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Strange to relate, (it looks as though peace between the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. were definitely possible. The conference of delegates had ⁵ been going on all day at Washington.) If we judge by the proceedings of the recent A.F. of L. Convention at Denver and the fireworks from the C.I.O. session at Atlantic City, we should suppose that today's conference must have been a somewhat awkward, chilly affair. On the contrary, we hear that the proceedings were cordial and jovial. As one of the reporters remarked, not a black eye, ~~was~~ ~~in sight,~~ ~~or~~ not even a scratch. In fact it became conspicuous that the representatives of these so recently and bitterly hostile bodies were chatty and smiling, and slapping each other on the back.

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However, that conference still has a long and difficult path to travel, ~~we hear~~. Men who know the Union labor world say that the rank and file of both parties want to make peace. The general mass of the members of the A. F. of L. and the general mass of the members of the C.I.O., are only too willing ^{to} ~~to~~ ~~bury the hatchet.~~ But, they say, it ^{is} ~~is~~ the ^{top} ~~top~~ leaders on both sides

who not only differ in their opinions but personally hate each other.

While this peaceful meeting was going on, another conference began at Washington. It was the annual gathering called by Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor. Delegates from forty-five states to consult about state labor laws. They heard a reading of a letter from President Roosevelt. In it he intimated that he was confident that Congress in its extra session would pass the long expected Wages and Hour Bill.

HOOVER

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A remark uttered in Greenwich, Connecticut, would indicate that there's still a grave difference of opinion between Ex-Governor Landon of Kansas and Ex-President Herbert Hoover, ~~of the United States~~. You will remember that in his broadcast last Tuesday Mr. Landon, called upon the Republican Party to stir its stumps and get busy as an effective opposition to the New Deal. But, he made no mention of Mr. Hoover's appeal for an off-year convention next year.

So Mr. Hoover is coming to the bat tomorrow night in a speech at Boston. He's going to speak to the Massachusetts Young Republicans. A reporter in Greenwich asked him: ^{"In} your address tomorrow night ~~going to be a~~ ^{will you} reply to Mr. Landon: ~~of~~ ~~last Tuesday?~~ To which Mr. Hoover answered: "Listen and you'll find out." Then he went on to declare himself, saying: "The crisis at the present time is too great to sit by without affirmative action by the American people." And he added: "The national crusade to save the American people from the New Deal must be fought on national rather than local issues."

~~Mr. Hoover also~~ ^{Mr. Hoover also} went on to give ^t out the information

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that he has spoken to the G.O.P. leaders in thirty-four states and to seventy per cent of the Republican National Committee about his proposal for a convention next year. And this no doubt will be a point in his speech to the young Republicans in Boston tomorrow.

Over the weekend he addressed an intimate gathering of ~~the~~ the young Republicans of Connecticut at the Greenwich home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pryor. After which our mutual friend, Sam Pryor brought the Ex-President to my house ^{for the night.} And there as we chatted ^{Mr. Hoover} ~~he~~ told me he had ^{recently} addressed young Republican gatherings in thirty-five states. He told me that the salvation of the Republican Party, and the country rested with ~~the~~ the young people. And he emphasized that!

SUPREME COURT

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That venerable institution known as the Scottsboro case has been up before the United States Supreme Court again. The Court's verdict was thumbs down on any review of the sentence imposed upon the negro, Haywood Patterson. In other words, the Supreme Court refuses to interfere with the decision of the lower court and as the cards lie now, Patterson must serve his sentence: ~~which was~~ imprisonment for seventy-five years. However, after the Supreme Court spoke today, his counsel announced that he was going to continue working on the case.

An interesting feature of today's pronouncement by the high tribunal was that Mr. Justice Black took no part in it. When this was made known, it rather puzzled the Washington gossips. Of course it's customary for members of the court to disqualify themselves whenever they feel anybody might think that they have a personal prejudice. They decl^{ine}~~ine~~ to referee any fight that might leave them open to personal criticism. But Mr. Black had no personal connection whatsoever with the Scottsboro case.

~~But~~ ^{And there's that Ku Klux}
~~of course~~ he's from Alabama, ~~but that hardly seems like adequate~~
~~reason for pronouncing himself disqualified.~~
Klan ^{background}

The Supreme Court today declined without comment to arbitrate a dispute between music publishers. The question was whether a song entitled, "Starlight, Help Me Find the One I Love" was plagiarized from a ditty entitled "Confesssing." It would have been interesting, to say the least, to have the nine foremost judges in the western hemisphere settling a dispute that originated in Tin Pan Alley -- Starlight Love and Confesssing.

COUGHLIN

(It looks as though Father Charles E. Coughlin were withdrawing not only from the radio but from the field of the printed word, ~~also~~. His paper, "Social Justice," has been sold. The new owner is an organization headed by a business man of Toledo, Ohio. And that, ^{perhaps} ~~it seems, definitely~~ removes the ~~once~~ famous radio priest as a publicist.)

ED THORGERSEN

L.T.:-- We've read all about the big football upset last Saturday. Here's Ed Thorgersen with the reasons why -- Your face looks a little red tonight Thorgy -- how come?

E.T.:-- Well, it isn't sunburn Lowell -- that I know. I've been looking over the staggering results, and I'm ready to blame a part of it on the weather -- for example: The Wind and rain in the Yale Bowl where Clint Frank and the other Eli Bulldogs beat Cornell nine to nothing. A howling blizzard at South Bend where Notre Dame beat the Navy nine to seven. While the Cornell-Yale affair couldn't be called an upset, I sorta looked for that Big Red Cornell passing attack to click and maybe stop the Elis -- but the turf was so soggy and the ball so water-soaked that nobody could do nothin' much -- and of two fighting teams Yale simply proved to be the faster -- more alert.

Perhaps the biggest upset of the day in the East at least, happened right in New York where Brown nosed out Columbia seven to six -- thereby winning it's first major victory in four years. Columbia was beaten by the Army two weeks ago through failure to make good the points after touchdowns. In

three tries Columbia made not a one, whereas Army made all three. Saturday Columbia was again nosed out by failure to kick that all-important point after a third period touchdown -- while Brown made it good in the final quarter. Begins to look like maybe Columbia should get down to concentrating on that most fundamental phase of football -- namely the effective and dependable use of somebody's foot.

As for the Notre Dame -- Navy outcome -- we called that one right -- so we'll just mark that snow-storm down as a boon to the fighting Irish and a lucky break for me.

And now let's line up the sectional leaders -- and leading challengers for the mythical national crown. In the East there's Yale and Dartmouth -- with perfect records -- of the two Yale has perhaps the edge because of having overcome tougher opposition. So Yale gets the bid -- until next Saturday, at least when the two meet and the issue will be definitely decided. Should Yale be defeated -- then Pittsburgh would re-enter consideration.

In the Midwest the situation is a bit more involved -- Now that Northwestern's bid for the Big Ten Crown has suffered a setback by Ohio State, while Ohio State in turn has been defeated by Southern California -- thirteen to twelve -- incidentally, another instance where that vital point after touchdown decided the issue -- it looks like a tussle between Ohio state and Minnesota -- both having one defeat -- However if both survive for three weeks, the deadlock here should be broken when they face each other.

In the Southern Conference -- everything considered, the Duke Blue Devils are forging ahead as predicted by your roving quarterback along about last Spring -- while in the Southeastern sector it begins to look like Vanderbilt on the strength of performance -- with Alabama very close behind.

In the Big Six -- the Nebraska Cornhuskers appear to be the big shots while in the Southwest -- Baylor remains tonight, well out in front as the only undefeated and untied members of the Conference. In the Golden West -- California's Golden Bear stands alone with its nose pointing toward the Rose Bowl which makes it about time for me Lowell to point my schnozzle toward the door.

MONTAGUE

There was a touch of Eighteen Ninety melodrama in the ~~gr~~ court room at Elizabethtown, New York, today. It was a scene reminding you of the good old heart throb plays of the "East Lynn", "Way Down East", and "Shore Acres" school. A gray-haired old lady, dressed in black, with white lace at her throat, walked slowly to the witness stand. Her name was Mrs. Mary Moore. She is the Mother of Laverne Moore, better known as John Montague. And she testified that on the night when her son was supposed to have helped rob a roadhouse, he was at her home in Syracuse.

Montague's sister also went on the witness-stand to corroborate the alibi. The prosecuting attorney attempted no cross-examination of Mrs. Moore.

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Later on, a sardonic note made its appearance at the trial. Before Laverne Moore became John Montague, ~~the~~ famous golfer and pal of film stars, he was a bootlegger in New York State. That was brought out not by the prosecution, but through witnesses called by the defense. The object of this information became obvious. Moore and others were running liquor and proposed to use Hana's roadhouse as what is known as a drop, a center for their activities.

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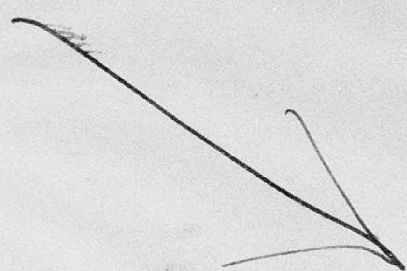
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ADD WINDSOR

Be that as it may, His Royal Highness and the Duchess
will definitely be on these shores not later than November Twelfth.
The momentous advice^{ed} reach^{ed} us from Paris today. ~~With them that~~
~~They~~ have reserved suites on both the NORMANDIE and the BREMEN
BREMEN. The NORMANDIE sails November Third, and the BREMEN sails
November Sixth.

SPAIN

There's trouble of a new kind in the Mediterranean. A mysterious gray seaplane marked with a black cross swooped down upon an airmail base on the island of Minorca, swooped down and raked it with machine gun bullets. ^{And} ~~now~~ that point ^{happens to be the} ~~is the~~ airplane base of a French commercial airline. The attackers set fire to a dispatch boat owned by the line and the French government announces tonight that they are taking urgent action.

^{French} ~~has~~ ^{have} a warship ~~has~~ been sent to Minorca. And the French government will take whatever steps might be necessary to insure protection of the airline from Marseilles to Algiers.

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Another ^{al} sensation report from those parts is that a British destroyer sank a German submarine off Cape Antoine ^{is} early in October. That's ~~not~~ an official report. The British Admiralty denies it. But it ^{is a} ~~is a~~ fact that German submarine was ^{known} ~~known~~ about that date. The German government notified the families of the crew that it had ^{gone down} ~~been sunk~~ during maneuvers. But, it was believed that the so-called maneuvers were a mission to the Mediterranean.

And, from London comes a rumor that Russia is withdrawing from the Committee for Non-Intervention in Spain. The ~~rumor~~ rumor

was published by a London evening paper. But, it is denied by
the Soviet Embassy in London, also by the ^{British} Foreign Office.

BELGIUM

The row in Brussels has ended in the fall of the cabinet. Prime Minister Van Zeeland and his colleagues ^{have} resigned. And the Premier says in a broadcast to his country tonight: "I ~~am~~ resigning to defend my own reputation as well as that of the National Bank, a great institution to which I belonged for fifteen years!"

"The solution to this crisis", said the Belgian Premier, "Should be a coalition government. It is necessary for national unity in the Belgian ^{Kingdom} ~~Kingdom~~. And he added that the charges of the opposition that the National Bank had been mismanaged would be ~~ex~~ disproved beyond cavil.

This political crisis caused the Belgian government to ask the nine powers to postpone their Brussels conference until November 3rd. But the British don't want to wait that long. They insisted ~~it~~ it ought to be easy to straighten out Belgian political troubles and ^{go ahead with the} ~~open their~~ conference. ~~on October 29.~~

CHINA

The Japanese high command today admitted that it had run into a snag in north China. That snag was the doughty and totally unexpected resistance of the Chinese. It has the invaders stopped on three main sectors. This was announced today by Lieutenant General Count Terauchi, the Mikado's Generalissimo in north China. Said he:- "Chinese troops in Shansi Province, after sustaining several days of continuous attacks by our soldiers, suddenly counter-attacked this morning."

And he continued: "Their artillery used poison gas shells but our soldiers were equipped with gas masks and repulsed the attacks."

At Nanking, a hundred and eighty-five non-combatants were killed or wounded by bombs from Japanese airplanes.

LOWELL: But here's Ed Thorgersen waving a dispatch under my nose.

What's up, Ed?

THOR. A late United Press Sports bulletin, Lowell, which clears up the managerial mystery about the Boston Bees -- the post will go to Casey Stengel -- formerly of the Brooklyn Dodger.

Now Lowell -

LOWELL: Yes Ed, - Let's both say -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.