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WINDSOR FOLLOW KING AND QUEEN

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While King George[^] ^{today} was plowing through North Atlantic fogs[^], ^{aboard the Empress of Australia,} the attention of the world ^{was} ~~became~~ focused on his ~~elder~~ brother. (The news that the Duke of Windsor would make a short wave broadcast from Verdun spread excitement over two continents.) Perhaps the excitement wouldn't have been so keen if it hadn't been revealed that the Duke's broadcast was highly disapproved in London. First of all, the B.B.C., the semi-official British Broadcasting Company, refused to have anything to do with ^{it. However} ~~that broadcast.~~ The National Broadcasting Company of America welcomed the opportunity, in fact invited the ex-King to broadcast.

Of course nothing is known concerning the opinion of King George himself. In his absence, spokesmen close to the court shook their heads gravely and hoped that the Duke would be persuaded to cancel his engagement to speak over the air. Instead of cancelling, the Duke [—] and his American Duchess ^{they say —} passed the day writing and rewriting his message.

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^{After} ~~Following~~ the announcement from London, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation declared in Ottawa:— "We are following the example of the British Broadcasting Corporation." That made

the ducal speech exclusive to the National Broadcasting Company.

Naturally, the news of all that head-shaking made everybody in America - and probably elsewhere too - all the more eager to hear what the Duke of Windsor had to say. So it's a fair estimate that everybody who could spare eight minutes from his occupation galloped off to the neighborhood of a radio set at five o'clock this afternoon and listened.

As the ex-King spoke, it became clear that he was in excellent voice. His words were well chosen, ~~simple~~ sentences short and lucid. And one couldn't help observing that his voice was not shaken with the natural emotion which made his speech so poignant on his last broadcast two and a half years ago, the broadcast in which he explained to the world his reasons for abdicating, *— the famous woman I love address.* He explained that his impulse to broadcast came upon him as a result of his visit to the battlefield of Verdun, saying:- "I am deeply conscious of the presence of the great company of the dead and I am convinced that could they make their voices heard they would be with me in what I am about to say."

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Then he proceeded:- "For two and a half years I have deliberately kept out of public affairs and I still propose to do so. I speak for no one but myself, without the previous knowledge of any government." As he continued, one couldn't help wondering why all the fuss about his broadcasting today, since he said nothing to which any government could object.

(His Royal Highness ^{said} ~~went on to say~~ "I break my self-imposed silence now only because of the manifest danger that we may all be drawing nearer to a repetition of the grim events which happened a quarter of a century ago. The world has not yet recovered from the effects of the last carnage in which each and every country was ^{decimated} ~~disseminated~~ in my generation."

The gist of the Duke's entire speech was a plea to the rulers of all countries to strive methodically for a better understanding,) on which he said:- "It is not for me to put forward concrete proposals." ^{(Adding:-} ~~Then he also said:-~~ "International understanding does not always rise up spontaneously of itself. There are times when it has to be deliberately sought and initiated. Political tension is apt to weaken that spirit of mutual concession

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in which conflicting claims can best be adjusted."

~~And he went on:~~ "Among the measures I feel might
well be adopted to this ^{end," said he} is the discouragement of all that harmful
propaganda which, from whatever source it comes, tends to poison
the minds of the people of the world. I personally deplore,
for example, the use of such terms as 'encirclement' and
'aggression.' They can only arouse just those dangerous passions
it should be the aim of us all to subdue."

~~And he said:~~ "Statesmen who set themselves to restore
international security and confidence ^{continued the Duke} must act as good citizens
of the world, not only as good Frenchmen, Italians, Germans,
Americans and Britons. Benefit to their own nations must be
sought through benefit of a wider community of which we are all
members."

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The Duke ^{of Windsor's} speech was rebroadcast back to Europe from
this country. And thus it could be heard
in the countries from which it
was excluded.

CONSCRIPTION

The British Institute of Public Opinion has been taking a poll on the question of conscription. The results were published today. They show that fifty-eight per cent of the people who were polled had approved Chamberlain's decision; thirty-eight were in favor of voluntary enlistment, four per cent had no opinion.

DANZIG

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The latest on the Danzig question is, the Chamberlain government offers to mediate between Hitler and Poland. This was announced in the House of Commons in answer to a question. The Foreign Under-Secretary said:- "The status of Danzig is regulated by treaty and the question of any change in that status is a matter for negotiation between the parties most directly interested." And he ~~he~~ added:- "His Majesty's government is at all times ready to lend its good offices at the request of either of the interested parties."

Another announcement came from Chamberlain himself, who told the House:- "The Polish government is aware that His Majesty's government will welcome an amicable settlement of the Danzig question."

ALLIANCE

(The only astonishing thing about ~~that~~^{the} alliance between Hitler and Mussolini is the fuss that's being made over it. Everybody has been taking it for granted all these years that the Rome-Berlin Axis meant in effect an offensive and defensive military ~~alliance~~^{pact.} So the news now sounds rather like announcing a marriage after the second baby has been born.

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The reason for it is equally obvious. It's intended to squelch the reports that the Italians at large are not so keen about being allies of the Germans, though they follow their Duce. In fact this is implied in the editorial by ~~Editor~~ Virginio Gayda, who plays "Charlie McCarthy" to Mussolini's "Edgar Bergen." "The new military axis," says Charlie McCarthy Gayda, "constitutes a direct answer of Italy and Germany to the Franco-British policy of encirclement." And he added that Foreign Minister Count Ciano will go to Berlin in June to sign this so-called new treaty."

JAPAN FOLLOW ALLIANCE

(As for Japan, the third member of that Axis, they ~~are~~^{are} still keeping up the old pretense about the anti-Communist pact.)
Of course it has been long since suspected and publicly stated that it's a military alliance with Hitler.

Today the Japanese War Minister, General Itagaki, said:-
"If Germany and Italy desire, it is not impossible that Japan will conclude a military agreement with the Axis powers."

POLAND

Later in the day there was a fresh move in the European chess game. For a year and a half there has been an official coolness between Poland and Stalin. There has been no Soviet Ambassador in Warsaw, and for all that time the Embassy was run by a Charge d'Affaires, who hasn't had a single interview with Polish Foreign Minister Beck.

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Tonight it's announced that a new Soviet Ambassador to Warsaw has been appointed. Also, Potemkin, Stalin's Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs, is on his way to Warsaw to talk to Beck.

CANAL

There was an unusual visitor in the Chamber of the United States Senate today. President Somoza of Nicaragua gave the Senators a little talk. The purpose of it was to urge us to build a canal across his country.

In order to hear Nicaragua's President, the Senate had to declare a technical recess, as the rules are against any such discourse while the Senate is in session. The gist of ^{the Somoza} ~~his~~ plea was that a Nicaraguan Canal is indispensable to any complete plan for the security and defense of this continent. And he added that his country is not only willing but anxious to enter into a treaty with us to permit Uncle Sam to build that canal.

METHODISTS

The Methodist Conference at Kansas City has been considering the question of conscientious objectors in wartime. The committee on membership, after a long discussion, recommends that conscientious objectors should be exempted. By a vote of eighty-four to six, they reported, "We ask and claim exemption from ~~for~~ all forms of military preparations or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of the Methodist Church."

That resolution still has to pass the conference as a whole, but the ^{way it passed} ~~large majority of~~ the committee indicates it will be adopted. ^{probably}

Question :- if war should come, how will they keep ^{various} ~~other~~ conscientious objectors from joining the Methodist Church.

LUDLOW

When the present Congress convened, most of the legislators were hoped to go home ^{on} June Fifteenth. But it has been apparent for some time that this would be impossible. Now there's a movement on foot to make the session last all year. Representative Louis Ludlow of Indiana is going to introduce a resolution to keep both the Senate and the House ^{right} on the job until January Second, ~~and that's~~ when the next session will begin. ^{Meaning} ~~That means~~ a permanent Congress, ^{including most Congressmen.} an idea that some people ~~agree~~ will greet with groans. Ludlow explained that it was because of the state of affairs throughout the world that he wanted Congress to stay on the job, and he said:-

"There have been so many intemperate, ill-advised, truculent and war-promoting speeches by cabinet ministers, near-cabinet ministers and others that the country has become genuinely alarmed and is looking to Congress to do its part in maintaining the international equilibrium and in keeping America out of threatened foreign entanglements."

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RELIEF

The investigation of W.P.A. took a new turn before a committee of the House of Representatives today. On the stand, as a witness, ~~came~~ ^{appeared} ~~the fiery~~, Mayor LaGuardia of New York. He ~~appeared~~ ^{spoke} not as New York's mayor but as chairman of the United States Conference of Mayors. ~~and~~ He told the Congressmen that to discontinue W.P.A. would be nothing short of tragic. And he said: "Providing work for the unemployed is the American way of treating this problem." Later on he caustically remarked that the Representatives and Senators of states which contribute the least toward relief are the ones who are shouting the loudest.

Another speaker was Mayor Kelly of Chicago, who said:

"W.P.A. is not perfect, but it is far superior to a work program under local administration. Chicago," he added, "is at the Wailing Wall."

COAL

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(The latest in the coal strike is a letter made public this afternoon by John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers.) It's a letter ^{he} ~~he~~ wrote to Dr. Steelman, Chief Conciliator of the Department of Labor. (Lewis throws the blame of the coal deadlock flatly upon the government.) He said the miners weeks ago made an offer to stay on the job and keep the mines going while the negotiations were ^{on.} ~~going on~~. And, Lewis continues:- "The Roosevelt administration failed to approve or sustain that offer, therefore it is responsible for the situation in which the need of coal becomes really frightening."

^{the Lewis} Here's ~~his~~ explanation:- ^{The mine} ~~his mine~~ workers proposed to extend the old agreement for two years, the agreement which expired when the strike began. But, two sentences were to be added to it. They were to read, "It is agreed that the United Mine Workers is recognized herein as the exclusive bargaining agency for the workers,"; and also, "It is agreed that all employees shall be members of the United Mine Workers of America except in those exempted classifications as provided in this contract."

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Then Lewis ~~is~~ continued:- "By including those two sentences,

no changes in the rules or practices of the coal industries would be made. The Mine Workers contemplate no intrusion upon the rights of management."

So much for the arguments on that side of the fence. Meanwhile, no coal is being mined, ^{and} the shortage grows ^{worse} ~~of course~~ every hour.

There was a discussion at the White House about it between President Roosevelt and the leaders of Congress. Nothing ~~else~~ was made public as to ~~any~~ results or decisions, ~~made.~~

~~Soon after Lewis's letter was made public, there arrived upon the scene in New York the Secretary of Labor herself. The arrival of Miss Perkins was quite unexpected. She immediately joined the conference.~~

BOOMS

(A couple of presidential booms got under way today, both on the Republican side of the fence. One of them in Concord, New Hampshire, ~~its~~^a favorite son ~~being~~ of course; United States Senator ~~H. Stiles~~^a Bridges.) The Senator himself was in Washington while this was going on and was notified by telegraph. Said the Secretary of the New Hampshire "Bridges-for *President Club: "I think this will be pretty much of a surprise to the Senator." And he said ~~there~~ that Bridges-~~for President~~ clubs will be formed throughout the nation.

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(The other boom started is one that has been repeatedly talked of several months, a movement to nominate District Attorney Tom Dewey ~~of~~ New York.) It started in Trenton, New Jersey. ~~of all places.~~ And evidently the man back of it is Harold Hoffman ex-Governor of New Jersey. ~~Four of Hoffman's closest political~~ ~~pals have ~~invited~~^{informed} the Secretary of State that they shall be put on the ballot as delegates at large for the Republican Convention next year favoring Dewey.~~

MURDER SYNDICATE

That murder syndicate story ~~from Philadelphia~~
becomes ^{more and more} ~~almost too~~ fantastic, for words. ~~Week after week the~~
~~investigation by the District Attorney and the Philadelphia police~~
~~brings to light a more staggering and just incredible series of~~
~~facts. We now know that this murder syndicate covered five~~
~~states. There are twenty one men and women under arrest, and the~~
~~District Attorney says seventeen of them have confessed their part,~~
~~in the game.~~

~~And the list of victims who were murdered by that~~
~~syndicate grows apace. The total is now estimated to be at least~~
~~a hundred, that is a hundred in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York,~~
~~Connecticut and Delaware. ^{And} There's no a possibility that the~~

murder merchants were ^{even} doing a mail order ^{Poison} business [—] in the west.

The Philadelphia ^{police} ~~cops~~ say they have one woman who confessed to
having poisoned her husband ^{to get only} for one thousand dollars ^{of insurance.} ~~That's just~~

~~one instance, and there are a host of others.~~

One part of the racket was a matrimonial agency that ^l

~~these~~ murder magnates organized. The purpose ^{was} to line up men

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racket are undertakers, a faith healer, ^{and a so-called} ~~a psychiatrist, that is,~~

~~that is, he called himself a~~ psychiatrist. ~~So far it seems to be~~

^{TF} ~~quite~~ ^{one of} the weirdest ^{affairs in} ~~thing in all~~ the history of crime. [!]

FOREST FIRES

Flames were ^{still} sweeping today across ^{that} a district fifty

miles square in the northwestern part of the lower peninsula of

Michigan. The sensational feature of the conflagration is that ^{the}

^{fires are strongly} ~~it~~ believed to have been started by firebugs in six different

places. ^{The flames have} ~~It has~~ already destroyed rich timber ^{over} in a hundred thousand

acres. [#] The fire-fighters had a particularly tough job yesterday

when high winds ^{fanned} ~~swept~~ the flames along. Today it ^{wasn't} ~~isn't~~ so windy.

Late this afternoon the Michigan fire wardens reported

that the flames were under control, ^{and that's good} ~~but not before they had inflicted~~
~~heavy damage.~~ news of o - l - u - t - in.

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