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Today that question again -- how much did Jimmy Roosevelt make out of his insurance business.) Now he gives the answer. In Collier's he replies to the Saturday Evening Post story which said that his insurance income was rumored to have been from a quarter of a million to two million dollars a year. (In Collier's the President's son answers ~~that~~ by printing his income tax figures from 1933 to 1937. They show that in 1933 Jimmy made nearly ~~twenty~~ twenty-two thousand dollars. That's the lowest figure. In 1934 he made forty-nine thousand -- the highest figure. For the five ~~years~~ years his earnings ranged from twenty-two thousand to forty nine thousand.

He doesn't deny that being a president's son helped him to write insurance. *He says frankly:—* "I got into places I never could have," *he says frankly* if I wasn't the son of the President.) But son or no son, I got tossed out of a lot too." To back that up he lists a string of companies that turned him down.

And Jimmy Roosevelt proceeds to philosophize about the whole matter. "Being the son of the President," says he, "they'd be calling me a crook no matter what business I had

entered, provided, of course, that I'd been successful. If I'd practiced law privately or in government service -- well, use your imagination." And he concludes with this reflection: "My trouble seems to be a mixture of being a son of the President and not failing in business."

He insists that since he's been in ~~Washington~~ Washington as Secretary to his father, he has not solicited or accepted a single dollars worth of insurance.

EVICTIION

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Today at Los Angeles a reply was awaited from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The First Lady of the Land has been asked to intercede in behalf of Mrs. Jackson Barnett, who has barricaded herself in her million dollar home, is holding the fort with a shotgun, and threatens to blow the whole place up with dynamite.

The story all goes back to that famous Oklahoma Indian, Jackson Barnett, who, an illiterate tribesman, suddenly became a multi-millionaire -- because of ~~oil~~ oil. He was character Number One in the fantastic tale of oil struck on Indian lands. Squalid, grubbing tribes made fabulously rich by the sudden gushing of black oil. There was talk about white ~~men~~ women marrying these suddenly rich Indians, and the marriage of Jackson Barnett to a white woman is a story frequently in the press.

That story comes to a strange turn today. When Jackson Barnett died, he left a palatial home he'd built in Hollywood, in the course of luxurious spending. In that home of gaudy magnificence lives his widow. But her marriage

to the ~~I~~ndian millionaire has been declared illegal. It has been decreed that she has no right to the property he left. So she is faced with eviction. She refuses to leave. She has shut ~~herself~~ herself up ~~in~~ in the Hollywood ~~place~~ palace, And there, with a shotgun beside her, she defies anyone to make her leave. There's a store of dynamite in the house. And this she threatens to touch off and blow up the place and herself and anybody that tried to take her out. So now her lawyer has appealed to the White House, to the feminine part of it, Mrs. Roosevelt; ~~she~~ ^{has} asked her to intercede and stay the eviction and possible explosion.

~~herself as a Presidential possibility.~~

FARLEY.

For the past several months the Federal Government has encouraged the lending of money by banks to business. Third term talk is still buzzing. I suppose before long it will have us so dizzy we'll have to have our heads examined. The latest third term buzz is from Postmaster Jim Farley. And he talks about the examination of heads -- though he applies it to those aspiring ones who dream of grabbing off the Democratic nomination to succeed President Roosevelt. Anybody, says Jim, who comes out as a candidate before the President indicates what he's going to do, should have his head examined. Meaning -- wait and see what F. D. R. does. He may or may not.

One angle of Jim's speech is that he did not eliminate himself as a Presidential possibility.

LOANS.

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For the past several months the Federal Government has encouraged the lending of money by banks to business, as was revealed at the convention of the New York American Legion easing up credit restrictions. Yet, in spite of the encouragement, the lending by banks to business has decreased-- ~~from eight billion, six hundred and thirty-one million dollars~~

dropped by about
~~to eight billion~~ three hundred and thirty-four million.

It's been made easier for business to borrow more. **But,**

apparently business ~~has~~ has found reason to borrow less.

LA GUARDIA.

The appointment of a Communist to office in New York still continues to bedevil Mayor La Guardia. Yesterday he was rebuked at the convention of the New York American Legion because of the appointment of Communist Simon Gerson to the staff of Borough President Isaacs. To this La Guardia responded with a slashing statement: "I do not take orders from any group or any individual, and I take none from the Legion."

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Today that is answered in turn by a Legion Convention at Scranton, Pennsylvania. La Guardia had been invited to stop off and attend, but now the invitation is cancelled. The Pennsylvania Legionnaires uphold the action of the New York Legion, and say they are opposed to fraternizing with Reds.

UNAMERICAN.

An American newspaper out to investigate Nazi activities in this country would ^{indeed} be likely to give the assignment to a newspaperman of German origin. ^{Bund} John C. Metcalf, ~~is~~ a native of Germany, ~~and he~~ was assigned by the Chicago Daily News to get an inside account of the doings of the German American Bund. Metcalf joined the Bund as a Hitlerite German, ^{and} covered his story so thoroughly that he was retained as an investigator by the House Committee on Unamerican activities. So today, the first day of the hearing, he appeared as a star witness.

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One thing he said on the witness stand stands out with a dramatic highlight -- a strange scene reminiscent of secret orders and mystic rites. Metcalf was telling that in the German American Bund he didn't take an oath of allegiance to Hitler, no Nazi oath at all. He denied the testimony in a recent New York trial, testimony stating that the Bund members did take an oath to Hitler. He said that was perjury. He declared that the leaders of the Bund told him that it was against American law to swear allegiance to any foreign power. What then? Metcalf told of a secret ritual, storm troopers gathered in a room, locked and barred. No oath, not a word was spoken. Tense silence,

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fervor, emotion -- as the Nazi Swastika was held aloft, above the American flag. Perhaps an implicit, unspoken oath.

The testimony the witness gave was copious and spectacular. He said there are five hundred thousand people in this country connected with the Nazi movement.

Twenty-five thousand members of the Bund, and one hundred thousand sympathizers who come to Bund meetings. The remainder are sympathizers who don't want to be publicly identified with the Nazi cause.

Storm troopers trained after the fashion of the German army. Commands given in German, not English. The organization definitely opposed to Democratic government, out to promote the Nazi kind of dictatorship, anti-Semitism, opposition to religion in general. The whole outfit designed to be a vast inside ~~M~~ network which would be used ~~for~~ for espionage and sabotage if the United States were at war with Germany, or if we were supplying arms and ammunition to enemies of Germany. *Also* the Nazis penetrating the National Guard in various States. One entire company of the Illinois National Guard made up of members

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of the Bund.

Bundesfuhrer Fritz Kuhn explaining to the newspaperman-
investigator the recall of Dr. Hans Luther, German ambassador to
the United States. Kuhn saying it was he who had brought
about the recall of Luther.

Black shirts and silver shirts, allied with the Nazi
brown shirts. Fifteen thousand black shirt uniforms sent here
from Italy, ten thousand of them now used by Italian Fascist
groups in the country. The silver shirts, a native American
Fascist organization, predicting, they will have a membership of
a million by 1938. Ready to fight in support of the police in
case of a Communist revolution.

Metcalf climaxed by declaring that ~~King~~ Field Marshall
William Zachary gave a startling order to his silver shirts last
Saturday. He told them to stock their basements with guns and
ammunition and be ready to fight off a Red outbreak in the

United States. *Zachary denied threatening the
assassination of Pres. Roosevelt.*

The Committee on American activities is promising
quote a show with plenty of Nazi fireworks. Then on the other

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side of the fence it will investigate Communism in the United States, especially Red activities in the ranks of labor.

All of which makes the rest of us wonder - wonder how much of importance there is in all this.

GERMANY.

The German military maneuvers this year will be on a huge scale. Not only will the regular army take part in the war games, but reservists also -- men who would be called to the colors in case of war. A million soldiers will take the field in a demonstration of the latest technique of modern war.

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Greater maneuvers than ever -- that's half of the story. The other half is that the German war games will be staged the latter part of this month, and that's the time when the Czechoslovak crisis is expected to rise to its peak of danger. That's when ~~the~~ a showdown is due between the Prague Government and the Sudeten Germans.

So. No wonder ~~that~~ the bigness ^{of} the war maneuvers is linked to the critical time when they'll occur. ^{And there is} anxiety in London and Paris. Today, however, Berlin officially denies that the giant battle practice has any relation to the progress of the quarrel with Czechoslovakia.

CZECH.

The negotiations in Czechoslovakia for a compromise with the Sudeten Germans received a jolt today -- in a statement issued by the League of Reserve officers. That's one of the most powerful organizations in the country. The League of Reserve officers demands that in dealing with the minority groups, the power of the Czechoslovakian state shall not be weakened.

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The statement speaks in these somber words: "We officers who are first to be doomed to death," it says, "are fully conscious of our responsibility. The State authority under no circumstances may be lessened, undermined or abused -- not by a single word or a single deed." So proclaims one of the dominant organizations among the Czechs. The pronouncement was issued right in the middle of the negotiations between the Prague Government and the Sudeten Germans with Lord Runciman of Great Britain acting as mediator.

The Czechoslovakian Government seems to be somewhat perturbed by it. The statement was published in the official magazine of the Reserve Officers League -- without Government

permission. And it is being kept out of all other publications -- they will be confiscated if it is printed.

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FAR EAST.

A new incident in the Far East. A Japanese shot in some sort of border trouble. He was a member of a Japanese mission on the frontier that divides the island of Saghalien. No details given save that he was shot by Soviet Russians.

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TOADS

At Ansonia, Connecticut, the dreadful word is scaphiobus-holbrookii. Sounds dreadful -- especially at night, when the scaphiobus-holbrookii sings his mating song.

Four years ago the town of Ansonia was devastated by the sound. The ears of the citizens were lacerated, and at night they couldn't sleep because of the uproar. The

is not another name for Geo. Byer's Conn.
scaphiobus-holbrookii is a species of the spade-foot toad, hundreds of thousands of which invaded Ansonia in the vicinity

of Hotchkiss Pond. They swarmed to the pond at the mating season. *unlike the love-call of the ^{Conn.} Nutmeg,* the love call of the scaphiobus-Holbrookii is loud, harsh, raucous, penetrating -- an assault upon the eardrums.

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Multiply one of those stentorian love songs by hundreds of thousands -- and Ansonia was driven to distraction. When the mating season was over the scaphiobus-holbrookii departed, and there was silence ~~ix~~ in the night once ~~ix~~ more at Ansonia. But scientists announced that the noisy mating season occurred once every four years. So the town could only look forward to another time of horror four years later.

Nutmeg. It's

Conn. Nutmeg

They resolved to forestall this, and they drained Hotchkiss Pond, so the scaphiobus-holbrookii wouldn't find any water when they returned.

Now the four years are up. And once more Ansonia is ~~f~~ deafened by the love song of the spade-foot toad. All because of the weather. Those incessant summer rains, The daily downpour has created pools all over the place, and these apparently do quite well for the mating season of the scaphiobus-holbrookii. The ^{scientists} ~~controversy~~ tell the sleepless and the night-haunted, tormented people that their only hope is dry weather, a drying up of the pools which will cause the lovelorn toads to depart. So Ansonia is not praying for rain.

DUST

In Buchanan County, Missouri, the news is --

dust and divorce. Today fifty housewives served notice to the

County Court that there must be an end to the dust or there'll

be a beginning of divorce. The trouble is a stretch of road

that has not been oiled for thirteen years, and the dust

rises in clouds. It settles everywhere, all over ^{all the} ~~the~~ ~~the~~

^{homes -}
~~houses,~~

especially in the parlor. The housewives have to dust

day in and day out, and they're tired of it. They don't

say about marital life "not ~~is~~ so dusty." They say its

much too dusty. So if the road ~~is~~ isn't oiled they will

quit married life and divorce their husbands. It seems

to be rather hard on the poor husbands, or is it? Anyway,

it's a case of dust and marriage. Well, ^{doesn't} the preacher

always says: "Dost thou take this man," ^{and so on and} ~~etc, etc~~

^{so on - and so long until} ~~tomorrow~~
Monday.

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