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W.P.A.

( Tonight we have an authoritative survey of the W.P.A. strike situation. This reveals that seventy-seven thousand, six hundred and twenty-seven W.P.A. workers are joined in the walkout.) At the top of the list is Wisconsin, where nearly eighteen thousand are out. Ohio has more than fifteen thousand out. New York City, more than twelve thousand. These figures are given out by W.P.A. Commissioner Harrington, and they show that the relief strike has not spread to any great extent in the past few days. A partial survey last Saturday indicated about seventy-five thousand. Today's complete and official check-up shows - seventy-seven thousand, six hundred and twenty-seven.

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Commissioner Harrington referred to reports that at various places discontented relief workers are making their protest by what are called "slow downs", work<sup>ing</sup> slowly, impede<sup>ing</sup> operations. Harrington spoke indignantly about any such strategy and declared the W.P.A. organization would not stand for it.

( The W.P.A. discontent is all because of what they call - prevailing wages. They used to get the same rate of pay that any other kind of labor got in various localities, but recently the

relief wages have been cut. Against this W.P.A. workers are striking.)

A late dispatch -- President Roosevelt announces that he will support the W.P.A. in its fight against the strikers.

BRIDGES

The court case of Harry Bridges was suddenly interrupted today - in most unexpected fashion. On Angel Island at

San Francisco, legal proceedings were going on - the attempt to

deport the West Coast C.I.O. leader. *As has been told and re-told he's* ~~He's~~ an alien, a native

of Australia - ~~and he's~~ charged with being a Communist. An

intelligence officer of the Oregon National Guard was testifying

against Bridges, and was being cross-questioned. The defense *claims* ~~is~~

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*that* remarks which Bridges made to the intelligence officer ha<sup>d</sup>

really a meaning quite different from that ascribed to them -

not Communist remarks at all. *The latest is, the defense claiming that witnesses were intimidated.*

~~This was the line of cross-examination today, when~~

*Today* abruptly all communication between the island and the mainland was

interrupted. Telephone and telegraph suddenly *cut.* ~~disrupted~~. There

was quite a bit of mystery about it, then it was found - the

Japanese did it. Nothing sinister, however. ~~The~~ A Japanese

steamship dragged its anchor. And the anchor, *pulling* ~~was~~ along the bottom,

ripped out the wire communication between the mainland and Angel

Island.

McNUTT

President Roosevelt did today what he was expected to do - he appointed Paul V. McNutt to the post of Administrator of the Federal Security Agency. McNutt is retiring as High Commissioner to the Philippines, and his hat is in the ring for the Nineteen Forty nomination. So all sorts of speculation is rife as he gets the job of heading one of the new great agencies which the President has created under the Reorganization law. His appointment was rumored for days, and today was made.

Does it mean that F. D. R. is backing McNutt for the nomination?

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## NEUTRALITY

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate numbers twenty-three. It's a committee powerful and significant in the foreign policy of the United States, and its twenty-three members are Senators of the top rank. Two of them are particularly interesting -- Gillette of Iowa and George of Georgia. Conservative Democrats both, — ~~and they were~~ on the black list of the New Deal purge last year. But they beat the presidential purge. Neither Gillette of Iowa nor George of Georgia have much reason to love the Roosevelt administration.

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Today the Senate Foreign Relations Committee took action on the Neutrality Bill, a measure of the utmost consequence to President Roosevelt. The Neutrality Bill now in force contains that much-debated arms embargo, a provision forbidding the sale of <sup>American</sup> armaments to any nation at war. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull are vociferously against it -- they say the arms embargo handicaps the Administration's policy of helping the Democracies and promoting peace. The Lower House of Congress voted against

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the Administration on this point, voted in favor of the arms embargo. The President and Secretary of State Hull denounced this, and the President said he wanted the Senate to reverse the action of the House. That put the first step up to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Committee could either vote for or against the embargo -- or could delay, put the matter off until the next session of Congress. Such a delay would leave the present Neutrality law in force -- with the arms embargo that's in it. This was the question before the Committee today -- to delay or not to delay.

The Committee was ~~might~~<sup>so</sup> evenly divided ~~so~~ that the issue was in the hands of those two Senators who had beaten the New Deal purge, Gillette of Iowa and George of Georgia. How ~~would~~<sup>would</sup> they vote -- for or against the Administration on the arms embargo issue? Nobody knew -- they were keeping their own counsel. So little was known about their decision that the Administration opponants on the committee had no great confidence ~~that they would win out.~~<sup>A winning out.</sup> They were all prepared

to take the fight to the Floor of the Senate, should the committee vote in favor of the President's foreign policy.

Such was the suspense when the committee voted today.

What did Gillette and George do? The two ~~intended~~ intended <sup>both</sup> ~~gi~~ victims of the New Deal purge voted against the Administration.

And that produced a majority of one -- (twelve to eleven.

By that narrow margin <sup>the</sup> committee voted to put the Neutrality

issue on the shelf, let it ride until the next session of

Congress, meaning that the present Neutrality bill with its

arms embargo remains in force until Congress meets again.)

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The issue might be open soon <sup>ed</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>if</sup> the President <sup>were</sup> to call a

special session. But that is most unlikely -- unless there

should be war in Europe. So said the ~~Administration~~ Administration

Senators today. TP The action of the committee was received

with cheers by the isolationist forces in the Senate --- those

lawmakers who want to keep the United States entirely apart

from European complications. It's bad medicine for President

Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull. The Secretary

immediately made the statement that in the interests of this nation the Administration will go on working to get the Arms Embargo tossed out. The Committee action is likewise bad news in London and Paris, where British and French officials quickly said it was a blow to their hopes of getting United States support against the ~~Axis~~ Dictatorships. It was good news in Berlin and Rome, where the comment was that the drive against Germany and Italy was weakened.



EUROPE

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Great Britain tried something new in statecraft today - air raids over France. Shadow raids, they are called - because of course no bombs were dropped in the mythical bombing attacks. Great squadrons of British planes made a long distance flight over French cities, across France, all the way to the Spanish border. Formations of bombers roared over French cities all the way along, showing that they could bomb those cities if they would.

It was meant to encourage the French and discourage the Germans - for the distances the bombers flew over French cities would easily carry them over the big towns in Germany. A warning to Hitler that if war should come, his own cities would be blasted by the new and greatly expanded British air force. Today's shadow raid was described as a great success, the bombing squadrons escorted by fast fighting planes, covering something like twelve hundred miles, at two hundred miles an hour.

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And more British aviation is to be seen in France, another aerial demonstration. On July the Fourteenth, ~~the great~~ Bastille Day, the ~~main~~ national French holiday, His Majesty's

air force will join with the sky squadrons of the Republic in a demonstration of solidarity and strength in the air. And British military units will march in the French parade - all as a political gesture to show how closely Great Britain and France are united in the face of dictatorial threats.

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British and French action toward Poland takes ~~xx~~ a financial turn today. London and Paris are going to lend money to Warsaw, so we hear. London - twenty-five million dollars.

Paris - the same amount. The purpose, ~~is~~ to enable Poland to fix the value of the Zloty. That odd sounding word signifies the Polish unit of currency. Warsaw is going to cut the value of the Zloty so as to encourage foreign trade. By being able to sell more goods abroad, Poland will be able to bolster its economic position in the face of German threats.

As for Danzig, we hear from Warsaw that Poland is willing to negotiate with Hitler. But Poland will not take the initiative and start any negotiations - let Nazi Germany make

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an offer. ~~But~~ Hitler meanwhile has declared that he has had his say and won't start talking again - let Poland make the offer.

BASEBALL

Here's another one of those Brooklyn baseball yarns - it's a story about the ladies. Today, a Brooklyn baseball fan filed suit against the ~~Brooklyn baseball team~~ <sup>Dodgers - - -</sup> - all because of the ladies, who went on a rampage, a stampede, trampling down all things before them.

Last Friday's game was one of the bitter and embattled series between the Brooklyns and the hated New York Giants - it was also Ladies' Day. Julius Trieb, in his lawsuit filed today, tells how in the grandstand he got in the way of a surge of women fans, a multitude of them- as they came charging in. They ran right over him, those ladies of Brooklyn - trampled him in the dust. He claims his pants were ripped and torn beneath the <sup>- those pants of his,</sup> high heeled shoes of the panting ladies. However, he's not suing for the damage to his nether garment - says it was a ~~knicker~~ two-piece suit anyway and he's got an extra pair, ~~of trousers.~~ His action at law demands the sum of a dollar and ten cents - he just wants the price of his ticket back. Because he didn't see the game. No, <sup>not</sup> with the swarm of ladies passing over him, ~~what he saw was not the baseball game.~~

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Well, I feel one up on Julius - because I saw the game today. Luckily, it was not Ladies' Day at the Yankee Stadium, and nobody was trampled on by feminine feet. The National Leaguers in the all-star extravaganza were trampled under American League feet before 68,000 fans. A desultory game - except when Flash Gordon made that impossible catch and when De Maggio poled out a homer. And when Ivan Goodman made his heroic attempt to snag a ~~lined~~ liner deep in right field. He made a terrific dive for it -- landed on his shoulder, and in the hospital. And that was the ball game.

Goodman is a star of the Cincinnati Reds. A hard blow for them if he's out for the season *with a broken shoulder.*

ADD BASEBALL

Today's all-star game was like present-day reality,  
when you compare it with <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ baseball game of memories that will  
be played tomorrow - two all-star teams of ~~the~~ heroes of the past.  
At Fenway Park in Boston ~~the~~ historic National Leaguers will play  
against ~~the~~ equally historic American Leaguers - and the list of  
players is a roll call of great names of times gone by. Harry  
Hooper, Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, Homerun Baker, Cy Young,  
Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner, Frankie Frisch, Heinie Groh,  
-- and so on.  
Grover Cleveland Alexander, Those names bring wistful reminiscence,  
but there'll also be comedy, because ~~they'll~~ there'll be two games -  
one with my Nine Old Men playing softball against the Boston  
Merry-Go-Rounders <sup>led by the Governor of Mass.</sup> ~~they'll~~ clowning amid the memories.

Sitting with me in the studio tonight are the officers of ~~the~~ one of Uncle Sam's heavy cruisers, the Flagship SAN FRANCISCO, just back from a twenty-five thousand mile voyage around South America. There were three cruisers, the San Francisco, the Tuscaloosa and the Quincy. They sailed from Guantanamo Bay some three months ago, and were the first American fleet unit to round the tip of South America since the digging of the Panama Canal.

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These officers of ~~United States~~ the San Francisco are now bound for Newport, Rhode Island, where they will be stationed for a while this summer. And, Newport is in the news tonight. So the officers of the San Francisco may be specially interested in this next story.

## DIVINE

The name of Newport is a synonym for social swank. Newport is of most aristocratic renown ~~in the~~ <sup>as a</sup> social colony, full of millionaires, the smart set, exclusive, snobbish, high hat. Now what ~~ixdx~~ could be more opposite to stylish Newport than Father Divine and his angels; the little negro cult leader, whom his dusky Harlem devotees worship as a God - peace, it's wonderful? Here's the story of Newport and Father Divine.

In the exclusive social colony ~~are~~ <sup>of</sup> mansions and estates, there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> one particular ~~ly~~ <sup>ly</sup> magnificent place called "The Castle." It used to be the home of Richard Washburn Child, the literary celebrity and one-time United States Ambassador to Italy. Last fall the stately stone castle was bought by Mrs. Angela Kaufman, wealthy widow of a safety razor manufacturer. Her plan was to turn the magnificent place into a fashionable hotel. She spent a lot of money fixing it up, and applied for a liquor license. The hotel plan didn't appeal to the smart set neighbors who had adjoining estates. They objected - the liquor license was not granted. The wealthy widow went to court about this, but she couldn't get action - always a delay, ~~about the liquor license.~~

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She grew embittered, and today the heat of her temper rose to a climax. She'd show those exclusive neighbors, she'd teach the social colony a lesson, she'd fix Newport! She sent a wire to Father Divine, inviting the dusky God and his angels to Newport.

"I own a castle," she wired, "kindly advise me when you can come."

She wants Father Divine to establish a Heaven in the castle <sup>- enter the pearly gates</sup> and make Newport ring with the shouts of his angels - peace, it's wonderful! You can imagine how Newport will respond to that!

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It was just about a year ago that a neighbor and distant kinsman of President Roosevelt turned his millionaire estate over to Father Divine and the angels - just to spite the President who lives <sup>s</sup> right across the river at Hyde Park. Heaven next door to the President <sup>that</sup> was spectacular enough. But a Father Divine Heaven in the middle of the Newport social colony - <sup>wont that</sup> ~~that's a hot~~

~~idea, as hot as heavens~~ <sup>be</sup> - - heaven. <sup>and</sup>

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