. Moody won some scintillating games, but today she didn't scintillate at all. Danish Hilda Sperling outplayed her from the first serve. In the first game, Helen double faulted twice. Thereafter she was caught off balance, sometimes caught flat-footed. Off her game, for a second come-back defeat.

IRELAND.

Over in Ireland they're beginning to get a count of the votes. After the general election throughout the country, the ballots are still being tallied. But the early returns are in and they seem to indicate that President Devalera has failed in his attempt to get a clear-cut majority in the Dublin Parliament. He called the election because he was dissatisfied with the situation whereby he had to depend on the votes of the Labor party to get a majority for things he wanted to do. He hoped that the new election would give him a clear preponderance over the combined forces of the Labor minority and the party of former President Cosgrove. But early indications are that he has failed, hasn't gained any extra seats in Parliament, hasn't relieved himself of the need of depending upon labor. The parliamentary division of strength remains pretty much as it has been. However, a lot more votes will have to be counted before anything is certain.

GERMANY.

Our State Department today said "nothing doing" to the German claim that Hitler's Government is not responsible for the Austrian public debt to foreign nations. The Nazi Regime claims that other nations lent money to Austria for the purpose of keeping Austria from joining up with Germany - so Germany refuses to repay that money which was directed against itself. Today Secretary Hull gave out a formal note to Berlin, in which the German claim is completely rejected. Independent Austria owed the United States fifty million dollars. And our State Department takes the position that when Germany took over Austria it also took over the Austrian debts. So the United States expects to be paid.

German news these days is ominous once more with new stories of Jewish persecution. Another major anti-Semitic drive seems to be under way. It's taking the form of an increasing boycott against Jewish owned shops, depriving the people of their livelihood - a cold program, as it is sometimes called.

ROME

Insistent reports from Rome declare that Mussolini wants to put the British-Italian Pact into force right away. That agreement was made with the ~~prime~~ proviso that it would ~~h~~ take effect when the Italian troops were moved out of Spain, that to happen when Franco completed his victory. Now Mussolini is said to believe that the Spanish ~~xi~~ civil war will drag on for months more, and he wants ~~th~~ his settlement with London to become a reality at once. Prime Minister Chamberlain is ~~xix~~ said to want the same thing - but it will be ticklish business to ~~xxx~~ make any changes in that much debated pact, changes having to do with that rancorous subject, the Spanish Civil War.

CHINA.

(A bulletin from China - the Yellow River now threatens to break through for a new outlet to the sea, a new outlet three hundred miles south of its present mouth.) That's a ~~xx~~ tremendous statement, as was made clear to me today ~~xxxx~~ by an improvised map hanging on my office wall. The map was *roughly* sketched by Upton Close, ^{*speaker and*} ~~writer on~~ ^{*Far Eastern*} ~~Chinese~~ affairs, to illustrate the topography of the Chinese flood crisis. It shows how the Yellow River now flows across flat lands, and empties into the ocean to the north of the rocky Shantung peninsula. The new mouth through which it threatens to flow is to the south of that same rugged peninsula - the vast river switching its course by three hundred miles. Today Japanese military engineers admit they've lost their fight to control the Yellow River flood. With the help of tens of thousands of Chinese, the Japanese engineers have been trying to stop it - but they can't.

They report that (the flood waters right now have spread over more than fifteen hundred square miles. Thirty-five hundred villages have been drowned out, a death list of ^{*untold*} ~~tens of~~ thousands. Seven hundred thousand Chinese peasants homeless, ~~two hundred~~)

two hundred thousand refugees being cared for in Japanese military camps.

(The war has been ^{entirely} stopped by the ^{angry} river in North China.)

The only battles being fought are in central China, the valley of the Yangste. The Japanese have turned their military attention to that area, ^{and} are trying to drive by the Yangste route to Hankow, the Chinese provisional capital. But in that territory too the war is threatened, may be drowned out by water. Floods are coming down the Yangste and may wash out the military campaign there, as the Yellow River flood has done in the north. It would be the bitterest irony if peace were to be brought to China by the inundating water of ^{the} rivers ^{that have been} China's great evil for so many a century. Peace, brought like that, ^{possibly} ~~would~~ be a greater horror than war.

Today in Tokyo we hear a hint of - peace. The Japanese Foreign Minister, General Ugaki, told foreign ~~newspaper~~ newspaper men that Tokyo may be willing to negotiate with the Chinese Government. Japan hitherto has refused to consider negotiations, has insisted on driving Chiang Kai-shek and his regime out of

power. But today the Mikado's Foreign Minister said - Japan may reconsider that decision, and be willing to negotiate. Maybe it's the floods that have caused that change.

The Tokyo foreign office today handed a rebuff to Soviet Russia, rejecting a Moscow protest against the air bombings in China. The Soviets protested outright against the way Japanese war planes have been bombing Chinese cities. But today the Tokyo foreign office as good as said it was none of Moscow's business, and claimed that the Chinese cities were fortified, were military objectives. And then, right on top of that, the Mikado's foreign office responded with a counter-protest complaining that Russia had been supplying the Chinese Government with munitions and war planes. Stop helping China fight Japan - was the Tokyo demand.

SPY.

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Well, the latest big spy story turns out to be nothing in particular. This afternoon, J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I., gave out a statement about the puzzling baggage filled with mysterious documents ~~■~~ found at Wheeling, West Virginia. "There is nothing to indicate any spy activities"- that's the verdict of the chief of the G-men.

Anyhow, it certainly was mysterious while it ~~lasted~~ lasted. The baggage, found in a Wheeling Hotel room, contained a letter of credit for two hundred thousand dollars - suspicious. Also, a diary in German - still more suspicious, suggestive of German spies. Furthermore, a photograph of Times Square. That seems to have topped the suspicion of espionage, although Times Square is hardly what you'd call a hidden place, hardly a military secret. It's rather public in fact.

The G-men traced these highly suspicious articles to a certain Dr. Carl Otto, a German industrialist in New York. The Doctor admitted the mysterious baggage was his, and explained that it was stolen from him in Pittsburgh.

PRISON.

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A convict comes out of prison, and somebody meets him at the penitentiary gate to give him a job - that's always an episode of pleasant sentiment.

Today, Roy Gardner was released from the Leavenworth federal prison in Kansas, after seventeen years within those grim gray walls. Now, who is it that would come to give a job to this freed convict? What sort of person? These questions gain added point when we look more closely at this Roy Gardner, released prisoner from Leavenworth.

His name twenty years ago was in the dark headlines of crime. He was one of the most notorious of train robbers, and a prison breaker of repeated fame. In nineteen twenty he committed a sensational eighty-five thousand dollars mail robbery in California. He was caught, sentenced to twenty-five years, and was being taken to the McNeil Island Federal prison. He made a sudden attack on the guards and escaped.

Sometime after that, he held up and robbed a southern Pacific mail train near Roosevelt in California, and got away with a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in securities.

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In May of nineteen twenty-one, he was recaptured, and sentenced to fifty years in prison. He took the sentence lightly. He bragged he'd soon escape, and he did - a week later.

He was recaptured and taken to the McNeil Island Penitentiary to serve his fifty years. In September of nineteen twenty-one there was a desperate jail-break with guards firing a hail of bullets at escaping convicts. One prisoner was riddled. Another fell wounded. But Roy Gardner escaped.

Two months later he boarded a Sante Fe train at Phoenix, Arizona, and held up the mail car. But this time it was calamitous waterloo for the famous outlaw. Staging the hold-up in wild west style, he was seized by a mere mail clerk, who overpowered him, threw him to the floor, and sat on him until the police came.

That humiliating downfall seems to have turned the desperado to a more chastened frame of mind. This time he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twenty-five years in Leavenworth. He never tried to escape again. With good behavior the sentence was cut to seventeen years - released today.

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So let's ask again - who was the man waiting at the prison gate to give this one-time bandit of bandits a job? Louis G. Sonney is the man's name, and he's the proprietor of a film exchange in San Francisco. But that doesn't tell the story. Years ago, Louis G. Sonney was a policeman, and he was one of the cops with whom Roy Gardner clashed, when Gardner was a western terror of banditry and escape. Today, the one-time policeman merely said he thought the former outlaw would fit nicely into his film exchange business.

JARROTT.

Today the New York authorities have succeeded in identifying a man who died three days ago at Bellevue. He was marked down on the list as Jack Garrett, derelict. Nobody knew the derelict, not a ~~fix~~ friend, not even the merest acquaintance to tell anything about him. But today he was identified as John Jarrott - a name that will mean something to theatrical folk whose memories go back thirty years ago.

In the days before the War, John Jarrott was a dancer of headline Broadway success - a creator of dances that made popular sensation in those days. He it was who invented the Grizzly Bear, the Texas Tommy, the Three Step Tango, and similar other startling steps of a bygone epoch. He was a dancing partner of such dazzling ~~marix~~ Broadway stars as Vera Maxwell, ^{Joan} ~~Joan~~ Sawyer and Mae Murray. Then - a flashing celebrity. Now listed in death with the one word description; - derelict.

ACTRESS

There's one advantage in being a nobody - it's cheap. It doesn't cost a fortune just to be a plain obscure person without any frills or hullabaloo. On the other hand, it costs a lot to be a somebody, quite expensive. That was illustrated today in an income tax affair concerning Madge Evans, the screen star. The year concerned is Nineteen Thirty Four, in which Madge spent a lot of money in the costly business of not being a nobody. She made a deduction of this expense in her income tax return. So now the government has made her itemize. And here are some of the items:

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Photographs - Twelve hundred dollars. And that's a lot of pictures to have made of oneself. Wardrobe - three thousand dollars - for, as all the girls know, if you don't dress well you certainly are a nobody. Make-up and hair-dressing, five hundred and eighty-three dollars - that should represent a lot of permanent waves although it would indicate they weren't so permanent. Another item is -- promotion of self. The only promotion for most of us harks back to school days, and that didn't cost any money.

Altogether Madge Evans deducted from her income
ten thousand ~~xxx~~ dollars - that much spent per year in the
job of keeping from being a nobody.

ROOSEVELT.

Along the stern coast of Massachusetts, rugged New Englanders are all aflutter, the reason is - a wedding. President Roosevelt passed through the old town of Salem today, going from his special train to the yacht Potomac, and he received an ovation. It wasn't only the presidential dignity that drew the cheers, it was also the festive mood of a wedding of his son John in the nearby town of Nahant, where there's a tumult preparation for tomorrow's nuptials. The wedding was staged in advance today, in a rehearsal, and there's every promise that there'll be no hitch tomorrow, when John Roosevelt weds Anne Lindsay Clark - no hitch except the fact that they'll get hitched and the last bachelor in the White House family will become a benedict.

8 1/2 Dizzy Dean has been going to the doctors, and today's news might raise a suspicion that the docs themselves are a bit dizzy. (The pitching arm of the great Dean has been out of shape all season, something wrong. And today, after an extensive medical examination of the famous flipper, a formal report is made public. Medical science discloses that the trouble with the Dizzy arm is in a muscle back of the right shoulderblade, the muscle pulled and strained.) The prescription is a couple of weeks of intensive treatment, diathermic, the shooting of heat deeply into the strained muscle. Two weeks of that and the renowned arm will be as good as ever.

59 Well, there doesn't seem to be anything so dizzy about that medical report. But get this:- The doctors previously thought that the arm ailment was caused by an injured toe. He stubbed his toe, and it hurt him in the shoulder. Now there's a

~~But then, the docs are always thinking up scientific~~
to ponder over this week end!
brain twister, like that

59 1/4 And s-l-u-Monday.