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FORD

<sup>recent</sup>  
Few events have had as much publicity as the luncheon given by President Roosevelt to Henry Ford. On paper it should have been a dramatic affair when the White House received a visit from the old industrial titan who has been one of the most earnest critics and opponents of the New Deal, ~~and some of its phases.~~ Ford was accompanied by his son Edsel, also by W. J. Cameron, whose relation to Mr. Ford is that of his master's voice.

There were crowds to witness the Ford entry into the executive mansion. But there were also secretaries, aides, bodyguards, to prevent the approach of either stranger or reporter.

~~So there was no statement forthcoming from the Ford side~~

~~as to the success of the visit nor even the topics discussed,~~

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<sup>White House</sup>  
Secretary Steve Early said: "There will be no announcement either now or later." ~~And as we have observed,~~ <sup>as for</sup> the Ford party ~~itself~~ <sup>it</sup> was encircled almost as by the divinity which Shakespeare tells us "doth hedge a king."

~~So far as I can gather, that~~ <sup>It would have seemed that this</sup> much publicized luncheon took place in order that the head of the Ford Motor Company and the head of the United States might talk about their grandchildren. Such,

at any rate, was the testimony of Mr. Hall Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt's brother, who was among those present. Said he: "There was not even

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much mention of economic subjects." ~~There was no mention of economic subjects.~~

Then he added as a matter of fact; "The President and Mr. Ford talked mainly about family affairs and to me the whole thing seemed much like the wayside inn."



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~~But~~ once ~~he~~ aboard a train to New York, Henry Ford unbent a little. He told newspaper men that after his two hour conference with the President he is convinced the country is, in his own words, "all right and will continue to be all right." And he added: "There's no need for the American people to worry so long as they continue to think." His conversation with ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ <sup>the President</sup> was of a general nature, he said. And ~~he~~ added: "Everything was most pleasant. It was the first time I had seen the President since he was Assistant Secretary of the Navy, nearly twenty years ago."

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LABOR

The National Labor Relations Board was attacked on two fronts today. One rap came from the American Federation of Labor. The lawyer for the A.F. of L. declared that the Board had acted with ~~bias~~ and prejudice in its administration of the Wagner Act.

This was told to a sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee of the House. And while that was going on, a Senator was taking a crack at the N.L.R.B. Or more precisely, at the measure which created it. It was democratic Senator Burke of Nebraska, ~~Democratic~~ <sup>Democratic</sup> but a penetrating critic of the New Deal. The Nebraska gentleman wants the Wager Act amended. He says it has glaring defects. He also ~~said~~ <sup>44</sup> that the way the Labor Board is administering it, is, in his own words, "a potent cause of the depression which has engulfed the country."

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~~country,~~ Senator Burke has sent letters to people all over the ~~country~~ asking them to ~~indicate~~ let their senators and representatives know how they feel about the Wagner Act. And he added: "I gather that the workers are as highly displeased as some of the employers with some of the things that have been happening."



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~~Mr.~~ Burke wants the Act revised first of all in its preamble. He wishes it to be stated that the object of Senator Wagner's measure is to further friendly and mutually fair ~~relations~~ labor relations. Then too the Act forbids unfair practices by employers. *The Senator* ~~Mr. Burke~~ wants it to prevent also unfair practices by employees. ~~He also wants various technical changes in the fabric of the Wagner Act.~~

and Georgia Power Companies, the Tennessee Electric Power Company, and the giant Commonwealth and Southern Companies, have not yet been put into the utility business in a

Fig 437.

T.V.A.

It was admitted today that the Tennessee Valley Authority is about to buy a number of private utilities in that region.

The information came from David Lillienthal, a director of the T.V.A. He paid a visit to the White House today and told President Roosevelt

~~all about it.~~ The T.V.A. is actively pushing negotiations to buy

~~utility companies in <sup>the</sup> this area. They include~~ portions of the

Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia Power Companies, the Tennessee Electric Power Company, and the giant Commonwealth and Southern

Companies. <sup>Which would</sup> ~~That will~~ put Uncle Sam into the utility business in a

big way.



## RAILROADS

For several weeks it has been known that Senator Wheeler of Montana has been working on a plan of his own to help the much distressed railroads of America. This problem of national economy has long been a specialty of the Montana Senator's. Today he let it be known what some of the details of his proposal are. His principal idea is a Railroad Reorganization Court. He offers not as a permanent institution, but as a suggestion to tide the railroads over their present crisis. So with that end in view he will offer a bill in Congress within the next ten days.

## FEMINISTS

One doesn't often hear about "feminists" nowadays.

But the subject cropped up in Washington. Somebody put a question to Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Representative in Congress from Massachusetts. They asked her which four women she considered the most influential feminists in America in the past few years. And here's her list:- first of all, our <sup>scintillating</sup> colleague, ~~Miss~~ Dorothy Thompson; second, ~~Miss~~ Norma Shearer; for a third Mrs. Rogers picked May Sutton Bundy, once and for many years the lady tennis champion of the world. Then comes the heroine of ~~one of the most~~ <sup>a</sup> lamented aviation tragedies, Amelia Earhart.



LaGUARDIA FOLLOW PENNSYLVANIA

Perhaps the most widely interesting bit of political news in many weeks comes from St. Louis. It comes in the form of a statement from New York's ~~fiery and colorful~~ Mayor, ~~Major Fiorello~~ LaGuardia. *The Mayor of Gotham* ~~As most people know, he~~ has been touring the country, visiting some of his old stamping grounds in the southwest, ~~he~~ *coming* ~~came~~ back by way of St. Louis to attend a banquet given in his honor by Mayor Dickmann.

There has been a lot of speculation about ~~Mayor~~ LaGuardia's political future ever since the sweeping victory he won in New York, running as a candidate not only of the Republican but of the newly formed American Labor Party. And there have been rumors that before long he would tie up nationally with the LaFollette's of Wisconsin as leaders *a new faction.* ~~of the Bull Moose~~ Only the other day Phil ~~LaFollette~~ announced himself as candidate for the Progressive presidential nomination. The St. Louis reporters put the question bluntly to Mayor LaGuardia. "Are you going to line up with the LaFollette *?*" ~~Progressives?~~ And LaGuardia replied: "That's a good guess."

Then he added another significant statement. "I believe labor, small business men and farmers will get together before long

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to get a more influential voice in government affairs." Reporters asked: "Will that mean a third party?" And New York's Mayor replied: "Not necessary by any means." And he continued: "The party label doesn't mean a thing. For all we know <sup>the</sup> ~~we~~ reactionaries may have control of the Democratic Party by Nineteen Forty."

He made one positive prediction. "Sheer necessity will force the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization to make peace before Nineteen ~~Forty~~ <sup>Forty.</sup> Not only make peace but join forces."

All this seems ~~to be~~ particularly interesting in view of something I heard a few months ago. Immediately after LaGuardia's victory in New York, I was present when somebody mentioned LaGuardia's name in the presence of Ex-President Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Hoover, who had not been keenly interested up to then, straightened up suddenly and exclaimed: "LaGuardia! <sup>He may be</sup> ~~Probably~~ the next President."

*All of which shows how*  
~~of the United States." Political writers point out one great~~  
*wide political speculation is among*  
~~objection to that. It is highly doubtful that the country would~~  
*the leaders these days.*  
~~stand for two New Yorkers in the White House in succession.~~



PENNSYLVANIA

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The political <sup>^</sup>fight<sup>^</sup> among the Pennsylvania Democrats

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is assuming many of the jovial aspects of a dog fight. Making head or tail of it is rather a difficult job. There are so many leaders and apparently no two of them agree. The principal argument of the day is between Governor George~~r~~ Earle and his Attorney General, Charles J. Margiotti. As you may have heard, Governor Earle was once mentioned a few months ago as a possible inheritor of the mantel of President Roosevelt. ~~And~~ Attorney-- General Margiotti's immediate ambition is not so much to inherit as to grab the mantel of Governor Earle. Mr. Margiotti recently flung out the charges that legislation had been bought and sold by Democratic leaders in the Pennsylvania Legislature. And he named names, mentioned three leaders including the State Chairman whom he accused of having taken some twenty thousand dollars to procure the passing of beer laws.

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Governor Earle thereupon accused <sup>^</sup>Mr<sup>^</sup> Margiotti of what he called an unethical act. Said the Governor: "It is not fair to name only your own political opponents in these ~~in~~ charges. If you have evidence you should make it public immediately."

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~~Mr.~~ Margiotti countered by announcing that he is going to summon a grand jury in Harrisburg to investigate ~~his charges~~. To which the Governor retorts: "You're doing that deliberately so as to bring your political opponents under a cloud while the primary elections are being held."

It must have been a heated session today at the Executive Mansion in Harrisburg. Governor Earle had summoned the commanding officer of the state motor police. The constabulary chief was present, ready to make an immediate arrest in case the Attorney General produced the evidence to make good his charges. But ~~Mr.~~ Margiotti stood pat, declining to make his evidence public and insists that he's going to have a ~~keen, searching~~ sweeping investigation of all political activities in Pennsylvania, including the administration of the state W.P.A. Thereupon Governor Earle called for another card out of the deck and played a trump on the Attorney General's ace. ~~He fired his~~ <sup>Fired the</sup> Attorney General, ~~Margiotti~~ <sup>present</sup> ~~out of hand~~. In his place he appointed Dean Herbert Goodrich of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. ~~And that makes~~ <sup>Making</sup> the dog fight doggier than ever. Oh, yes, I forgot to mention: Governor Earle's goal is the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

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## MINE

These are anxious hours for the families of eight coal miners at Pottsville, Pennsylvania. There was an explosion in the mine. After the first rescue party went below, they brought to the surface the bodies of three dead men. Two more were taken to the hospital in such critical condition that there is small hope for them. Eight others were in the hospital suffering from burns and other injuries. Another eight are still missing, and the black damp that followed the explosion makes the work of the rescuers most difficult.

COOGAN

How big is the Jackie Coogan fortune? Figures ~~xxx~~ as high as four million have been mentioned, money earned by the one-time boy actor. Today a report was filed in the lawsuit now on, and that report sets the Jackie Coogan fortune at six hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars, -- the money that is left ~~xxx~~ today.



Here's another yarn for the newspaper publishers gathered in New York. The city editor of a newspaper at St. Petersburg, Florida, sent out a cub reporter on his first assignment. He was told to cover the waterfront, and not to come back to the office without news. ~~because~~ That cub reporter obeyed orders. He came back with news because he had made it himself. What news? He fell off the dock, into the Gulf of Mexico.

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Those who fail to register what they own, are liable to a fine or imprisonment up to ten years. In the case of Jews living outside Germany, if they don't register, their property will be confiscated.

(It is believed that this will turn property worth something like three billion dollars into the exchequer of the Reich, though it is not so stated — confiscation.)

JEWS

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( The Nazi government issued a new edict today, a regulation for Jews that bids fair to crush them. Hermann Goering, as Economic Dictator, issued a decree empowering Hermann Goering as Administrator of the Four Year Plan to use all assets owned by Jewish people. Thereupon he issued another decree ordering Jews in Germany to register and list everything they own.) That means all their properties worth more than five thousand Marks, which is in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars. They must register not only what they own in Germany but what they possess abroad. Jews living outside Germany must register everything they own in Germany. That ~~presumably~~ includes also Jewish Americans who have any property in the Reich.

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LONDON STOCKS

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There was much excitement today in the neighborhood of Throggorton Street, London. More precisely, on the royal stock exchange. *as I related last night* A lot of people <sup>^</sup>took a morose view of Sir John Simon's new budget. So they started a deluge of selling, principally of government bonds. The chief consequence was that the bearish people got their paws caught in a trap. A rival regiment of what are known as "private interests" swooped down on the market and bought everything that was offered. All of which made it ~~an~~ ~~interesting day and~~ a banner day for brokers. When the smoke of battle had drifted away, English government bonds were up and, likewise the voices of the <sup>bears</sup>vanquished <sup>^</sup>bemoaning their losses.

SPAIN

More reports about refugees fleeing from Spain to France - but this time there's a difference. The refugees are brown bears. The clangor of war has disturbed the fierce bears of the Pyrenees and sent them scurrying across the French border.



JERRY

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Now for a bit of news that will surely cause palpitations in the hearts of all patriotic American women folk. A lady with American blood in her veins sits on a throne. The daughter ~~and~~ ~~granddaughter~~ <sup>a</sup> of New York women <sup>a</sup> is <sup>now</sup> Queen of Albania. That's a land of one million inhabitants, somewhat less than half the population of Philadelphia. Still, a throne is a throne. Forty-two year old <sup>was</sup> King Zog, today married in a civil ceremony to the twenty-one year old Countess Apponyi, who is <sup>a</sup> granddaughter ~~not only of a New York woman~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~and~~ of the Count Apponyi who was court chamberlain to the Emperor Franz Joseph.

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It was, we hear, a real love match. For years King Zog was looking around for a queen. While his sisters were on a visit to Budapest <sup>and</sup> they met the Countess Geraldine. <sup>^</sup> They sent her photograph to their brother, who promptly fell in love with it. And there you are, or rather more accurately, there they are. After you've seen the lady in the newsreels I don't think you'll blame King Zog. It might fairly be said that if the ~~late Flo~~ Ziegfeld were still alive, he would have given her <sup>Majesty</sup> <sup>^</sup> a job any day.

The question may arise, in what language would an Albanian <sup>king</sup> <sup>^</sup> ~~half-American~~ make love to a Hungarian bride? As it happens, that ought to be easy.

JERRY

Both King Zog and Queen Geraldine speak Italian, French and German in addition to their respective native tongues. And we learn with further interest, the bride is studying Albanian. That recalls a remark attributed to the great ~~Emperior~~ Emperor Charles the Fifth who ruled over many lands of many tongues. Said he: "I speak Spanish to my family, Flemish to my bankers, French to my ministers, English to my horses, German to my dogs, and Italian to my sweethearts."

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what from you?

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