

Thurs. Mar. 30th. '39

L.J. - Sunoco.

A..HITLER.

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A sister-in-law and nephew of Adolph Hitler arrived in the United States today, kinsfolk of the Brown Shirt Dictator of Nazi Germany. The Hitler sister-in-law and nephew are here to go on a vaudeville tour.

The story is that years ago, a brother of Adolf Hitler married an Irishwoman, and they had a son. She says her husband later deserted her, and went to Berlin -- where he now runs a restaurant. The son, grown up, says his uncle, as master of Germany, offered him a job on the Hamburg-American line, but he wouldn't take it -- the salary was too small. <sup>William</sup> Young Hitler adds that in Germany he has talked with the Nazi Fuehrer. <sup>And</sup> He left Germany because he got to feel that his uncle and the Nazi leaders were against him.

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So now they're going on the American vaudeville stage, Hitler's sister-in-law and his nephew. They explain it is because they need the money. What kind of vaudeville entertainment will the touring Hitlers provide ? No doubt they'll tell about their famous relative. Today William Hitler, the nephew, spoke as follows:

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"The opinion is divided as to Adolf Hitler's greatness," said he.

"I think he has created a Frankenstein monster which is marching on, and which probably will destroy Germany and Hitler himself."

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7..POLAND.

( There's a London report that the British government has offered to guarantee the territorial integrity of Poland.) They say that His Majesty's government has sent a proposal to Warsaw -- that Britain is ready to sign a contract to defend the present Polish frontiers. If that's true it's a large diplomatic departure -- London committing itself so deeply in continental affairs, London guaranteeing something so debatable as the frontiers of Poland. (This ~~may~~ coincides with reports that Hitler is massing troops near Poland + some kind of putsch being threatened.)

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B..MUSSOLINI

Today brought no real reply from Mussolini, no answer to yesterday's strong talk by Premier Daladier of France. Daladier peremptorily turned down the Italian claims on the French Republic. Mussolini spent today traveling in the farming country of southern Italy and making speeches before agricultural gatherings. He said such things as -- "Italy will forge ahead regardless of obstacles." The interpreters are trying to relate such statements to the Daladier refusal. But they are really no answer at all. The Mussolini reply will be made in a few days in one of those big Mussolini speeches.



## 13..WAR DEBTS

There was a proposal before the Senate to permit war debts to be paid with commodities -- such goods as are not produced in the United States. The idea was proposed by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, but it was turned down. Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader, pointed out that agreements already existed for war debt payments, only nothing is being paid.

The war debt suggestion was made in connection with the military bill to buy strategic military ~~materials~~ materials for national defense. Then the senate went ahead and proceeded to slash the bill -- an economic slash. The figure named is a hundred million dollars. The law-makers voted to cut that to less than half, cut it to forty million.

### 13..COMPTROLLER

A New# comptroller-general has been named. The president today appointed former Senator Fred H. Brown of NewHampshire. He's a liberal Democrat who was defeated for re-election last fall. Now he takes the post of watchdog of the Treasury for a fifteen year term. The administration has had a lot of annoyance from former Comptrollers-general who have tried to pull the purse strings in the interest of economy.



**L..GARNER**

The Garner-for-President boom got into the senate today. The Texas legislature has voted a resolution endorsing Texas Jack for the nineteen forty nomination. And this endorsement was presented on the senate floor by <sup>Tom</sup> senator Connally of Texas. When the document was read, with all its praise for Garner, the vice-President ducked out, so he wouldn't have to blush -- hearing himself eulogized.

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Chicago.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX CONVENTION

Today, out here in Chicago, I have been attending the annual Twentieth Century Fox Convention, in company with President Sydney Kent, Vice-President Truman Talley, Lew Lehr, and Ed Thorgersen, my Movietone colleagues. Delegates from all over the world are here. The one from far off Chile telling us harrowing stories of his 50,000 countrymen who were killed by the recent earthquakes. Another from Czechoslovakia, who is now a man without a country and is busy mastering Spanish so he can take a position with the company in Central America, and so on.

I didn't realize what problems our American film companies have abroad these days until I heard the report of Walter Hutchinson, Director of Foreign Distribution, who gave a graphic picture of this war-torn world. The problem, said he, is not to sell films. Apparently the whole world is clamoring for entertainment more than ever.

In China he told how the people would remain right in the movie houses during air raids, interested only in the pictures; even stay until a bomb would partly demolish the theatre. And then they would come back and see the rest of the show if it was

still possible to run the pictures. As the population would flee up the rivers of China, the American films would follow, and be shown to great crowds.

So selling hasn't been the problem. The problem is to get real money in return, and then get that money to America. He pointed out how the British pound has dropped; also the plunge taken by the Australian pound; the franc going down below three cents; and Central European currencies reaching the vanishing point.

In Spain, Hutchinson told how they had been unable to send in new pictures from America; but, the old ones were rented over and over and over, until as he put it, "thousand foot reels in many cases were worn down until they were only fifty, or even twenty feet in length." Just imagine what a magnificent, super-colossal Hollywood masterpiece must look like when it's worn down to less than one-tenth its original length. That would be something.



~~Y.~~.CLIPPER.

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The YANKEE CLIPPER completed the second leg of its trans-oceanic voyaging today. The big ship landed at Lisbon, after a flight from the Azores. On a shake-down pioneering flight for trans-Atlantic plane service, the YANKEE CLIPPER is pushing on with swift efficiency, first a non-stop flight from Baltimore to the Azores, and today -- on to Lisbon.

Meanwhile, there's clipper news from the other ocean, the Pacific. A new big transport is on its maiden commercial flight from SanFrancisco to the Orient, and landed in Hawaii today. The CALIFORNIA CLIPPER carried more passengers than have ever before been flown across the Pacific -- twenty-five passengers in addition to a crew of eleven.

**C..MUSICA.**

A New York Federal grand jury handed down nine indictments today in the famous Coster-Musica affair. Nine persons must face trial as a result of the fantastic financial scheming of the old-time Philip Musica who climbed to ~~prominent~~ prestige and power as president of the great McKesson and Robbins Drug firm.

Of the nine indicted three are directors of the company, three are brothers of the suicide ~~Coster~~ Coster\*Musica, two are brothers of his widow. Three, three and two, that makes eight. The ninth man indicted is charged with blackmail. One angle of the Coster-Musica business extravaganza was the story that he had paid out large sums of extortion money to silence people who recognized him -- knew the stately president of McKesson and Robbins to be the one-time swindler, Philip Musica. The ninth man of these indicted today is accused of having used his knowledge of the secret to further his financial gains.

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NOTE ~~XRAY SHOWS SCOTTENBERG HAS NO SKULL FRACTURE HE HAS~~  
~~CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN AND POSSIBLY LACERATION OF THE BRAIN.~~



Today all vessels in mid-Pacific were asked to keep a lookout for a Chinese junk. And the United States navy has been asked to assign any naval craft in those waters to go searching for the Oriental vessel. Why so much solicitude, about the Chinese junk? Because it's a craft on a romantic voyage, and aboard it is one of the prime romancers of our time.

Richard Halliburton -- that Halliburton who has been up to all sorts of novelty adventure. Swimming the Hellsepont, as the Sighing Leander did in Greek legend. Swimming the whole length of the Panama Canal, bit by bit, crossing the Alps on an elephant -- a la Hannibal. Spending the night in the Taj Mahal, and swimming in it's lovely lily pool. Flying around the world, to out of the way places in his plane The Flying Carpet, Dick. Halliburton's latest inspiration was a voyage across the Pacific in a Chinese junk. On the China coast he procured a first-class seventy-five foot junk which he named the Sea Dragon. He took a crew of ten Americans and four Chinese. In the old-Oriental way of junk navigation the adventurers set sail across the Pacific, bound for San Francisco's Golden Gate Exposition. By regular arrangement Dick twice a day ~~xxxx~~ sent a wireless of his position. But ~~ixx~~ six days ago the wireless messages topped, nothing has been heard from

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the SEA DRAGON ~~#####~~ ever since.

Wild storms have been raging in the mid-Pacific waters where the junk has been navigating, and the fear is that the buffeting of

the ocean may have disabled the SEA DRAGON or it may be that the

*Slapped down by a typhoon.*  
junk has sunk, foundered in mid-Pacific. ^ That would be a calamitous

end <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ the latest Richard Halliburton novelty adventure. So now

ships are on the look-out, keeping a watch for the junk called the

SEA DRAGON, *under the command of Richard-*  
*the - Romantic.*

**..CORRECTION**

When you touch civic pride you touch a sensitive spot.

Today I've been bombarded with telegrams complaining about our broadcast last night from Kokomo. Springfield, Massachusetts, arises in wrath to challenge the claim of Kokomo to be the birthplace of the automobile. One telegram reads: "America's first gasoline buggy, Springfield, Charles Duryea, April nineteenth, eighteen ninety-two. Two years prior to the eighteen ninety-four date of Kokomo." The wire is signed with ample length -- "Harold D. Leslie, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Springfield, Mass., birthplace of automobile industry."

Well, I shouldn't like to have to arbitrate between Springfield and Kokomo. Each maternal city gave birth to an automobile, so let them contend for the honors.



#### 4..WRESTLING.

The groaning and grunting art of wrestling is supposed to be a good deal of a circus, with more showmanship than genuine contest. Yet the behemoths did some decidedly rugged contesting last night in Boston, because today Gus Sonnenberg is in the hospital with a banged up head. The doctors say he may have some sort of skull fracture. Last night Gargantuan Gus, the former Dartmouth football star, lost his championship. He held one of these titles which are found in the confused wrestling game:-- was rated as the heavy-weight wrestling champion of the world. He came to grips with Steve Casey, surnamed "The Crusher". Steve put the crusher on Big Gus with such energy that Sonnenberg not only lost the bout and the championship, he had to go to the hospital for head repairs. The medical report today declares that he'll be laid up for two or three weeks -- that long before he gets over the fracture of the coco or whatever it is *that professional wrestlers have to fracture.*

*Here's a <sup>-0-</sup>later wire on this:-- the x ray shows Sonnenburg has concussion and possible laceration of the brain.*

## 5--ROBBERY

The police in Ohio are looking for a gang of crooks who kidnaped and robbed a New York jewelry man of twenty-five thousand dollars worth of jewelry. The victim and his chauffeur were driving along in Vinton County, when the robbers stopped them, got in the car with them, and held them prisoners for five hours -- driving all over the Ohio countryside. Finally, in an isolated section, the bandits departed, taking with them all of the jewelry man's jewelry - twenty five thousand dollars worth. And they let the air out of all four tires of the car, leaving their victims stranded with flat tires.

Today the New York jewelry man ralted that when the robbers held him up, he managed to kick a briefcase in the road -- a brief case containing three thousand dollars worth of rings. The latest is -- the jewelry man is looking for the briefcase.

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~~RK-New York N.Y. March 30 1939~~

~~Lowell Thomas,~~

~~Congress Hotel, Chicago.~~

# BURGLAR

Last night in New York Marian Cribbs, a registered nurse, was sound asleep in bed. She awakened suddenly with an impulse to scratch her foot --- it tickled. When she opened her eyes she saw at the foot of the bed a young man tickling her foot to awaken her. He quickly explained: "The reason I am waking you up," said he, "is that I am robbing you."

Marian Cribbs is a bright <sup>lass,</sup> ~~girl~~ and she started to talk her way out of trouble. She told the burglar she was a poor girl, just a nurse, and didn't have much that anybody wanted to steal. The burglar replied that he liked to rob the rich, and not the poor -- something like Robin Hood. And they had a long conversation about that.

Then Marian Cribbs suggested modestly that it was all a bit unconventional, she in her nightgown. She told the burglar she was sure that he wouldn't want to put his own sister in a position so embarrassing. He admitted that she was right, but before he left he



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had one thing to say.

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"You are very pretty," sighed the burglar, "and I think I'd even like to marry you." Whereupon he informed her that he had a thousand dollars saved up out of the proceeds of his burglaries and concluded: "I'm sure we could make a go of it." Marian Cribbs was exceedingly demure. She said it was all so sudden and really it wasn't the time and place for a proposal of marriage. She said that she'd consider it if he would telephone her for a date in the proper way. He said he would -- and he did.

Today he phoned her. She made the date, and kept it -- in the company of a detective. Tonight in jail the sighing burglar

has a lot of leisure to meditate about the wiles of women.

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the wiles of women. *ah!*  
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