

FLIGHT

L.S. - Sunoco. Monday, Jan. 24, 1930.

got underway this morning.
A new trans-Atlantic flight ~~started today, and you may be~~
~~sure Uncle Sam's admirals are watching it with interest.~~ Three
of ~~Premier~~ Mussolini's best bombing planes took off from Rome,
~~this morning.~~ One, ~~of them is~~ piloted by his son Bruno. ~~They're~~
Bound for Rio de Janeiro. *Heavily loaded.* ~~Everyone of those planes took off~~
~~with a heavy load.~~

~~Judging from last reports that attempt so far is~~
~~eminently successful.~~ Young Mussolini and *his flying colleague* ~~the other two bombers~~
were reported at half past two this afternoon crossing the
northwest coast of Africa. Two and a half hours later, they
landed at Dakar in Senegal, the African point *nearest to* ~~closest to the~~
South America. ~~east of South Africa.~~ They ~~came down at five ten P.M.,~~ which
~~is about noon Eastern Standard Time.~~ They *flew it* ~~had come~~ from Rome in
Ten hours and forty-five minutes, ~~making a speed of~~ *at* two hundred
and forty miles an hour. Their next objective, ~~is~~ Natal, ~~on the~~
~~coast of~~ Brazil. From there, *on down* ~~they will go~~ to Rio, ~~de Janeiro.~~

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The official explanation ~~of this expedition~~ is that
they are surveying ^a ~~the~~ course. Mussolini wants to establish
regular communications by air between Italy and South America.

where there are large ~~populace~~ and prosperous Italian colonies.

~~Of course it might be also observed that if these bombers can
make it on a peaceful errand, large squadrons could also do it
with not such peaceful intentions.~~

~~Incidentally,~~ Young Mussolini had a tough job getting
permission to make the flight. It wasn't his father, the Duce,
who objected. It was Senora Mussolini ^{who was} ~~she was quite~~ sufficiently
distressed when ~~young~~ Bruno last year went to Spain and ^{flew for} ~~joined~~
Franco's ~~air force~~. ^{Bruno has adopted the motto of} ~~Reports have it that he has taken a line from~~
the Philosopher, Nietzsche, ^{which is also his father's motto -} ~~as his motto,~~ "Live dangerously."

SPAIN

An extraordinary incident was added to the history of the Spanish Civil War today. It was a battle at sea between the Spanish Rebels and the French. Three of General Franco's fighting airplanes attacked a French torpedo boat right off the coast of France. It happened near Cerbere, which is not far from the northeastern Spanish frontier.

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On the face of it, that attack has all the earmarks of a defiant challenge from the Spanish Nationalists to the French. It followed close after a warning by the French Government, a warning to both sides. So many bombs have been falling on French territory, that the French consul at Salamanca protested. What is more, additional French planes were ordered to the French frontier, likewise anti-aircraft guns.

The three planes that attacked the French torpedo boat came within a few feet of destroying her. But they were driven off by anti-aircraft fire not only from the warships but from batteries ashore.

At about the same time, a French merchant vessel was

attacked while carrying food to Barcelona. She sent out calls for help by radio and a French man-o-war promptly came to the rescue and escorted her into Barcelona harbor.

Several of Franco's warships were also in the offing and started to take part in the fight. But when a squadron of government planes appeared on the scene, they steamed away at full speed under a smoke-screen.

On shore a squadron of insurgent bombers came near annihilating a party of English members of Parliament. ~~It was a~~ ^Q delegation visting the front on the government side. Most of _A them were sympathizers with the government cause. They had a narrow escape and it is said that the Rebel bombers had made a particular effort to get them. As a result, the government asked the correspondents not to publish the itinerary of that delegation of British sympathizers.

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ADD SPAIN

Another report has it that two entire brigades of American volunteers on the government side have been almost wiped out. That ~~report~~^{report} comes from Rebel headquarters. Franco's army also claims to have defeated with heavy casualties a brigade of English volunteers. All ~~this~~^{of which} is denied as Rebel propaganda.

LEAGUE

The poor old League of Nations is going to be kept alive. John Bull and France are going to take measures in concert to keep the Geneva body on its legs. To that end, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had a meeting with French Foreign Minister Delbos and Premier Chautemps, ~~They were~~ discussing restoratives and pullmotors to preserve vitality in the tottering society of nations.

Late word comes that the British and French governments have decided that ~~there~~'ll be no hasty or radical attempts to change the League.

CHINA

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RETAKE

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NORRIS

The movement to boycott Japanese goods had a new recruit today, ~~it is~~ no less ~~a magnifico~~ than Uncle George Norris, veteran ~~United States~~ Senator from Nebraska. He explained his endorsement on the grounds that a boycott by American women shoppers would bring a kick and end the troubles in China. "China", he said, "is a peace loving nation and is being attacked by Japanese without even the pretense of a reason." Then he added, It is a well known fact that Japan is practically bankrupt. She cannot continue this war-fare without a great amount of money which she must get from her exports." Uncle George did not offer any solution for the problems of the American workers and business men who might also be injured by such a boycott.

MILTON

New Jersey has a new United States Senator, the ~~honorable~~
John Milton of Jersey City, ~~As most people may have heard, he is~~
~~one of the principal~~ associates of the much ^{discussed} ~~attacked~~ Mayor Hague,
of Jersey City. It ^{was rumored} ~~has been expected that~~ there would be a
protest ~~against him~~ on the floor of the Senate. ^{But today in} ~~Senator Borah~~
~~Idaho had publicly expressed the opinion that he should be~~
~~challenged. But Senator Borah was there and~~ ^{Washington} Senator Milton took
the oath peacefully and triumphantly.

However, a storm loomed. A torrent of petitions and
objections ^{Capitol Hill,} ~~xxx~~ descended upon ~~the Senate~~. Some ~~of them came~~ from
private individuals, but principally from labor organizations.
As is usual ~~in such cases,~~ they ~~xx~~ were referred to the Senate
Committee on Privileges and Elections. Its Chairman, Senator George
of Georgia, ^{declared} ~~said~~ they'd be examined and ^{then} ~~there'll be~~ an investigation
if there are ~~any~~ grounds for one.

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A witness in Washington gave some diverting testimony before the Ways and Means Committee of the House. It was about taxes. He said to the Representatives, "Imagine a ~~xxxx~~ dog chained to a wall with a chunk of raw meat just two feet out of ~~his~~ reach. The dog's owner not only eggs him on to get the meat but beats him unmercifully because he can't. Hard as the dog tries the chain holds him back". The witness went on to explain ~~that~~: "That dog is just like a man who owns a Personal Holding Corporation. He wants to dissolve it. His master, the United States Government, urges him to dissolve it. But when he ~~ix~~ tries to do so the government punishes him with additional taxes."

a fiduciary counsel

The same witness, a Mr. Clinton Davidson [^] of New York used another interesting comparison. He said: "How would you like to sit in a poker game night after night when the house takes seventy-nine percent of your winnings. On top of that when you quit it takes sixty percent of your entire capital." Then, he continued, "That's what the government does every time a corporation tries to make a dollar".

That from a fiduciary counsel with a gift for metaphor.

SHIPS

There has been a lot of scandal lately about the discipline and behaviour of crews on American ships. Chairman Joe Kennedy of the Federal Maritime Commission crystalizing it when he said the United States can never have a Merchant Marine unless union troubles are ironed out. ~~the~~ solution of the problem ~~is~~ offered today by Rear Admiral Waesche, ~~is~~ Number One man of Uncle Sam's Coast Guard. His suggestion is for the Civilian Conservation ~~is~~ idea to be applied to the sea.

He made the proposal to the Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives. And he recommended, "establish a training school in which any American boy who craves sea life might prepare himself for it." And, ~~he~~ added, "let such a school be operated and officered by the Coast Guard."

STOCKS

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The day of bears on the ^{N.Y.} Stock Exchange is over. That is to say, in ^{the} future they won't be able to sell stocks short on a falling market. Not if the Securities and Exchange Commission has its way. The Commission today published a new set of rules. They'll be effective after February the Eighth.

~~Two years ago, the exchanges of America had put into force some new rules. Those rules had been suggested by the Commission. But now they turn out to have been ineffectual.~~

Obviously this is a most ambitious and important attempt. It means an effort on the part of the Commission to build a dam in the pathway of stock exchange panics, torrents of selling orders that wipe out hundreds of millions of values in a day. The essential part of the new rule is that if you want to sell a stock short, the price must be at least one-eighth of a point higher than the last transaction in that particular stock.

Then arises the question:-"What is a short sale?" Says the Commission:- "It is the sale of a security which the seller does not own." Another rule is that every sale must be marked either long or short. The object of that is to show

whether the man who sells it owns it or merely intends to deliver by borrowing.

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These rules have been in effect already on the New York Stock Exchange and other exchanges throughout the country. However, they don't apply to odd lot transactions, sales that involve less than a hundred shares.

FLOOD

The first flood story of NineteenThirty-Eight came over the wire today. ~~Its~~ From Arkansas; Four highways impassable! Twenty highways blocked in southern and central parts of the state.

Thousands of heads of cattle are in danger of being swept away.

TP It has been raining for the past four days in Arkansas and the Ouachita River is over its banks.

~~Newspaper columnists returning from Florida have brought back many hints that official conditions there might be improved by investigation and prosecution. Hitherto, such statements have been confined to innuendo and generalization.~~ For the last few days a grand jury has been investigating in Miami. Today it handed down indictments against the Mayor and three other officials of the city. It charges them with conspiracy and with "exacting remuneration not provided for by law."

The charges were made by the President of the Florida Power & Light Company. He declared that he had been asked to kick in with a quarter of a million dollars to those officials. In return for ^{this a rate case} ~~which a dispute about rates~~ in which his company was involved, would be settled out of court. It was he who started the rumpus. He took half page advertisements in Miami newspapers under the flaring headline:- "I won't pay a bribe." That three ^w_λ the fat in the fire. ^R A later report from Miami tells us that other scandals have come to light. The Grand Jury, now that it has started, is going to investigate ~~a lot of~~ other things, including gambling houses. ~~That won't make much of a hit with visitors from other parts of the country who look upon gambling as part of the fun in a visit to Florida.~~

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PINCHOT

Rosamond Pinchot, talented and famous daughter of Amos Pinchot, and niece of Gifford, twice Governor of Pennsylvania! Her family rich, fashionable, distinguished. Those are grave handicaps for any young woman starting out on a theatrical career. As a rule, it's not from such origin that successful actors and actresses are made. So Rosamond Pinchot accomplished a rare and difficult thing in the position she achieved on the American stage. She was not only one of the most beautiful but one of the most accomplished of ~~the~~ the younger actresses.

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All of which make the circumstances of her death the more tragic. The first bulletin merely recorded that she had been found in her car, dressed in evening gown and fur coat. The cause, carbon monoxide. On top of this followed a rumor that a garden hose had been attached to the exhaust pipe of her ^{car} with a lap robe around the opening. Later on, the chief of police of Mineola, Long Island, issued the statement that according to all evidence she had taken her own life.

It was page one news ~~ifx~~ fifteen years ago when the daughter of Amos Pinchot, after leaving school, ~~a~~ declined to go into society. Instead she went on the stage - under unusual circumstances. Max Reinhardt saw her on an ocean liner, and engaged her to play the nun in his stupendous production, "The Miracle".

FIGHT

There's a report that there will be another fight between ex-champion Jim Braddock and British Tommy Farr. ~~Personally, I think such a report should be heard with fingers crossed.~~ I notice that Braddock and Farr are recorded as having agreed to a return engagement on April First. That sounds a trifle suspicious, ~~in the first place. And there's another string to it.~~ The actual consummation of ~~the fight~~ depends upon Mrs. Braddock. Unless she consents, ex-champion Jim will not be allowed to meet the fiery Welchman again.

By ~~a strange~~ coincidence, we hear at the same time of the death of Charlie Lynch; he was one of the judges at the ~~last fight~~ ^{recent} between Braddock and Farr. He was the judge who had voted to award the decision to Farr. He was a minority of one.

DEAN

the big gas man of Breadenton,
Dizzy Dean, the voluble pitcher of the Cardinals, came not so

far from being kidnapped. The news comes from no less an authority

than J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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The chief of the G-Men said he learned this from
~~And, said he, he found it out from one of~~ the men who confessed to

kidnapping and murdering Charles S. Ross of Chicago.

Anders said that he

~~Seadlung~~ and his accomplice had quite seriously discussed

the snatching of some star ball player. Joe diMaggio, the sensational

but modest young outfielder of the Yankees, was considered as one

of the victims. *Anders* ~~Seadlung~~ did not say why they dropped the idea of

snatching Joe. But they did seriously contemplate the abduction

of Dizzy. They abandoned the notion because they decided that the

owner and manager of the Cardinals would not pay *much - I mean not* fifty thousand

~~dollars~~ to get Dizzy back. It has been one of the pet gags of

sports writers to comment upon the thrift of the Cardinals' owners.

This story

~~That just~~ shows that even a reputation for being close with your

shekels may be useful.

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