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The French concentrated a force of eighty thousand men to protect King George and Queen Elizabeth in Paris last year. Most of them were soldiers. When <sup>these same sovereigns</sup> ~~they~~ come to New York Saturday, they'll be protected by the most formidable bodyguard ever seen on United States soil. Thirteen thousand out of Father Knickerbocker's eighteen thousand finest will be on duty in Gotham. At their side will be Inspector Canning, Chief of the special branch of Scotland Yard, assigned to the royal persons. Up to now, while they've been in Canada, the inspector was traveling on the pilot train along with the newspaper folk and the small fry of the royal retinue. But today, coming through Ontario, the Scotland Yard Inspector traveled on that blue and silver royal train itself. Said the Inspector:- "We feel confident of the ability of the police in the United States to take care of everything." And he added:- "All precautions have been taken and there is no more probability of incidents in the United States than elsewhere."

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There's a chance that the King and Queen may not be able to set foot in New York City ~~at the battery~~ from the deck of an American man-o-war <sup>- at the Battery. It</sup> ~~That~~ all depends on the weather. If there's a fog or storm in New York harbor, they will go to the Pennsylvania ~~harbor, they will go to the~~

Station, arriving there about a quarter to eleven Saturday morning.

# The <sup>the</sup> police escort in New York will be led by Commissioner Valentine himself, the Chief Inspector, and the First Deputy Commissioner.

When they drive through Central Park, the King and Queen will see a million New York school children lined up to ~~see and~~ cheer them.

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All day today National Guardsmen of New York State were being mobilized on the Canadian border. For the first time twenty miles of that famous unguarded frontier <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ not unguarded. Soldiers with fixed bayonets patrolled the international line. At midnight the highway parallel with the railroad track from Niagara Falls to Buffalo will be closed to traffic. It is reported that there are a million visitors already at Niagara Falls, every road jammed with cars.

Secretary Hull and Mrs. Hull, with other officials from the State Department, are already on the spot, ready to welcome the King and Queen. A reporter asked Mrs. Hull whether she would curtsy to Their Majesties. The Secretary's wife replied that she would be formal, but, in her own words, "simply an American."  
A girl reporter asked about her dress, and Mrs. Hull said tersely:-  
"That is not a bit important."

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Mrs. Roosevelt has made public something that wasn't known until today. King George and Queen Elizabeth told the President and his wife that there were several things that they wanted to know about the United States. And Their Majesties asked whether they might have an opportunity to ask certain questions of people who are qualified to answer them. So one of the functions of their stay at Washington will be a small, exceedingly private, confidential, tea at the White House. To that Mrs. Roosevelt has invited some twenty people who can answer authoritatively the questions that the royal couple want to ask. The White House refuses to say who those people are. However, it is known that they will include several New Deal officials, particularly those engaged in the problems of Social Security, housing, public health, youth, child welfare, unemployment. It's possible that the tea party may <sup>also</sup> include labor union leaders.

~~Incidentally~~ <sup>some</sup> There is criticism of the bill of fare that will be offered to the English King and Queen at the White House luncheon tomorrow. This criticism appeared in an English newspaper, but it was written by an American, <sup>my gastronomic</sup> ~~the celebrated~~

friend, the

— the "Baron."

New York epicure, G. Selmer Fougner, He told the English that

"not one of the dishes for tomorrow's luncheon is typical of the cooking in a country which offers probably more good eating

possibilities than any other on earth." As for the state dinner,

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the Baron

Fougner says:- "I doubt if the home of the President of the

United States ever presented so unattractive and uninteresting a

menu at any state dinner in its history." But remember

the Baron writes for the Republican  
New York Sun.

RUSSELL

*Now about that arrest of*  
~~You may recall that a gentleman named~~ Sean Russell was

~~arrested~~ in Detroit yesterday. ~~Today in consequence of that arrest,~~

Two members of Congress named Sweeney and McGranery, are furious, and other Representatives sympathize with them. Said Representative Sweeney of Ohio:- "This prominent Irish citizen was here on a lecture tour minding his own business." And he added:- "It just goes to show the influence of the British government in the

United States when the Justice Department on the request of Scotland Yard arrests a man like this." *Sean Russell is still*  
~~Russell, as you will remember, is~~

chief-of-staff of the Irish Republican Army. He was arrested, *by our*  
~~as a matter of fact, <sup>not</sup> by the Department of Justice but by~~

immigration officials, just before King George and Queen Elizabeth were due at Windsor, Ontario, *yesterday —*  
~~across the river~~ *from Detroit.*

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~~Strangely enough, it was~~ a Kentucky representative, Andrew May, ~~who~~ defended the action of the government in arresting ~~Mr.~~ Russell. Said May:- "If the president visited England he would be entitled to ~~have~~ every protection." Then he added:- "It is the duty of every American citizen to see that no harm comes to the King and Queen."

But it looks as though the matter were not going to end there. The immigration authorities say they had arrested ~~Mr.~~ *Sean* Russell because his thirty day visitor's permit had expired.

# Representative McGranery of Pennsylvania said he had communicated with the Department of Justice about it and that the officials admitted that the visa on Russell's passport was perfectly good and that he was arrested because of a telegram from Washington.

*the Congressman:-*  
Said ~~McGranery~~ *McGranery* "The usual thing if a visitor overstays his leave is to call him up and ask him to do something about it."

Meanwhile, *Sean* Russell is ~~held~~ *held* at Detroit in five thousand dollars bail, ~~and the immigration officials say that they have to approve the bail in Washington.~~

ADD RUSSELL

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A late dispatch from Washington has Congressman McGranery saying that a lot of Congressmen may boycott the Congressional reception to King George and Queen Elizabeth. ~~He~~ <sup>seventy or</sup> said that ~~an assembly of~~ <sup>^</sup> seventy-five Legislators <sup>^</sup> are that indignant because of the arrest of ~~Shawn~~ <sup>Sean</sup> Russell. <sup>^</sup> <sup>^</sup> Congressman McGranery and two other members of the Lower House called at the White House and made a protest, calling the action of the Immigration officials inexcusable. They say the President promised <sup>that he would</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>^</sup> take up the Russell matter <sup>^</sup> with ~~the~~ the State Department -- ~~take~~ immediate action. <sup>^</sup>

MacLEISH

There was an unexpected row in Congress today, and all over the President's appointment of Archibald MacLeish as Librarian. The row was started by Representative Thomas of New Jersey, who is a member of the Dies Committee. The President described MacLeish as "a gentleman and a scholar." Representative Thomas describes him ~~as a fellow~~ as "a fellow traveler of the Communist Party." Sam Rayburn of Texas, the Majority Leader, asked Thomas:- "What do you mean by a fellow traveler?" And he asked further:- "Do you state on your own authority that this new librarian is a Communist?"

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Re Thomas replied that the Dies Committee has evidence that MacLeish is a "fellow traveler." And he defined that as "a man sympathetic to the Communist cause but unwilling to join the party."

Then said Sam Rayburn, with anger in his voice:- "That's not a responsible statement."

Sam's anger was echoed by the man from New Jersey, who shouted:- "For some time this administration has been placing Communists in key positions."

The Majority Leader cried just as angrily:- "I deny that, and the gentleman's statement is little short of slander."



## REFUGEES

No more hope for the refugees from Germany aboard the ST. LOUIS. At least ~~there was~~ no hope of their finding a haven in Cuba. There was a conference at the presidential palace at Havana <sup>again</sup> today. When it was over, the Minister of the Interior declared:- "The affair is definitely closed."

~~But~~ The liner was already on her way to Hamburg. At noon, Eastern Daylight Time, she was reported three hundred and fifty miles east of Charleston, South Carolina.

As for <sup>the refugees</sup> ~~there are their~~ being allowed into the United States, that too seems to be a lost cause. Inquiries were made at the White House, and the answer was that President Roosevelt can take no direct steps to aid <sup>the unhappy</sup> ~~these~~ nine hundred and seven ~~refugees~~. In fact, the official verdict in Washington is that there is nothing ~~that~~ any president <sup>could do, for</sup> ~~can do~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~actually~~ those unhappy exiles have no passports or visas for the United States and consequently couldn't, under the law, be allowed to land here.

And a tragic dispatch comes from Miami, Florida. In the ocean, not far off shore, was found the body of a woman drowned. And the place where she was found is not far from the position of the ST. LOUIS on Sunday. The authorities believe she

SARABIA

A most gallant and adventurous gentleman was killed when the airplane of Francisco Sarabia fell crashing into the Potomac River <sup>today.</sup> Only a few days ago, I had the opportunity of chatting with this brilliant Mexican aviator, ~~in New York for a few minutes.~~ ~~And I wished it could have been not for a few minutes but for~~ ~~many hours.~~ He had a career in the air fairly packed with adventure. He told me among other things, that he had made no fewer than a hundred and thirty-six forced landings, <sup>many</sup> ~~some~~ of them in the jungle. And he had ~~not only~~ never suffered any injury, <sup>and</sup> he had never wrecked a plane. ~~And that was an illustration of his exceeding skill.~~

<sup>4</sup> A great deal of his flying was exploration work. For years he was one of those unsung adventurers of which there are not a few who make important discoveries and brave all sorts of dangers for the big commercial companies. Sarabia used to be a chicle hunter, looking for the forests that provide the stuff of which chewing gum is made. Latterly, he was president of the biggest Mexican air transportation line.

The plane in which he crashed was known among pilots as a jinx craft. \* It was built five years ago for Jacqueline

Cochrane. She took part in the London-to-Melbourne race in  
Nineteen Thirty-Four but was forced down at Bucharest. Later on,  
it was entered in four major races but never finished <sup>any of them.</sup> ~~once.~~  
And today that jinx airplane hurled into the Potomac ~~River~~, a  
bare minute after <sup>Sarabia</sup> ~~he~~ had taken off from Bolling Field, ~~in~~  
Washington. He was ~~going to make~~ <sup>off for</sup> another non-stop flight to  
Mexico. The sad part of it is that his wife and son, little  
Francisco, saw him take off, saw him perish.

What an ironic end! A hundred and thirty-six forced  
landings without injury in the jungle and he crashed <sup>d to his death</sup> ~~into the~~  
<sup>in the</sup> Potomac ~~River!~~

ESHELMAN

Among the ironies of mortal existence today is the plight of young Eshelman, the airplane mechanic who was rescued at sea. He started to fly to Mars and got no further than a prison cell in Boston. And today he agreed to go back to Camden, New Jersey, and face ~~the~~ charge of grand larceny. For alas, the little plane in which he <sup>set forth on his</sup> ~~started the~~ romantic adventure had another drawback besides being too small. It also wasn't his'n. And since Eshelman lost the crate at sea, the owner is in no forgiving mood. The young adventurer was stood in the line-up at police headquarters today along with other men accused of crimes. <sup>And by the way —</sup> Standing next to him in the line-up was a man who gave the name of Corrigan.

Eshelman is said to have told the Boston reporters that all he intended to do was a lot of flying around Pitcairn Airport, north of Philadelphia. So they asked him:- "What about Mars?" Then he replied with a grin:- "Just as I said, my only destination was Mars." Then he explained: "I flew around Pennsylvania for a while ~~before I could get down~~ but before I could get down the weather closed in and I couldn't see the land."

And he continued:- "At dawn I looked out and all I could see was water." His explanation was:- "I guess I must have miscalculated the instruments. Boy, was I glad to see that fishing fleet!"

And that's the tale of the man who started for Mars and landed in the ~~ocean~~ <sup>Cooler.</sup>

ALCATRAZ

Alcatraz, ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> island prison in the middle of San Francisco Bay, was described today as a place of horror. What makes this statement so startling is that it comes from none other than the Attorney General of the United States. It was under <sup>Frank</sup> Murphy's predecessor, Homer Cummings, that Alcatraz was completed as a place in which to hold the most hardened and violent criminals. And not until recently did Attorney General Murphy get a look at the place. He came away disgusted. He declared today:-

"It is a grave injustice to San Francisco to have that place of horror on the doorstep of the city." And he added:- "The whole institution is conducive to psychology that builds up a sinister and vicious attitude among prisoners."

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He wants another safe penitentiary built for Uncle Sam's prisoners in some remote and isolated part of the country. But of course nothing can be done about it for two or three years. Meanwhile, he has ordered <sup>a</sup> study of the situation to be made by his Department.

## VOLCANO

The town of Perryville in Alaska is today without a single inhabitant. Every soul has fled, terrified by ~~the~~ flames and smoke pouring out of the crater of Mount Veniaminof. The general belief is that the volcano is due for <sup>another still greater</sup> ~~a fierce~~ explosion. The eruptions have been going on ever since May Twenty-Third. ~~The~~ Smoke ~~could be~~ seen sixty miles away; all ~~the~~ deer have fled to the flat lands near the shore. Sometimes the flames from the crater stream up to a height of fifteen hundred feet above ~~the~~ ~~peak of~~ the mountain.

All this was reported by A.D. Johnson, a teacher employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Johnson is a ham radio operator and used his wireless set to communicate the news. Johnson, his wife, and ~~an~~ a native family were the only people remaining at Perryville. But today, in answer to his radio messages, a steamer arrives to rescue them.

FRIENDLY

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The friendly town of Friendly in West Virginia, has for two years had a rare distinction. It was the only community in the United States that was governed entirely by women. By that, I mean, ~~that~~ every officer was feminine. Even the chief-of-<sup>police</sup>~~staff~~ wore skirts. But now it's all over. The ladies are out, and they say it's because of a dirty trick.

The lady who used to be mayor <sup>puts it this way:—</sup> ~~says~~ "We did fine work but the men didn't want us. However, anyway, we showed what women could do; we got this town out of debt."

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This recalls an oft quoted incident in the history of ancient Athens. A public character named Aristides, was so honest that everybody used to speak of him as Aristides-the-Just. One day there was an election in Athens and Aristides-the-Just woke up to learn that his fellow citizens had unanimously voted to have him leave town. They were tired, they said, of hearing him always called the Just.

Maybe that's what happened at Friendly, West Virginia. The men unquestionably did a bit of smart political work. While most of the women were out of town attending the graduation exercises for their children, the men hurriedly called a meeting



and nominated a complete male ticket. The election was held yesterday and the men were victorious, winning every office except one.

They still have a feminine Chief-of-Police in Friendly.

And now for a freidnly goodnight and SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.