

KANSAS

Tonight soldiers are on guard at the State Treasury building in Topeka, Kansas. Governor Landon today ordered the state troops to take control of the vaults where Kansas keeps its cash. The Governor claims he has evidence that the State Treasurer, Tom Boyd, allowed a private citizen, one Ronald Finney, to take a hundred and fifty thousand dollars in state bonds to Chicago, and use them for a personal transaction.

I telephoned to Governor Landon's office and learned that no legal action has been taken against the State Treasurer. The Governor declares that new evidences of forgery were disclosed today and that the total sum involved in the devious delainings is likely to amount to half a million dollars.

I spoke to Attorney General Boynton, and learned that Ronald Finney, who is said to have taken the hundred and fifty thousand dollars in state bonds to Chicago, has been arrested and released on twenty-five thousand dollars bail. He is the son of

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an Emporia banker, and is charged with forging municipal bonds in Kansas. This sensational affair has been cooking up for some time. The charges and counter charges have led to an examination of various banks, ~~four~~ and three already have been closed. The climax came today when the Governor had state troops take over the Treasury building in Topeka.

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## GAS BOMB

The New York County Grand Jury filed three indictments today against the joker who put those tear gas bombs in the New York Stock Exchange. He is Eugene Daniel, a Boston lawyer and Harvard graduate, ~~who was suspected shortly after the tear gas bomb episode.~~ Daniel is said to be the leader of some sort of red radical political party, and it was because of his social and economic theories that he turned the tear gas loose on the bulls and bears in the Stock Exchange. The indictments include a charge of assault -- that is, assault against the superintendent of the Exchange Building who got a large dose of the gas, and suffered considerable discomfort thereby. Seven years in the cooler is a possible aftermath penalty which the tear gas bomber may have to pay.

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PIRACY

Out in Chicago they'd like to prosecute a would-be robber for piracy, but they can't do it -- which brings up ~~the~~ a neat point of law. ~~It was a~~ A speedboat was on its way along the Lake bound for the Fair Grounds. Two miles off Grant Park while the boat was going forty miles an hour, a young man jumped into action as a robber, and tried to hold up his forty fellow passengers. They jumped on him, overpowered him, and he was taken away to the lock-~~up~~<sup>up</sup>. The United States District Attorney studied maritime law today and found that he couldn't charge the robber with piracy -- because as defined by law, piracy involves taking cargo. There was no attempt to take anything but personal belongings, and these do not come under the heading of cargo. So the robber is being held under an assault charge.

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## ARIZONA

A late check-up on yesterday's vote in Arizona shows it to be dripping wet. In round figures the vote comes to forty-four thousand to twelve thousand, and that's nearly four to one.

About the only dry spot in Arizona seems to be the Painted Desert.

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NIRA

0 In Washington today hearings were opened on the coal code, which has been causing a good deal of controversy. General Johnson, Nira's official boyfriend, opened the proceedings with the plea for harmony and cooperation. He told the assembled representatives of various branches of the coal industry that the coal code was the most difficult problem which Nira has been called upon to solve.

Things have moved with a better lubrication in the case of oil. It was announced today that the oil industry has ~~not~~ come under ~~Nira's blanket~~ <sup>the</sup> code. ~~I hope they're satisfied~~. The labor provisions of the oil code have been officially approved, and that was all that was needed.

The Continental Can Company has announced a fifteen per cent wage increase and a five and ten per cent salary increase. The Simmons Bed Company has announced a ~~huge increase~~ <sup>boom</sup> in business, and an increase of thirty-eight per cent in employment. All is well with tin cans and beds.

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## AUTOMOBILE SALES

They sold more automobiles in the first seven months of this year than they did during the entire year of 1932. <sup>In fact</sup> They sold seven thousand more. In the twelve months of <sup>1932</sup> ~~1932~~ <sup>nine</sup> ~~nine~~

<sup>nine</sup> hundred <sup>and</sup> <sup>1</sup> seventy-seven thousand cars were sold. In the first seven months of 1933 nine hundred <sup>and</sup> <sup>1</sup> eighty-four thousand were sold. Those figures certainly do talk. And is the automobile industry responding to the good tidings? You bet. In July a year ago fifty-nine thousand cars were turned out. In July of 1933, just past, seventy-nine thousand were built.

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## AUTOMOBILES

They have no automobiles in Liberia -- or mighty few.

But of course, they have plenty of motorcars in the U.S.A. The Department of Commerce issued an automobile census bulletin today.

Uncle Sam has one auto for every five persons. For the whole world the ratio is one for every sixty persons. Last on the list comes the Black Republic of Liberia, which has only one automobile for every forty-seven thousand inhabitants. And what it <sup>has</sup>~~ix~~ I imagine are not the big shiny kind that look like a million dollars.

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## ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt is said to be satisfied with the present economic trends. He has just studied a series of reports submitted to him by Professor George Warren and James Rogers, showing that employment is gaining upon the rising commodity prices -- which means that men are being taken back to work at an increasingly rapid rate, while the rise in commodity prices is slowing down. During the early months of the New Deal the opposite was the case, the rise in prices was outstripping the increase in employment.

The charts show that commodity prices are levelling off. That pleases the President. One of his objects is to level out the peaks and valleys in commodity prices -- ~~xxx~~ you know, those ups and downs ~~in~~ those curves. He wants a steady, even trend of prices with no violent fluctuations of up and down. The figures show that the cost of living has not risen so very much since March 4th. But commodities that took the biggest drop have naturally come back the most, particularly the leading agricultural products. These by the way, are what the President wants, particularly to improve. Commodity prices are shown to be now at about the

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level of the period from 1910 to 1914. Just how high the President intends for them to rise is not known. That's one of the big question marks of the day.

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COMIC TO FOLLOW AGRICULTURE

The New Deal seems to be doing a lot for the farmers.

At least I judge so from a story that a listener in has sent along.

h A farmer and his wife went to the Bank. The old boy was carrying a bucket that seemed quite heavy. He told the clerk they wanted to make a deposit and handed in the bucket, which was full of money.

The Clerk counted and counted, and finally said: "There's fourteen thousand dollars here."

"No," protested the farmer, "there's sixteen thousand."

The Clerk counted the money again and once more repeated Fourteen thousand dollars.

This time the farmer was convinced. "Say, ~~What~~" he said, "we must have brought the wrong bucket."

L.T. Correspondence.

CUBA

( I talked by oceanic telephone to Havana again today. The situation down there is still ominous, threatening, tense. Everybody is expecting something to happen. Four policemen were killed last night by revolution~~ers~~<sup>ists</sup> presumably in retaliation for the machine gunning that took place the night before. )

President Machado delivered a radio address today in which he flatly announced that he was going to stay in office. He declared that Cuba wants no meddling by other nations. This has pointed reference to the United States. Possible American intervention was threateningly rejected by the Dictator.

6 American Ambassador Sumner Welles told newspapermen today that he was waiting for something to happen at the Palace. That was all he had to say. What that something may be leaves everybody guessing. It is surmised that it may be some scheme to have Machado retire under the pretense of a leave of absence and let Secretary of State Orestes Ferrara take his place. The Cuban Secretary of State flew to Cuba today from Washington. He met Ambassador Welles this afternoon for a short conference.

The friend in Havana with whom I talk by telephone, told



me that the leaders of the forces fighting President Machado held a secret meeting last night and vowed that they would keep the strike going, that same strike which precipitated the recent flare-up and has paralyzed business and transportation in Havana. They are determined to do nothing to restore conditions to normal until martial law is lifted and their constitutional rights are restored.

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ADD CUBA

5- So far as Cuba is concerned, it's <sup>still</sup> a case of watchful waiting at the summer White House. And that phrase reminds us of Woodrow Wilson and war times. President Roosevelt, in handling the Cuban situation, is following the Wilson policy of watchful waiting.

Late this afternoon a navy plane landed at Poughkeepsie and delivered to the President a large portfolio of papers on the subject of Cuba. Otherwise the word is the same as yesterday. The President has instructed Ambassador Wells to continue his attempts at mediation, and it is said that conditions in Cuba will have to turn into absolute chaos before the United States lands any soldiers on the Island.

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Ellery Walter cables me from Tokio that he has just interviewed <sup>Several</sup> ~~four~~ Japanese leaders concerning the present situation in the Far East. General Araki, Commander-in-Chief of the army in North China, informed him that the present truce in the East is merely temporary <sup>and</sup> that the Russians are causing trouble on the borders of Manchukuo. ~~He further declared that Japan's behavior in the Far East has been consistent.~~

~~The second of the leaders of Japan whom he interviewed was Osumi, Commander in Chief of the Imperial Navy of Japan, who declared that Uncle Sam's new navy program is quite within the treaty and that the United States therefore is exercising its legitimate rights.~~

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The ~~this~~ leader ~~He~~ talked to ~~was~~ Baron Uchida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who informed him that difficulties between Japan and Russia menace peace in the Far East at present, but that America will not be involved.

From Saito, the Premier of Japan, he received the message that responsible men both in America and Japan understand

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each other and will be able to prevent the Jingoos from  
causing any serious trouble ~~to arise~~ between ~~the~~ this country  
and the Empire of the Mikado.

ELLERY WALTER



## GERMANY

It looks as if the Nazi government in Berlin might get some more diplomatic protests from other nations. The latest is that the Hitlerites have invaded Swiss territory. It is reported from Geneva that a Swiss working man ~~ixft~~ living in the city of Basle, has made a formal complaint to the Swiss government that Nazi storm troopers, crossing into Swiss territory, broke into his home and searched it from top to bottom, hunting for Socialist literature. Hitler has forbidden the circulation of Socialist propaganda. They say some of it has been smuggled into Germany from Switzerland. Hence the apparent invasion of Swiss territory by some ~~mixer~~ of the enthusiastic Nazis.

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## IRELAND

3 Over in Dublin today they indulged in the old Dublin pastime of twisting the lion's tail. The Irish legislature met ~~today~~ and ~~the~~ usual thing happened. Among the first bills introduced were a number intended to embarrass King George. One bill read today provides for drastic changes in the Constitution of the Irish Free State. All of which changes are designed for the purpose of abolishing the prerogatives of the British Crown.

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## DUBLIN

And on top of that they had a riot in Dublin last night. Some of the Dubliners don't seem to like the blue shirt National Guard of General O'Duffey. This is a conservative organization. The Blue Shirts staged a bit of festivity with dancing and general gaiety. Ex-president Cosgrave was on his way to the ball when a brick came crashing through the window of his automobile and hit the chauffeur. This was the signal for a storm of Irish confetti. O'Duffey claims that the present de Valera government is anti-Irish. That's one of the reasons why he and his Blue Shirts were given the brick-bat ovation.

Sherwin.

BALBO

(2) We're rapidly nearing the end of the Balbo epoch. The Italian air fleet landed on the continent of Europe today at Lisbon. The flight from the Azores to Lisbon though was marred by a tragic mishap. As the sky fleet took off in sections from the harbor of Ponte del Gada, one of the giant seaplanes turned over, ~~as it~~ trying to rise from the water. Of the crew of four the reserve pilot, Lieutenant *Squaglia*, was fatally injured. Colonel Longo, third in command of the Armada, remained behind with several planes to ascertain the outcome of his brother officer's injuries. The ~~fixeuenx~~ Lieutenant, however, died in a hospital ashore. Then the planes that had waited took wing and followed their comrades through the sky northward, and landed in Lisbon a few hours later. The mishap at the ~~X~~ Azores brought the second fatality encountered by the mass flight between continents. One man was killed in Holland at the very start.

Tonight the triumphant aviators are being entertained with cheers and music in Lisbon. All that remains now is their final hop to Rome.

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## AVIATION

Now comes the question - how high is up? ~~There seems to be~~

A battle of law and aviation ~~that~~ is being waged between the New York County Law Association and the legal experts of Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

As the matter is explained to me by William M. Wherry of the law firm of <sup>Wherry & Wherry,</sup> Wherry, and White, it all concerns airplanes that fly in the sky above somebody's property. The Professors of the law argue on the theory that if you own a piece of property you also own the space above it, all the way up, <sup>+ up + up.</sup> According to that theory the proprietor of one building lot would also own the space above it, indefinitely, all the way to the <sup>Milky Way,</sup> stars, ~~beyond the stars,~~ all the way to infinity -- which is a lot for the money you pay for a building lot at prevailing prices. The practical importance is that an airplane flying, no matter how high above that bit of land, is committing a tresxpass.

The New York lawyers disagree with this. They claim the proprietor's rights extend upward only so far as he makes actual use of the space above his land. They argue that the air and sky is

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what they call res nullius, meaning that it belongs to nobody -- and that, therefore, an airplane doesn't commit a trespass on the property over which it flies. - res nullius.

And, so, how high is up. I don't know; but I do know that my time is up - and res nullius.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

L.T. Correspondence.