

ITALY

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A big foreign headline today was this ominous statement:

"Italy ~~is~~ Ready to March against France." Let's see whence

it comes and the circumstances in which the belligerent declaration

is made. It is quoted from an article <sup>in one of</sup> ~~among~~ the top-ranking

Fascist newspapers, an article written by Virginio <sup>t</sup>Gayda, who

is said to be a mouthpiece for Mussolini. Most of the newspaper

piece was devoted to attacks against the French newspapers -- what

~~with~~ the French papers have been saying the last day or so.

It all goes back to the scene <sup>(</sup>in the Italian Chamber of ~~Deputies~~ <sup>A</sup> ~~Deputies~~, ~~when~~ in the presence of the French ambassador, Fascist

Deputies staged a demonstration with shouts of -- Tunisia! Savoy! <sup>Nice!</sup> Corsica! demands that these French possessions be handed over to

Italy. The next thing was a complain <sup>t</sup> by the French government,

Paris asking Rome for an explanation. And this was accompanied

by a journalistic outbreak in France, the French newspapers

proclaiming to the skies that France will not yield an inch of

anything to Italy. Today Mussolini's mouthpiece, Gayda answered

these French journalistic fireworks, with a few fireworks of his

own.) That was the content of his article right down to the last paragraph. It was only in the last paragraph that he added (these words:- "The Italian nation is ready to march against France if necessary.") And such a declaration from such a source inevitably made the headlines.

SPAIN

On the border of France and Spain anti-aircraft guns shot into the sky time after time today -- driving off Spanish insurgent planes which flew over French territory. This was the international phase of intense sky activity which had <sup>S</sup> begun on the northern Spanish battle front.

It follows an announcement of Generalissimo Franco, <sup>now</sup> xx proclaiming something new on the war in the air. Franco gives advance warning to the towns his flyers will bomb. Warning <sup>so</sup> ~~that~~ the civilian population can get out of the way before the terror from the sky comes blasting. He lists a whole series of places which ~~he~~ he calls military objectives for the bombers. And it is believed that today's burst of air activity is just a case of starting in with the list. It <sup>is</sup> also supposed that it may be a prelude to a new insurgent offensive against northern Catalinia, trying to cut off Barcelona from the French border.

Barcelona claims that Franco bombers were trying to blow up a train carrying American soldiers leaving the Left Wing Army and going home.

ENGLAND

Great Britain ~~is~~ threatening a <sup>great</sup>~~great~~ trade war against Germany. British industries are planning to raise a gigantic fighting fund of ~~many~~ many millions of pounds with which to battle ~~xx~~ against Nazi commercial raids <sup>on</sup>~~against~~ British <sup>trade.</sup> This was stated in London today by R.S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade. He declared that Germany by subsidizing industry and selling at artificially low prices is under-cutting British trade in the world markets.

"For instance," declared the Secretary of Overseas Trade, "The following is the particular kind of threat with which British manufacturers find themselves confronted. A German trade representative visits a foreign land and says <sup>S</sup>~~d~~: 'Let us know the lowest ~~price~~ British figure and we will let you have the goods at twenty-five percent less.'" The British say they have no idea of ~~d~~ going into the barter system, which the Germans are using, but British industries will pool a vast lot of money to keep their foreign trade going in the face of German under-cutting competition. A vast trade was <sup>N</sup>~~s~~ threatening.

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WINDSOR

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have invited some guests for Christmas. Royal guests no doubt -- dukes and duchesses, members of Parliament or government ministers? Not at all. Their Christmas guests are to be a British working man and his wife and two children.

This is ~~discussed~~<sup>losed</sup> by the LONDON EVENING STAR today. The name of the working-class family is being kept a secret. They received the invitation from the Duke and Duchess, with the request <sup>that</sup> they say nothing about it. ~~Theyxxx~~ Have they accepted? ~~Of course they~~<sup>I'll say!</sup>

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<sup>So</sup> ~~For~~ Christmas for the Windsors in exile ~~will be~~ quite in harmony with the interest in the poor ~~which~~ the Duke so vividly exhibited when he was King Edward the Eighth of England.

ALL-AMERICAN

Well, here's our All-American Football Team. Not mine.

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But, for years the New York Sun has given me its All-American selection to put on the air the evening before it comes out in ~~the~~ newspaper. This ~~xxx~~ team is selected by Grantland Rice and other sports heads of the New York Sun.

To football fans these names will mean a lot. To the rest of you it will be so much Greek. So, I'll reel them off ~~i~~ at high speed, like a quarter-back calling signals:

Left End, Wyatt, Tennessee; Left Tackle, Beinor, Notre Dame, (I saw what he did to Minnesota. He certainly looked like an All-American lineman); Left Guard, Roth, Cornell; Center, Aldrich, Texas Christian; Right Guard, Heikkinen, Michigan; (the day Michigan played <sup>downtrodden</sup> Yale I was dazzled by those speedy Michigan backs and didn't notice what the men in the line were doing. Michigan was lucky to win that ~~was~~ one.) Right Tackle, Delaney, Holy Cross; Right End, Young, Oklahoma; Quarter Back, the pint-sized <sup>Davy</sup> ~~Scout~~ O'Brien, the widely heralded Texas Christian wizard midget; Left Half Back, Hall, Mississippi; Right Half Back, McLeod, Dartmouth; and Full Back Goldberg of Pittsburgh <sup>who</sup> was on the bench with injuries part of the season. That's the New York Sun's All-American.

CORRECTION

I have a telegram here, brief, succinct and to the point.

It is signed by G. I. Clark and J. B. Craig, and reads as follows:

"Since when did the Aeronca, built in Cincinnati, become an Italian airplane? Or are we crazy?" No , fellows, you're not crazy.

Cincinnati is still in the U.S.A.

VALLE

Here's another correction. Rudy Vallee does it.

Ruday has been performing again, not merely with swing band and voice -- that wouldn't be news. Performing with his trusty right. Rudy -- that rough fellow -- has been known to take a punch at hecklers who bothered him, and that's what a heckler did at a Hollywood night club -- where Rudy was crooning a heart-throbber to a distinguished movie audience. Socko! The crooner landed one on the heckler's jaw, the heckling stopped, and the crooning continued. Just an old Maine custom.

ARREST

When a dashing young stock broker is arrested in New York, and that prevents him from keeping a date with Film Actress Loretta Young in California - there's glamour in it. Moreover, <sup>as</sup> the story is revealed today, ~~and it brings revelations more blunt~~ *it flashes still more glamour.*

2 William Buckner, handsome, debonair and socially prominent, arrived on the QUEEN MARY last night, and at the pier waiting for him were representatives of an airline. They had his tickets to fly on to California, a fast trip on wings, for at Hollywood he had a date with Loretta Young. After keeping that glamorous tryst, he was to take wings again and fly by clipper route to the Philippines. <sup>But</sup> <sup>N.Y.</sup> also waiting at the pier, ~~however~~ were the police - and they arrested him on a swindling charge in connection with bonds of the Philippine Railway.

Young William Buckner, ever gallant, had only one request - let him make a telephone call. He phoned across the continent, to Loretta Young, got <sup>her</sup> on the wire and apologized for not being able to keep <sup>the</sup> a date. *Just arrested - a delay!* ~~He explained why and told her everything will come out all right.~~

To all this, a new dash of glamor is now added. The



authorities ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> today outlining the charges against Buckner, tell of a gay and glittering party staged in Washington some time ago. At the party - chorus girls and Congressmen. They charge Buckner with a Philippine Railroad bond deal in which investors lost a million dollars. In the course of this transaction, Buckner, they say, tried to get Congress to pass an act concerning the Philippine Railroad bonds, an act which would help him in his high finance. And he sought to influence the Congressmen by giving them a party with chorus girls - such is the statement in an accusation of using the mails to defraud.

And that's our  
old time story of gold-bits in  
Hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD

~~Here are some odd items from Hollywood.~~

At Warner Brothers' studio, they sent a hurry up call today for an animal expert. No, not to put an animal act in the scene, but to keep an animal act from happening. Actors and cameramen were busy, when somebody happened to look into an obscure corner and saw, two kittens - kitty, kitty. They were the kind of kitty with a broad white stripe down its back to its bushy tail. Just pole kitties.

There was a swift scramble out of the studio, screen stars, extras and cameramen in flight, for fear that the kitties would be put on their own act. The animal expert, upon arriving hastily, said he couldn't coax the kitties out of the studio until night. In the daytime they might get excited, and then you couldn't shoot a picture in that studio for a week.

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*And that's our  
bed time story of pole-kitties in  
Hollywood.*

## MURDER

The police at Chillicothe, Ohio, today were questioning the twenty-nine year old son of the Reverend Dr. Russell B. Bready, the Methodist Minister who this morning was found murdered.

The crime is a shocking sensation in the middlewest, where the murdered clergyman had a distinguished career. He was formerly of Pontiac, Michigan, and there was Paster of the Central Methodist Church. When Pontiac adopted the commission form of government, Dr. Bready was one of the first commissioners elected and was immediately chosen to serve as Mayor pro tem. Later, he went to Bainbridge, Ohio, and became a pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church there. He was Dean of the Methodist Ministers in Ross County and known far and wide for his civic activities. His son, Robert, is said to have served with the Left Wing army in the Spanish Civil War. He returned to Bainbridge a year ago and told of having been a soldier for five months in the International Brigade.

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The body of the Reverend Dr. Bready was found on a sidewalk, five blocks from his parsonage. He had been beaten and shot through the temple. At the parsonage were found bloodstains and signs of a violent struggle. Also - a bottle of wine and a ~~pist~~

pistol.

It was the Minister's son who gave the first inkling of the crime. He phoned the neighbors and asked them where his father was. Then it was found that he himself had a deep cut on ~~the~~ one hand. So he was held for questioning.

*the son*  
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*brandy*  
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KIDNAP

There are some odd angles to the kidnap case at Oxon Hill, Maryland. Mary Brown, the eighteen year old convent student, has returned home, - unharmed, uninjured. She says she was kidnapped by three men and held for ransom. She kept telling them that her father was a poor man and had no money with which to pay the ransom. She convinced them, and they released her. She says they took her in a car to half a mile or so from her home, and that puzzles the police - because they can't conceive how the kidnappers' car could have got through the cordon of guards and searching parties that had the whole countryside covered.

She relates likewise that, when the kidnappers released her, she walked hom<sup>e</sup> across fields. She was barefooted, and her feet showed only a few slight scratches. The police say that the route she says she took was such that her bare feet should have been cut up, bruised, lacerated.

One officer today walked over that same route, and when he had done it, his heavy police boots were badly scraped and scratched.

These puzzling angles are ~~now~~ now being studied.

BUS

At Salt Lake City today, a fifteen year old boy told ~~the~~ story of how he failed to maintain a perfect record for school attendance.

Lowe Seal of Jordan High School, was mighty proud of the fact that he hadn't missed a day in school for ever so long - so he was downcast when yesterday his record for perfect attendance was broken. He missed the school bus. "I was helping my father in the grocery store," he explains. "I went to change my clothes - when the bus went by. I ran after the bus and tried to hail it," he continues, "but it went on without me."

It went on without him, that crowded tragic school bus which was hit by a railroad train and more than two score of children killed!

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## BRITISH COURT

The shocking affair of a litigant who hurled a lot of ripe tomatoes at two bewigged British justices is amplified today by a full account of the distressing event. As why wouldn't it be.

The lamentable story relates that a certain unseemly fellow named Frank Harrison was in court where an appeal of his was rejected by those two eminent British jurists, the Honorable Mr. Justice Sir Charles Clauson and the Honorable Mr. Justice Sir Rayner Goddard. Losing his case, Harrison left the court, went out and bought himself a big bag of tomatoes, concealed it under his overcoat, and returned to the courtroom -- where some grave matter of law was being considered by the Honorable Mr. Justice Sir Charles Clauson and the Honorable Mr. Justice Sir Rayner Goddard.

"I want justice," howled Harrison -- the low fellow.

And with that he hurled a tomato. He hurled another one, a third, a fourth, a fifth! He aimed them at the full bottomed wigs of Mr. Justice Sir Charles Clauson and the Honorable Mr. Justice Sir Rayner Goddard. His aim was bad, and he didn't hit them -- though one tomato smacked and splattered perilously near one of those full bottomed wigs that symbolize the majesty of the English law. Fancy

the horror of the two Justices! But even with the tomatoes flying they lost not a bit of their lordly dignity. Mr. Justice Sir Charles Clauson spoke sternly to the base and outrageous Harrison.

"You are guilty of gross contempt! You will be kept in prison for six weeks."

"You can't do that," roared the sacriligious Harrison, flinging another tomato at His Lordship's kisser. Squash!

"You will wait here," announced the judge with final and awe-inspiring condemnation. "You will wait here in the custody of the officer of the court - until the tipstaff arrives."

The tipstaff being an official who carried a kind of ceremonial pike -- tipstaff.

"The sooner you quit chinning," yelled the umbrageous Harrison, "the better it will be for you. You're not worth your blarsted salt." Squash! Landed another tomato

The tipstaff finally arrived and took the miscreant Harrison away to a dungeon cell, but not before that blasphemous wretch - that low fellow - roared a final reference to his tomato throwing.

"There is no more justice leftin England", he cried out. "It's a <sup>blarsted</sup> pity I wasn't a better shot!" And SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY!