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General Johnson is on the war path. Probably you read in
your paper how ^{yesterday} he took the Blue Eagle away from a restaurant
owner in Gary, Indiana, by telegraph. Today some other people
got a dose of the same thing. Two concerns in New Rochelle,
New York, were deprived of the Blue Eagle Insignia; - one, a
beauty shop, the other a fruit market. Wh hoo!

CONGRESS

The next session of Congress, which begins in January, will be a short one. This is the prediction made in Washington after a conference between Senator Robinson, the Arkansas Democratic leader, and the President, ^{a conference that} concerning legislation to be taken up in ^{Congress next} January. Democratic leaders believe the session will be over early in the spring. * * *

The discussion of war debts between John Bull and Uncle Sam is still in the preliminary stage. But a joint statement is expected soon. * * *

President Roosevelt today indicated that he ^{is going to} would take some action concerning the movie industry. ^Q ~~The~~ code for the film world is now under consideration. An announcement was made at the White House that the President ^{has} suggested ^{that} a Deputy Administrator of the NRA investigate the matter of high salaries ^{in film industry,} especially the earnings of children, ^{and,} also what movie directors receive.

Oh yes, and the President solved today that mystery concerning

^{to Washington}
the visit [^] of the President of Panama, to Washington. One
subject discussed was that Panama wants a Radio Station, but
has not been able to have one because of military problems
in the Canal Zone. They also want rate competition on certain
supplies. A solution is also ~~deemed~~ ^{by the people of Panama} deemed necessary for the so-
called Corridor problem, ^{this} ~~in Panama~~, [^] because the canal splits the
country of Panama in two ^{slices}.

REPEAL

Anticipating the ~~xxx~~ repeal of prohibition, government departments are already making studies so as to establish facts on which to work out a system of control and regulation.

The Attorney General is looking into legal questions; the State Department into imports; the Internal Revenue Bureau into taxes; and the Treasury Department is investigating General Financial Problems. The President intends to call those four departments together next week in order to have a well-rounded plan, all ready when repeal comes.

Incidentally, Florida yesterday went wet almost four to one.

SWASTIKA

The State Department in Washington announces that it has instructed Uncle Sam's Ambassador in Berlin, and likewise our Consul General to make a full and formal protest to the German Foreign Office about that assault by Nazi storm troopers on a Connecticut man who failed to salute the Nazi Swastika.

Secretary Hull has requested our Berlin Ambassador to insist upon the immediate arrest and punishment of all those who attack Americans.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

There has been talk in the League of Nations of investigating the treatment of minority races in certain countries. Of course that means the Jews in Germany. However, such a resolution must be unanimous before the League can take action, and investigation today was barred by Germany's objection

COTTON PICKERS STRIKE

(They seem to be having a wild time in the California Cotton Belt. The trouble between the cotton ranchers and the cotton pickers resulted in blood-shed yesterday and today. Four people were killed and fifteen injured.) I have a telegram stating that California Officials are afraid there will be still more serious encounters. Governor Rolph is considering calling out the Militia. He may do this at any moment because this afternoon the cotton-strikers are parading up and down San Joaquin Valley, and that may bring more trouble.

Up to now the ranchers have refused the offers of mediation made by the California State Labor Department. But today the Commissioner of Labor arrived on the scene of battle by plane. Also a State unit is being sent into the strike area with medical aid and food for the strikers who have been evicted by the ranchers.

One dispatch from San Francisco says that the Ranchers started the blood-shed last night. The strikers were in close formation

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when they were fired upon. ^{It} Many of these strikers are Mexicans who ~~are~~ ^{were} specially imported by the cotton ranchers. So the Mexican Consul has been called from San Francisco to see what he can do for his people. *****

There is another, ^{new} ~~news~~ strike item from San Francisco today. Five hundred longshoremen walked out because four of their number were discharged. As a result, four ships are tied up, ~~by the strike~~. The word I received is that this may spread along the entire waterfront at the Golden Gate unless a settlement is arrived at quickly.

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On top of that, the Southern Pacific has posted a notice that last year's ten per cent cut will continue this year, in spite of a promise that it would be dropped on October 31st. So nine hundred pilots, engineers and mates who work on those famous San Francisco ferryboats have given notice that they are going to walk out unless that ten per cent cut is abolished.

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Strikes - Continued:

But here is some better news from California. The lettuce pickers' strike has been settled. And it looks as though the trouble the fishermen have been having will be worked out to their satisfaction.

Down in Western Pennsylvania, where I was yesterday, I hear this evening that the strike situation remains unchanged, except that strike pickets have closed a few more of the small mines. That conference I mentioned between the President of the Frick Coke Company and the Vice President of the United Mine Workers has been postponed until tomorrow.

I understand that one steel plant in Clarksburg, which was closed, will open tomorrow.

From the Indiana coal mining region I ^{hear} ~~learned~~ that one local after another of the United Mine Workers has voted to take a holiday. So practically no coal is being brought to the surface in Sullivan County. National Guard Officers tell me that no

Strikes - Continued.

union men in that district are working.

Six dynamite bombs exploded last night near the Co-operative

Coal Mine in Gibson County. Officials at Princeton, Indiana,

believe this is an attempt to ^{JK-}open the old mining war in
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Southern Indiana.

DETROIT STRIKE

Here's ~~some~~ definite information straight from Detroit. This afternoon I talked to ~~some of~~ the heads of the Mechanics Educational Society. Matthew Smith, Secretary of the Strike Committee, informs me that the information which was given out ^{that} and [^] went all over America yesterday regarding the number of tool and die makers on ~~strike~~ ^{out} in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, was incorrect.

Mr. Smith states that the number of members of the Mechanics Educational Society now on strike is seventeen thousand.

Maurice
Holland.

Director, National
Research Council.

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INTRO TO HOLLAND

I'm in a jam tonight, a real tangle. I've got an appointment in New York this very minute, and how am I going to keep it?

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It happened this way: A listener-in wrote and asked me: "what is the fastest living thing in the world?" That sounded interesting, so I thought I'd find out. Or at least try to.

And that's how I happened to make an appointment with Maurice Holland, Director of the National Research Council. ^{Mr. Holland is a} ~~Not a~~

wizard at all kinds of scientific knowledge. He was to meet ^{tonight} me _^ at the broadcasting studio in New York and tell me something about the fastest living thing.

Meanwhile, I dashed out here to Detroit in such a hurry that I didn't cancel the appointment. So there's Maurice Holland at the broadcasting studio in New York, listening, while I'm out here.

INTRO TO HOLLAND - Continued:

How about it Maurice? Sorry if I've put you in a hole. *(Solo voc -* Anyhow,

here's an idea:

There are a lot of microphones in that studio where Maurice

Holland ~~has been waiting~~ *is for me.* Why can't he jump to one and tell us

all about it?

Hello there, New York, how about pushing one of those microphones

in the direction of Maurice Holland so that he can have his say?

Okay Maurice, are you there?

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Right you are Lowell. This certainly is fast work. It's about as fast as that fastest living thing you want to know about.

This speedy individual is not a Hollywood blonde. It comes from South America. No, it's not a South American brunette. It's a species of insect. It's called the Bot Fly, not Bar Fly! Not Bottle Fly, Bot Fly. It's a speedy darting bug that breaks all speed records so far as living things are concerned.

FOR HOLLAND - Continued:

Doctor Charles H. T. Townsend, an eminent Entomologist, now a rancher in Brazil, has proven that one of these tiny speed demons could fly around the world between daybreak and sunset. And not even Jimmy Doolittle or Frank Hawks in the fastest plane that flies could do that.

At the Museum of Natural History the experts are a little more conservative. They say the Bot Fly doesn't get up a speed of more than six hundred and forty miles an hour. In other words, that Amazon flash burns through the air at nearly twice the speed of man in his fastest machine. And by the way Lowell you'll have to fly faster than any Bot Fly if you're going to take me to that dinner you promised me for tonight.

TO HOLLAND

Sorry Maurice old boy but I'm afraid I can't run a race with a Bot Fly. So that dinner will have to wait until next week. Let's make it ^{next} Wednesday, and ^{now to} get along to some more news.

HINDENBERG

(Field Marshall Von Hindenberg is going to resign as President of Germany. That's the report. It doesn't come from Berlin. It comes from Paris. And the story is that when Hindenberg resigns Adolf Hitler will become President.)

It's only a rumor, but the story from Paris is that it is a most persistent rumor. We know that Hindenberg is an extremely old man. ~~So~~ Obviously he cannot last much longer. *****

Another cable from Europe states that the new Spanish Republic has a new government. The head, the new premier, is Senor Barrios. General elections will be held in Spain on November 19th.

KINGSFORD SMITH

Here's Kingsford Smith back in the news, the same Kingsford

Smith who ^{a few years ago} made that superb flight around the world in his

plane The Southern Cross, ~~a few years ago~~, the flight when

they astonished us with their navigation, by hitting all those

tiny islands in Mid-Pacific, right on the nose.

And now Kingsford Smith has done it again. He has established

a new record between England and Australia. He made it in

just over seven days, thereby reducing the previous record

by forty-three hours, ^{by} almost ^{two} a day.

I wonder how many remember the name of the first man to fly

from England to Australia. It was right after the War. Captain

Sir Ross Smith was the pilot, and it took him ^{whole} just a month to

make the flight.

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F. Friend.

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DOCTOR SALLUME

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It seems a long long way from the Palaces of the Golden Horn
to a Kiwanis Luncheon in Toledo, Ohio. But that's where I
found the former Court Attache who once lived in the Palace
of the now legendary Abdul Hamid.

THE GROVE PATTERSON

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Grove Patterson, Editor of the Toledo Blade, and one of the best known newspaper men in this part of America, has just returned from Russia. He told me today that he had found a great change since his previous visit a year and a half ago. He said the people were smiling more. There's more laughter and song. The Russian Experiment is no longer a mere experiment, it's an accomplished fact. Miles and miles of streets in Moscow have been repaved. Education is proceeding at a great rate. The family life is settling down to where it is much like it is in other countries. Although marriage and divorce are both easily accomplished in a moment's time, the novelty of that has worn off and marriage is now taken almost as seriously as it is here. Grove Patterson thinks that Russia has a stable government. ^{TR} He himself is not converted to the Russian idea. But for good or for bad it's a stable government and he thinks Russia will provide us with a great market for our goods, some thing that will help bring back Prosperity.

NEW JERSEY

extra

The State of New Jersey this afternoon unveiled an impressive plaque at Lincoln Park, New Jersey, in honor of General Pulaski the famous revolutionary hero who, as you know, was a Pole. Governor Harry Moore was principal speaker.

ONE-ARMED

Four bandits in Chicago tried to hold up a place protected by a sixty-five years old one-armed watchman. This watchman, James M. Davis, gave them a tough fight. His gun jammed but in spite of this, with all four of the thugs popping at him he crossed the room to get another weapon. He killed one of the four and that ended the fight. One of his bullets just missed a vial of nitro glycerine in one bandit's pocket, by a hair's breadth.

DAVISON

Trabee Davison and his wife returned today from a four months visit to The Martin Johnsons' in Africa. Trabee flew ten thousand miles in Martin Johnson's Amphibian, the ^{plane} ~~one~~ called Osa's Ark. This flying was above the jungle where it was frequently necessary for native boys to pack down fields so they could land.

Trabee Davison reports that he found ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~most~~ nights in *Central* Africa so cold that they used from three to five blankets.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison shot four elephants and each brought home a live monkey for their sons.

CHINESE ENDING

In that newspaper of the film world, The Film Daily,
I saw an item that may interest movie fans. Here it is:- Last
year in China some sixty pictures were made, most of them silent,
but about a dozen ^{were made} with sound. But here's the kicker:- one picture
is sixty reels long! ^{Sixty!} Our celestial cousins certainly take their
movies in big doses. It would take about twelve hours to run off
sixty reels. And that's the last item on my radio news reel this
evening, so

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

L.T.