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COAL:

The soft coal agreement between the mine operators and the union will be formally ratified at eight o'clock this evening. Ratification was to have been made earlier in the day, but was put off--until eight pm. (Today the association of mine owners decided to accept a settlement, which calls for a union shop.) Open shop differs from a closed shop. The union shop demands that all newly employed workers must join the union within a specified time. But older workers, already employed, need not join--that's what makes it different from a closed shop.

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It was the northern mine operators that agreed today--the southern owners not liking the union shop provision. Those southern owners are deliberating right now, and the supposition is that they will fall in line with the action of the association.

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Today's agreement puts a final end to the danger of a nation-wide coal shortage. Yesterday's compromise eased the crisis--with a compromise whereby the union would settle with such individual companies as wanted to. Today's settlement is action by the association.

FARMBILL:

(The Senate today voted a lot of farm money—more than one billion, ~~and~~ two hundred millions. ~~of dollars.~~

The senators passed the Agricultural Appropriations Bill, — which is the biggest ever.) It includes a stack of cash labelled "unbudgeted" — farm benefits not in the budgets. ~~Bill to congress by the White House, additional money to the tune of three hundred and thirty-eight million dollars. President Roosevelt spoke out in opposition, saying the lawmakers had done nothing about raising the additional money which they were proposing to hand out.~~

Today Senator Carter Glass of Virginia tried to get the Senate to reconsider its vote in favor of one of the big unbudgeted items—but he didn't get anywhere. The economy bloc in the Senate has been ² taking a lot of economy but they did not say it with votes today. The senators proceeded to pass that biggest of farm bills, budgeted, unbudgeted and all.

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TAXES:

There's to be a big White House conference concerning taxes on Corporations. The President today called the taxation experts of Congress and the Treasury Department to talk things over with him on Monday. American business has been complaining bitterly that ^{present} ~~the~~ methods of taxing corporations are a handicap to business recovery-and administration officials have been showing a disposition to heed the protest. So now the White House is going to have some expert confabulation on possible plans to change copromation tax ^{is.} It is said that the President at his conference on Monday will discuss the idea of abolishing the undistributed profits tax, which has aroused so much complaint,-and substitute a flat tax on corporation incomes.

Earlier in the day the President said that if Congress makes any changes in the taxes on corporations, Congress must also find a way to make up for any government revenue that may be lost thereby.

SAFETY

Tomorrow there will be a march of young in Washington. Over in Europe they frequently have youth demonstrations - usually of a militaristic and warlike sort. Our American way is different. Safety - that's the keynote of tomorrow's march of the young. It's the National Parade of the School Safety Patrols - thirteen thousand boys and girls representing two hundred and seventyfive thousand members of School Safety Patrols in three thousand communities from Maine to California. They're the lads and lasses who do traffic patrol duty on busy corners, and lead groups of smaller children as they cross on their way to classes. They say thousands of children's lives have been saved by the School Patrols and tomorrow the young custodians of safety willmarch.

NELSON -- CITIES

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Our American Cities must be rebuilt! That sounds like a large order. ~~But~~, if they are rebuilt, ~~that~~ surely will mean work for millions of people. The man who says that we must get busy and build our cities over again is the Executive Vice President of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Herbert ^{U.} Nelson. So, if you live in ~~a~~ ~~the~~ city, get ready to rebuild it.

According to this ^{eminent} authority, our American cities are six times as big in area, in proportion to their population, as the cities of Europe. He says that our suburbs have grown three times as fast as the cities themselves. The reason? We build a city, work and live in it until the buildings get run down, and then, instead of putting them in ship-shape again, or rebuilding, we move the city, push out a little farther, and then a few years later, farther still. Thus we leave behind what Mr. Nelson calls "blighted areas."

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The achievements of an ex-engineer brought
Nelson and others of
praise from the real estate world today. Arthur W. Binns,
a Quaker, and ^a~~distant~~ cousin of former President Hoover, has
taken hundreds of old houses in Philadelphia, and modernized
them, doing it at what is said to be one-fourth the cost of
similar projects, Government projects. He redecorates them
both inside and out, and rents them at approximately fifteen
dollars a month, per house. Then at Christmas time, if the
occupants have taken good care of the premises, he gives
them a rebate. In addition, just as a service, and without
profit to himself, he buys coal ^{wholesale} for the entire community,
gets furniture direct from manufacturers, and does many other
things, without charge, with the result that he has a large
waiting ~~ex~~ list.

The Real Estate National Association Executive,
Mr. Nelson, who probably knows as much about real estate as
any man in the world, devotes ~~his~~ his life to the study of real
estate problems not only in North America, but in foreign
lands, going abroad every year. He is employed by the powerful
National Association of Real Estate people. And another

interesting statement he makes is that the people of this country now have a better system for acquiring homes than anywhere else on earth. This, because of the present American way of insuring mortgages and keeping interest rates down.

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Another of his observations of interest to nearly all of us is this:- that in some communities, some states, home ownership is encouraged far more than in others. He and his colleagues are urging all State Governments to avoid taxes of a type that discourage people from owning ~~an~~ their own homes.

He furthermore points out that well-selected real estate is the best of all investments these days, the ownership of something that is not likely to disappear.

POLAND

(The Polish government today turned down the Soviet proposal for a four power military alliance. Moscow proposed, ~~as we heard yesterday~~, that Poland should be taken into a British, French, Soviet lineup against Hitler, an out and out iron-clad war treaty. Great Britain has been hesitant all along about a military alliance with Stalin--and today Poland turns the idea down flat.)

The statement was made by a spokesman for the Warsaw Foreign Office who explained that Poland does'nt want to alarm Germany.

~~"Poland is unwilling" said he to make any move which might be regarded as encirclement."That's the scare word of the Nazis-- encirclement. Warsaw's opinion gives us the interpretation that Poland does not want to do anything that might jeopardize a peaceful settlement with Hitler.~~

On the other hand, Turkey today joined up with Britain, an official agreement that will put the Turks in the British side if there should be war in the Meditreaanean.

KING.

Today on the North Atlantic, approaching the American Coast, a strange sight was seen, a fantasy of brilliant light and gleaming white. Searchlights in a fog, powerful and dazzling beams piercing the mist, weaving and searching in the white of fog. Gazing up on that strange sight, were a King and a Queen-the monarchs of Britain.

The royal voyage is still ^{in a} ~~behind~~ fog. Yesterday the liner EMPRESS of Australia and her escort of two cruisers had to stop, so blinding was the thick haze. ~~upon these~~. Today the liner and the two cruisers were steaming westward once more-with the utmost precaution. They were in the iceberg zone amid the drift of ^{those dead giants floating down} from Greenland.

So, the royal flotilla proceeded slowly, with batteries of searchlights stabbing into the fog ahead, ^{spotting for} ~~seeking the sight~~ of icebergs.

All this amid a terrific
~~Just to make the work complete there was a great~~

booming of cannon. Today was the second anniversary of the coronation of King George. And the two cruisers of the Escort fired a twenty-one gun salute-which thundered over the ocean.

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ADD KING.

Searchlights for ~~sea~~ roman candles, and cannon for firecrackers!

~~Quite a bit of Royal pyrotechnics~~ *off Newfoundland.*
~~on the foggy northern~~

sea.

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COLLISION FOLLOW KING:

Early this morning in that dense fog on the North Atlantic, two fishing schooners collided, and swiftly sank. The latest report indicates that every man of both crews has been accounted for; forty-seven in all. Nobody perished in the double shipwreck, though one man did afterward from a heart attack.

First reports said that ~~a number of~~ lives were lost and it seems a miracle that this is not the case. The fishing schooners EDITH C ROSE and ISABELLE PARKER were proceeding in the blinding fog, a hundred and fifty miles northeast of Boston. Most of the crews of both crafts were asleep in their forec^{is}t^{le} bunk^{ing}, ^{s when} suddenly, without warning, there was a violent collision. The ISABELLE PARKER cut the EDITH C. ROSE into two, sheared her bow right off. One of the sailors aboard the EDITH C. ROSE relates: "I jumped out of my bunk in the forec^{is}t^{le}, and could see the bow of the ISABELLE PARKER directly over my head. I could read ^{her name} ^

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ADD COLLISION :-

~~her name is~~

The sinking of the two stricken craft was swift, but the forty-seven men of both crews managed to scramble to their lifeboats. They had a tough time of it, but were presently picked up by rescue ships and taken to port.

With all this present day war gear, the island of
Ceylon has become a new strategic significance and is regarded
as a vital link in the Indian chain of defense for the British Royal
Navy. The war department have the island as a new military
base, and it is a separate military department. And the Navy
has planned the island to be fortified with the best of
an island air base and a very big air base. So the signifi-
cance of this island that the new government has acquired is
vital. Today, the pattern of the Royal Navy, which
has a top-ranking naval strategist and a prominent
part in the new Navy plans concerning the island.

PUERTO RICO

Ordinarily the appointment of a new Governor to Puerto Rico is a fairly routine bit of news. Right now, however, it's of more than customary importance. Governor Blanton Winship is leaving his job and today the President announced the appointment of his successor. Who is he to be? The answer is interesting.

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With all this present day war scare, the Island of Puerto Rico assumes a new strategic significance and is regarded as a vital West Indian point of defense for the Panama Canal. Recently, the War Department gave the Island a new military status, made it a separate military department. And the Navy has joined the Army in plans to fortify Puerto Rico and make it an Island stronghold—a key to continental defense. So its significant to find that the new governor just appointed is Admiral William D. Leahy, the retiring chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Leahy is a top-ranking naval strategist and played a prominent part in the new Navy plans concerning Puerto Rico.

BARRYMORE:

More legal and financial worries for Jack Barrymore-he was sued today for a quarter of a million dollars. His business manager suing-charging defam^{at}ion of character.

It all grows out of Barrymore's own three hundred thousand dollars suit against his estranged wife Elaine Barrie and her mother, Mrs Edna Jacobs- a painful termination of the far-famed Ariel and Caliban romance. He claims that when wife Elaine Barrie left him, Ariel departing from her Caliban home, three hundred thousand dollars worth of Barrymore cash went away also, taken by wife and mother-in-law. In his suit to recover, the famous actor named his ~~wife~~ own business manager, David Fisher. This the business manager considers to be a defamation of his character, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of injury to his fair name. So the Ariel-Caliban romance stands this way tonight- Caliban says he's out three hundred thousand dollars and he's being sued for a quarter of a million.

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SIGN.

In the State Senate of the Nebraska Legislature, elequent
debates are head^z-but other sounds are heard as well. Today,
some indignat citizen tacked a sign on a bulletin board in
a cloakroom. The sign read!"the general public objects to the
snoring of the senators" and the sign continued;- "if you must
sleep, don't snore." That woke the senators up briefly. They'are
always ^{trying to please} ~~try to~~ their constitutents, and so they went back to
sleep-⁻⁻⁻trying not to snore.

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Flier.

The girl aviator Bernardine King, Likes flying, and she also likes sun bathing. So she often combines the two. Winging through the sky in the open cockpit of

her fast monoplane, she likes to ^{go up in nothing but her flying suit and then} slip out of her flying suit and get a sun tan. ^{Well,} She was getting her sun tan today -

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when suddenly there was motor trouble and she had to make a hurried forced landing. Sounds like a most unconventional landing by a lady flier minus her flying suit-just continuing her sun bath. Imagine the astonishment of the spectators on the ground.. ^{Why,} Bernardine King would have simply died of shame.

But it didn't happen. Bernardine ^{rapidly} guided the descending plane with one hand, and desperately squirmed back into her aviation togs. It was a dangerous thing to do, it was risking death. But, as we all know, any proper girl prefers death to ~~shame~~ ^{me}: She landed, with a ~~minor~~ crash, but, she was fully clothed.

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She said afterwards it wasn't the first time her high sky sun bathing had got her into trouble. Once, while she was out of her flying suit something happened to the plane, and she

(more)

ADD FLIER.

really should have bailed out and taken to her parachute. *And*

that would have been a sight-dangling beneath a parachute,

What a stunt for say a World's Fair! a lady aviator minus her flying clothes. *it* would have been *1*

the height of shame. So Bernardine took the chance of sticking

with the disabled plane-getting into her togs, and landing.

Risking her life, but sparing her blushes?

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