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P.T. - Innocent Monday

SMITH

I imagine many of you are wondering: -

~~This big question this afternoon has been~~ "Where is young

Did the Baby Clipper make it?

Tom Smith, the flyer from Los Angeles?" The air has been full

of confusing reports. Early today, ~~it looked as though we were~~ ~~thought I was~~ going to have

another glory ^{ious} story to tell ^{of} about a new hero of the skies. Young

~~Tom~~ ^{Tom} Smith, ~~as you no doubt know,~~ ~~as you may have heard,~~ took off

from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, early on Sunday, ~~staring~~ ^{yesterday} the nose of

his plane at Ireland, ~~He wasn't attempting any more stunts.~~ ~~He~~ wanted

^{the world} to show that the ocean could be flown easily and cheaply in small

monoplanes. ^{His Baby Clipper weighed only about} ~~The one he was piloting was a six hundred pounder, with~~

670 lbs — powered by a four cylinder engine.

Early today there came a bulletin that a strange monoplane

had been sighted high in the air ^{over} ~~the~~ Londonderry, on the north ^{coast of} ~~Ireland,~~

~~coast~~ Fifteen minutes later, came a report that Smith had landed

his craft where the river Shannon flows, and had taken off again

for Croydon, ~~the~~ ^{Yes, and} airport of London. That report even went into

details ^{Told} how Smith had crossed the ocean with only forty-one dollars

and fifty nine cents worth of oil and gasoline. ~~That sounded like~~

~~a pretty cheap fare in any sort of conveyance.~~ But presently a

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contradiction flashed through the ether. A telephone message to the offices of all the airdromes in Ireland brought the news that no such plane had landed at any of them.

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That was followed by a series of bulletins. One minute Smith was said to have been sighted over Manchester. A few minutes later he was seen in another and distant part of England. One observer even told how Smith had waved to him from his plane. But, up to ^{now,} ~~there~~ ^{alas,}

really is word.
~~there~~ no definite ~~actual knowledge of the stocky young flyer's whereabouts.~~

And it has been calculated that his supply of fuel ~~must have~~ ^{Still we} run out several hours ago. ~~There~~ ^{may get} may ~~get~~ some sort of bulletin at any moment.

SQUALUS

The navy is having its trouble raising the Submarine SQUALUS. To aggravate the mechanical difficulties a northeast wind off the Banks of Newfoundland is blowing, with heavy seas and a pea soup fog. All day long compressed air was pumped through air lines into the flooded after compartment of the Squalus, the tragic part of the vessel where twenty-six men were trapped. Slowly, the terrific force of the air is forcing the water out of the flooded compartments.

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The latest plan of navy officials is to drag the Squalus into shallow water. Where she lies now the cold is so terrific that divers can only work a few minutes at a time. So the navy is bringing up huge tugs to try to yank the submarine along the bottom. Meanwhile, the water has been forced out so as to lighten the load a bit.

W. VANDENBURG.

Another chapter in the 1940 Republican presidential campaign:-

Senator Arthur Vandenburg of Michigan allows his hat to be thrown in the ring. His letter allowing his name to be urged is a trifle coy, but the meaning is plain. He doesn't seek the office but he adds: "No American could decline if chosen." That he says in a letter to Michigan Republicans. Last week Governor Dickinson of Michigan and the twelve G. O. P. ^{Michigan} Congressmen signed a round-robin letter clamoring for the drafting of Vandenburg as the Republican nominee next year. In his reply, the Michigan senator thanks them and says: "The next Republican National Convention must first set down clean-cut constructive, courageous principles which dependably promise to save the American system of free enterprise under the renewed spirit of constitutional democracy. And it must promise to recapture prosperity for our whole people under a government restored to solvency. Then Vandenburg adds it should fit its nominations to its principles.

"In my view it must strive to create common ground upon which all like-thinkers may unite to produce an administration for all

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Americans in which a pre-pledged one-term president is manifestly free of all incentive but the lone job of saving America."

You notice what he says about only one term. I wonder if he means that ⁻⁰⁻ one six-year term that so many Americans have long talked of and long hoped for?

...MADDEN

~~Employers may breathe a little more easily when they hear an announcement from~~ The National Labor Relations Board, ^{announces} ~~the board~~

~~a policy of appeasement — itself is about to act on its own initiative,~~ to satisfy one of

the complaints ~~that have been~~ made against it. Employers have

protested ^{that} ~~because hitherto~~ they have not been given the right to

make their petitions for "collective-bargaining-elections," ~~hitherto~~

that right ^{having been given only} ~~has been restricted~~ to the workers. It was ~~even~~ sug-

gested that the Wagner Act ~~should~~ be amended to satisfy this

complaint. ^{TP} The Labor Committee of the House has been holding hear-

ings ^{on this and} ~~about it.~~ ^{and} today J. Warren Madden, chairman of the NLRB,

told the committee that the Board had already thought of modifying

its rules so as to give employers that right. He added, however,

^t ~~that~~ some limitations ought to be put on it. ~~For instance, when~~


~~employers are caught between the two millstones of rival unions.~~

~~In a case like that the right of the employer to apply for an~~

~~election wouldn't do him any good. The rival unions would organize~~

~~Pressure from the outside, such as boycotts.~~

^{TP} ~~Republican~~ Representative Hoffman of Michigan ^{remarked} ~~said~~

^{that} this concession by the ^{comes} board ~~came~~ a bit late. 

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"Chairman Madden's statement," he remarked, "was a fine thing, but it's taken about as long to realize that the employer has some rights as it took them to find out that the sit-down strike was illegal."

6..SUPREME COURT.

~~Bad~~ ^{Bad news} news for property owners, from the Supreme Court of the United States. ~~Still worse, may be,~~ ^{Bad news} for their heirs. If you live in one state and own ^{intangible (such as securities)} property in another, both states may soak your survivors ^{on} ~~with~~ inheritance taxes.

The nine Justices were by no means agreed on this matter. It was one of those five to four rulings. The majority opinion was written by Mr. Justice Harlan F. Stone. The minority included Chief Justice Hughes, together with Justices Roberts, McReynolds and Pierce Butler. The reasons and details of the case are interesting only to lawyers. The important fact for the rest of ~~us is~~ ^{us is} that if we live, say in California, and own ^{securities} ~~intangible~~ property in New York State, both New York and California can collect on it -- and they collect plenty in those two states.

ROOSEVELT.

tonight is at home
President Roosevelt ~~is resting today at his mother's farm in~~
Dutchess County,
~~Hyde Park, New York.~~ Evidently he's ~~going~~ to be there the whole
week. Mr. Roosevelt ~~took~~ *is taking* it easy because ~~he has~~ *or* a slight cold. *So*
There will be no big Memorial Day celebration ~~on the Roosevelt farm~~
for him
tomorrow, just a quiet holiday. In fact, the President ~~won't~~ *will not*
interrupt his week's vacation except to give his usual audition to
the newspaper men Thursday afternoon.

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There was a surprise witness today at the trial of former Federal Judge Manton. At least he was a surprise to the general public, ^a Chapereau, the jewelry smuggler whose actions brought trouble to the wife of ~~##~~ a supreme court judge as well as Jack Benny and George Burns. Chapereau was brought from the federal prison to testify against Manton. He said that George Spector, a defendant who pleaded guilty, had told him that Manton had been responsible for having a decision in a patent infringement suit reversed in the court of the appeals. And Chapereau says spector told him: "I put the deal over all by myself."

Manton, incidentally, has let it be known that he will take the stand in his own defense.

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~~Blackstone Hotel Chicago Ill.~~

SPAIN

Those hundred murders by the death syndicate, ^{those arsenic murders in this} ~~in Philadelphia~~ country, seem almost tame compared to this ^e news from Barcelona. Generalissimo Francisco Franco's men ^{are} ~~have started~~ mopping up, bringing to book the leaders of the Red Terror in Spain. (Two men have just been arrested in Barcelona, ^{by Franco's order.} The charge against them is that they ^{were in part responsible for} ~~took part in~~ more than five thousand deaths while the Spanish Civil War was raging) and ^{all} only during the early period of the Civil War. (One of the two men arrested was a stevedore. And he alone is accused of having ^{himself} killed more than a thousand, carrying out death sentences imposed by the Stevedore's Union, ~~an Employers.~~) The other prisoner is supposed to have sent no fewer than six hundred men and women to the firing squad.

4..BIBLES.

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There was a report from Germany last week that the Nazi government had forbidden the sale of Bibles. It seems now that ~~that~~ wasn't quite correct. Bibles may be sold in Hitler's Reich, but only at clerical bookshops. If you go to an ordinary bookshop and want to buy a bible, you have to get special permission.

At the same time, the Nazis are putting a stopper on the broadcasting of sermons by radio. A government spokesman says: "Preaching by air hasn't been forbidden altogether, but it will be dropped eventually." *As a starter, for* ~~for~~ the next four weeks, at least, there will be no sermons from German broadcasting stations.

15. MONGOLIA.

Another clash
~~and there's more trouble~~ between Japan and Soviet Russia.
We hear
~~of trouble as we informed~~ from time to time *of trouble*
~~that there are constant~~
scrapes along the northwestern border of Manchukuo, skirmishes ^{the} ~~that~~
details of which no longer make headlines.
~~are so usual they never get into the news.~~ But the Japanese army
declared today that the latest fighting has been more serious than
anything that has happened before, more serious even than that battle
of Changkufeng over which there was so much fuss last year. The
Japanese army also claims that forty-one airplane raiders from Outer
Mongolia have been shot down in Manchukuo. And in the hostilities
that have been going on for the last six weeks, three thousand, nine
hundred and one Mongolians were killed, two hundred and seventy
eight taken prisoner. The Japanese, on the other hand, lost only
forty-one dead, eighty-one wounded. *That's Tokyo's story.*

#...LONDON.

Diplomatic news from London implies that love and harmony are ^{still} ~~are~~ lacking between His Britannic Majesty's government and ^{the government of} ~~that of~~ His Imperial Japanese Majesty. Downing Street doesn't like Japan's claim of authority over foreign areas of China. Still less do the ^{British} ~~English~~ care for that ~~Japanese~~ naval blockade on the China Coast, the blockade that is supposed to ^{extend} ~~stretch~~ two hundred miles out at sea.

^{From} ~~But~~ Tokyo ^{comes} ~~has~~ another side to ^e ~~that~~ story. A spokesman for the Japanese says there ^{is} ~~is~~ no blockade of the China Coast. "But," he added, "ships that have a suspicious look in the eyes of Japanese naval officers are being boarded and searched." ~~#####~~

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What's more, he named nine Chinese ports into which the Japanese will forbid any traffic with ships of any nationality whatsoever if they come from Shanghai. There has been a suggestion from the British that they would send vessels flying their flags protected by armed ships from the British Navy. In such case the Japanese will insist that the officers of the escorting ships must investigate the vessels they escort if they are suspected of helping Chiang Kai

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2..NAVAL TREATY.

~~As for Europe, the diplomatic see saw continues, up and~~
~~down, up and down. One week it's the clenched fist, the following~~
~~week an open hand of friendship. Today it's friendship.~~ The British
Foreign Office is collaborating with the Admiralty in drawing up a
note to send to Hitler ^{on the subject of} ~~about the~~ limitation of navies. Last month,
you will remember, Hitler denounced the treaty with Great Britain
that bound both countries to hold down their fleets. Now, it seems,
the British want to renew that treaty on different terms. And the
understanding is in London that this note will also say to Hitler,
in effect, "we will be agreeable to concluding a general settlement
of all the problems that stand between us."

7..PALESTINE.

Here are some
~~At last~~ a group of people in Palestine ^{who} comes forward with words
of praise for the British Government. *Who are they? Your guess is*
correct. They are Arabs ~~The group consists of a~~ a
hundred and fifty Arab Sheiks. They're supposed to represent seventy
per cent of the Arab population ~~of~~ the Holy Land. They met at the
home
~~house~~ of their leader and proclaimed the news that they accept the
latest plan from London for the government of Palestine: ~~That's~~ the
that recent
plan set forth in the ~~latest~~ White Paper.

But, that doesn't mean that all the Arabs approve. The extrem-
ists under the leadership of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, are
continuing their rebel ^{agitation.} ~~actions.~~ And it's reported that several
Rebel Arab leaders are returning to the Holy Land from Syria.

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Two bombs were set off today in the heart of the Holy City,
~~They~~ killed ^{ing} four ~~people and~~ injured twelve or more; in a motion
picture theatre owned by Arabs.

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~~CORRECTION....In SUPREME COURT story, third line, change the word
"property" to read "intangible property such as securities."~~

~~end correction.~~

48...KING AND QUEEN.

The War Department ~~has started to get ready~~ ^{is all set} for the biggest military show in twenty years; ~~but~~ ^{greatest} since the great war. ~~has there been any great martial spectacles of more than six thousand American soldiers massed together. This big show, of course, will be for the benefit of Great Britain's King and Queen. It may not~~ ^{to whom it surely} ~~will not seem so big to them.~~ ^{For} When they went to Paris a year ago, there ⁷ ~~was~~ ^{encountered} an armed force of eighty thousand ^{men} partly for display, partly to protect ~~King George and Queen Elizabeth.~~ ^{the visiting King} ~~We can't cope with such~~ ^{So our show} ~~want compare in size. But it probably~~ ~~competition as that.~~ ~~But anyway the British Sovereigns will see a~~ ^{will be} ~~different kind of emergency exhibition.~~

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The War Department today issued March Orders for the ~~companies,~~ ^{units} regiments, batteries, troops and airplanes that will take part, including one thousand two hundred marines and five hundred blue-jackets.

Incidentally, the King and Queen ~~reached~~ ^{are near} the far western extremity of their dominions today. They arrived at the beautiful modern city of Vancouver, which ~~has~~ ^{quite a show} put on ~~a great display~~ for them, twenty-two thousand soldiers massed along the ⁱⁿ route. ~~of the procession.~~

Yes, and five hundred thousand people were out to cheer them - twice the population of Vancouver.

The question was asked: "What does a locomotive engineer feel like after he has safely driven his King and Queen in their blue and silver streamlined special train? Well, for part of this journey through British Columbia, George and Elizabeth rode right up in the cabin of the locomotive with Jock. Who's Jock? Jock Rutherford is a sixty year old veteran of the C.P.R. And when he stepped down from his cab today friends and newspapermen gathered around him. One said:

"Jock, some day, what?" To which Jock Rutherford replied: "Heaviest rainfall I've seen in years."

And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.