

EUROPE

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There's still not much rejoicing in France today. The political headache has been cured for the time being by the formation of the new Chautemps Cabinet. But all the doctors agree that the cure is <sup>mere</sup> ~~excessively~~ temporary, <sup>relief.</sup> ~~it's~~ a makeshift Cabinet, say the experts, ~~and~~ not constructed to stand rough weather.

Nerves are on edge in France over news from Germany. In consequence, it has been freely prophesied on the banks of the Seine that Hitler is going to spring something in March. That prediction is based partly on news transmitted by the French Ambassador to Berlin. The Nazi Fuehrer, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ has made no secret of the fact that he considered himself entitled to interfere in any country which established a Communist government. And that's supposed to be the reason why the new Chautemps Cabinet includes no Communist. ~~of even a faintly pink complexion.~~

Another source of that prophecy is a ~~no~~ remark supposed to have been made by ~~Premier~~ Mussolini. A French radical newspaper published the report which for a time escaped much attention. Today it becomes highly momentous. At a secret meeting of Fascist leaders, Mussolini is supposed to have told them that

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the month of March is going to be one of extreme importance to world history. *Beware the Ides of March! - The ominous phrase echoes in Rome again.*

So France sits on tender-hooks. Hitler, the French believe, is preparing something <sup>as</sup> startling as his denunciation of the Versailles Treaty and his reoccupation of the Rhineland with German troops.

In England, however, a new champion <sup>rose</sup> to the defense of Chancellor Hitler. ~~It was~~ His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was addressing a congregation of the Church of England and, said His Grace:- "Great Britain should recognize more fully and more generously the keen desire of Adolph Hitler to maintain peace in Europe. At the same time," said the Archbishop, "it is a pity that the Nazi treatment of both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in Germany made people fail to realize Hitler's passion for peace."

It was noted by observers that His Grace was conspicuously less caustic about the Nazi treatment of the churches than he was of his ex-sovereign, former King Edward the Eighth when he abdicated.

Here's a late bulletin from Paris. The new Cabinet made its first public declaration of its intentions. It can be summed up in three words:- "Cannons and butter." <sup>*Defense and Food.*</sup> This announcement came from the mouth of George<sup>s</sup> Bonnett, Minister of Finance in the last Cabinet, Minister of State in this one.

SPAIN

The Spanish Civil War came to life again today -- came to death. General Franco's Rebel aviators, swooped upon the governments cities with terrific force. Death rained from the clouds on Madred, Barcelona, Valenica and Teruel. The attack was most swift and deadly at the Catalonian capital. But at Valenica it was reported that five hundred children were among those that perished when gasoline tanks were exploded by the bombardment from on high. In Barcelona the dead numbered more than five hundred and the injured over a thousand. That's according to an official guess.

STOCKHOLM

There are wailings and gnashings of teeth in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. ~~It's~~ <sup>Stockholm is</sup> one of the most beautiful cities in the world and is sometimes called the "Venice of the north."

~~That~~ <sup>a</sup> strike of cooks and waiters has brought all the grief.

For the people of Stockholm are second only to those of Paris, New York and Amsterdam in their love for good food. As the restaurant and hotel dining rooms are closed down, thousands of gourmets and gourmands are in a tough spot, those who eat to live as well as those who live to eat. Some of them are taking trips on the railroad trains in order to get food in the dining

cars. The consequence is that sleeping cars are booked weeks in advance; <sup>People not riding to sleep but to eat.</sup> The police stations are thronged with travelers asking

the addresses of boarding houses. The only restaurants ~~ix~~ not affected by the strike are the teetotaler places. The consequence is they are flourishing with a rich but melancholy trade. A Swedish connoisseur without any ~~ag~~uavit to wash down his smorgasbord is an exceedingly sad connoisseur.

~~Danish visitors from Copenhagen who have to go to~~

~~Stockhold on business are fed on sandwiches that are sent by airplane. And all the Danes I've ever known liked their victuals.~~

JEWS

Anti-Semitism has spread to Ecuador, of all countries!

It took the form of an executive decree promulgated by President Enriquez at Quito. This decree gives the Ecuadorian Jews thirty days to leave the territory of the Republic. The only ones exempted are those who operate farms or industrial enterprises of general benefit.

President Enriquez explained that the reason for the decree was an influx of too many aliens into Ecuador. "Foreigners," he said, "have been arriving without resources, without any means of support. In a short time they <sup>ive</sup> ~~accumulated~~ <sup>ive</sup> large sums of money, a lot of which they <sup>ive</sup> sent to their families abroad. The result <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a dis-balance of Ecuadorian economy."

WHEAT

There's going to be trouble in the wheat markets of the world. Such is the opinion of the International Wheat Advisory Commission. This body has been gathering figures from all over ~~the world.~~ From these it has learned that farmers everywhere are planting wheat on a gigantic scale, twenty-eight million acres more than are necessary to provide flour and bread for the world. The Commission points out that the consequence of this is likely to be a harvest of more than four billion bushels in Nineteen Thirty-Eight. And that would create a surplus too formidable to be absorbed.

J. Edgar  
HOOVER

The press and populace of St. Paul and Minneapolis were much puzzled today by J. Edgar Hoover. The head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrived suddenly at St. Paul from Los Angeles. This happens remarkably soon after the G-men broke the kidnapping and murder of Charles S. Ross. Reporters asked Mr. Hoover why he had suddenly come to St. Paul from Los Angeles. Hoover replied:-  
"To break my journey to Chicago."

Nevertheless, it was noticed that early this morning ~~Mr. Hoover~~ <sup>the Chief</sup> and his G.-men left their St. Paul office one at a time, taking devious routes so as to <sup>dodge</sup> the reporters. They then climbed into motorcars loaded with boxes. In those boxes were supposed to be spades and other digging tools. The newspaper men tried to follow, but were lost in the traffic of downtown St. Paul. Two caravans of five cars each, carrying G.-men, sped on that mysterious errand.

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It is all believed to be connected with the confession that Mr. Hoover's men say they obtained from Peter Anders, the confession that he kidnapped and murdered Charles S. Ross of Chicago. It has been hinted in St. Paul that the G-men are hoping to solve the <sup>kidnap</sup> murder ~~and killing~~ of ten year old Charlie Mattson of Tacoma.



## BUILDING

New York City's Commissioner of Public Welfare was a witness today before the Senate Committee on Unemployment and Relief. And, he told the Senators their chief concern should be to get actual jobs for the idle.

While he was saying that in Washington, a big business man in New York had beat him to it. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., issued an almost identical statement. And at the same time he put his opinion into practice. He gave instructions for the erection of three large buildings. So visitors to New York next year will find Rockefeller Center a bit different, enlarged and embellished. ~~Between them~~ ~~they'll put~~ <sup>put</sup> Twelve million dollars into circulation. Workers in the building trades will get one million man days of employment out of it.

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"The practical answer to the problem of unemployment is to find jobs for men who want to work," said Mr. Rockefeller. "Idle capital means idle labor. So we're proceeding at once to ~~the~~ complete Rockefeller Center."

- Then he pointed out one way in which the system works:-

"My wife and I," he said, "are wealthy. We have inherited fifty million dollars in tax exempt securities on which we pay no duties."

And he added: "I think this is a pernicious system." And from

a man of vast wealth that's a piercing, surprising statement.

TAXES

~~A courageous young man is Mr. James~~ <sup>is the</sup> ~~W. A.~~ Cromwell, husband  
of Doris Duke. That's the way he is commonly and somewhat unfairly  
described. Though his wife is reputed to be the richest girl in  
the world, he himself is more than a millionaire in his own right.  
<sup>At any rate he</sup>  
~~When such a man~~ steps ~~into~~ the center of the stage and argues for a  
reduction of taxes, ~~it requires a good deal of nerves.~~

As a matter of fact, young Mr. Cromwell is described  
by those who know him as a man of high intelligence and a hard  
working one at that. So let's see what his ideas about taxes are.  
"The present system of federal income taxes," he says, "is  
unscientific." For what reason? Because it taxes alike the  
spendthrift, the philanthropist, and the hoarder - the spendthrift  
who use<sup>s</sup> his riches to buy useless luxuries; the philanthropist  
who g<sup>ave</sup> generously to public improvements; the misers who  
contributed nothing. Therefore, says ~~Mr.~~ Cromwell, taxes should be  
levied according to the use to which income is put, not according  
to the amount received. His argument further was that our tax  
system destroy<sup>s</sup> capital that might be invested in such way as to  
provide prosperity and employment.

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STRIKE

For the last four days, the people of Portland, Oregon, have been without newspapers. The union printers went on strike in the <sup>offices of the</sup> ~~Portland~~ PORTLAND JOURNAL, the NEWS TELEGRAM, and the OREGONIAN. And its effects have reached far beyond the newspaper field. Without any place to advertise ~~in~~, retail merchants say their business has fallen off. All of which comes at an unfortunate time for the business people of Portland. ~~And~~ During the last five months of last year, a fight between the C.I.O. and the American Federation of Labor shut down five of the biggest lumber mills of the City of ~~Portland~~ <sup>Forest</sup>.

BATH

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Some three years ago a travelling salesman took a bath in a Cleveland hotel. By the way, I'm not offering that as news. (I want to say this in order that I may not receive thousands of indignant telegrams from the ~~g~~ideons.) The point of this story is that this particular travelling salesman slipped, fell, injured himself and died. His widow brought suit against the Industrial Commission of the State of Ohio claiming damages. The lower court ~~ruled~~ ruled against her. The Judge said "taking a bath is not part of the duty of a travelling salesman," ~~for underwear.~~ The widow's lawyers appealed the case. The argument in the Appellate Court was that nothing done by a travelling salesman while he is on the road is covered by the Bunk House Law.

That aroused my curiosity. So I telephoned *Henry* ~~Mr.~~ Henson head of the United Press Bureau in Cleveland and asked him what on earth is the Bunk House Law. ~~Mr.~~ Henson took a deep ~~xx~~ breath, dived into a sea of law books and came up with this information. It seems that the Bunk House Law in Ohio is an ancient statute passed when Ohio was

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SHAKESPEARE

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In a New York police court this morning an unusual prisoner appeared in the dock. Of course one might say that unusual prisoners are fairly ~~un~~usual in police courts anywhere. But the man I'm talking about was certainly a rarity. He was arrested for selling to subway passengers copies of Shakespeare. It's all right to sell newspapers and magazines in subway stations but apparently you may not sell Shakespeare. Another surprising thing about it was that the prisoner told the Magistrate he was doing a thriving trade. Subway passengers in Brooklyn apparently are hot fans of the Bard of Avon. As the presiding Magistrate listened to the evidence he was turning over the pages of one of the books and said to the defendant: There are many things in these books you've been selling about which everybody here present might profit. For instance, Love's Labor's Lost -- that ought to interest the ladies. Much Ado About Nothing, there is a fair description of most of the cases in this court. A Comedy Of Errors -- that's for the lawyers.

However, added the Magistrate "I'm sorry to tell you young man that selling these books in the subway is

being <sup>settled.</sup> ~~settled.~~ It was intended to apply to construction gangs and other workers who had to stay in bunk houses.

And the gist of the Bunk House Law is that lodging houses are responsible for anything that happens to the lodgers.

Of course this ~~predecessor~~ challenged the attention of Cleveland Hotel keepers. The travelling salesman who died as a result of taking a bath was stopping in one of the most expensive and fashionable hotels in Cleveland. So the question arises now: Is a luxurious modern hotel a Bunk House?

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DIZZY

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Here's a question - "Where is Dizzy Dean?" That's not such a great question, but the answer is great, voluminous, imposing. There certainly are a lot of kind, helpful folks eager to shed much illumination on the whereabouts of the Dizzy one. The other evening, I told about the baseball contract offered to Dizz and about the filling station he's running in Florida. The news dispatch placed him in Sarasota. That brought a barrage of telegrams, not counting letters. The documents are headed by one from Dizz himself, who wires: "You're as wrong as a batter who tries to hit my high hard pitch. My gas station is located right in Bradenton, and I don't want you or anybody else trying to move me away from this garden spot of Florida." That without any prompting from the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce - oh no - which wires this way:- "How come you insist on giving our beloved Dizzy Dean to another town?" And the telegram goes on to mention "this beautiful coast spot, best fishing in the South." And that without any co-operation -- oh no -- from the local hotel Manavista which wires me that Bradenton is one of the best towns on the entire west coast.

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Well, it certainly is great to have so many helpful folks  
burning up the expensive telegraph wires to make sure that we know  
just where Dizzy Dean is. It's just plain Christian charity,  
without the slightest intention of getting a little publicity for  
fair Bradenton. *Oh yes!*

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And -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.