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SEARCH

An anxious hunt is going on in the Alleghany National forest. The object of the search is a ~~little~~ four year old girl. She went on a mother's day outing with her parents and her eleven year old sister. The father was fishing, mother sat in the car parked along the road. The eleven year old sister and the four year old little girl <sup>strolled off</sup> ~~went~~ to pick flowers. The older girl returned, handed her mother some flowers, and then went back to the woods for ~~xxxxxx~~ little Margery. But she couldn't find her. The parents couldn't find her either. They went back to town and gave the alarm. Oil workers combed the forest with miners' lamps on their hats. They searched all night, without avail. Today they were reenforced by two hundred C.C.C. workers, and members of the American Legion. There are five hundred men combing the brush of the Alleghany national forest for ~~the~~ <sup>A</sup> little ~~child~~ <sup>Margery.</sup> and surely they'll find her.

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President Roosevelt returns from his fishing trip full of vim and vigor -- not only because of the fishing but because of the success of his friend, Senator Pepper, in Florida.

Apparently that New Deal victory had its effect upon his opponents in Congress for the hot opposition to two of his pet measures seems to have melted away. Representative O'Connor of New York, Chairman of the important rules Committee today introduced a resolution calling for an immediate vote on the much disputed wage-hour bill. Two other members of the Committee shifted their stand. The consequence will be a vote in the House not later than next week. And then -- the President still has to face a battle in the Senate, led by Senator Pat Harrison.

It became known that Mr. Roosevelt made one thing clear to his lieutenants in Congress:- "There'll be no adjournment

this summer until Congress has passed that ~~Wage-Hour~~ Bill.

Almost in the same breath we <sup>learn</sup> ~~know~~ that the Senate and House are agreed on the billion dollar expansion of Uncle Sam's navy. That means forty-six fighting ships, to say nothing of twenty-six auxiliaries and nine hundred and fifty planes to be added to the naval air force.

Furthermore, with hardly no debate at all, the Senate approved the Congress report on the five billion dollar tax bill, which everybody hopes will help the return of recovery.

AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture is going to have the neat little sum of more than a billion dollars to spend in the coming year. That was the appropriation in the bill ~~just~~ passed in the Senate today. Of that, half a billion, five hundred million ~~dollars~~ will be handed out to farmers: - ~~That~~ <sup>called:-</sup> ~~would be~~ For what is now ~~called~~ "soil conservation payments." Actually they are <sup>somewhat</sup> ~~just~~ the same as the checks sent to farmers under the A.A.A. for not planting things.

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W.P.A.

There's a strike in three of the southernmost counties of New Jersey; ~~its~~ a strike of W.P.A. workers. Ten thousand of them have walked out. They don't like the tyrannical injustice of having to work Saturdays.

Formerly, W.P.A. workers were required to work five days a week. But a new system was established. Under <sup>it</sup> ~~that~~ they work four days a week and every third Saturday. <sup>And -</sup> They prefer the old system, five straight days a week. <sup>Yes -</sup> They like <sup>all</sup> their Saturdays off.

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From abroad word of a strike settled. The workers of the French liner Champlain have gone back with appologies - French politeness. After you my dear Alphonse said the strikers.

PENNSYLVANIA

Democratic politics are still sizzling in Pennsylvania. Governor Earle and his new Attorney General are fighting off a grand jury investigation, an inquiry into the charges of bribery made by ex-Attorney General Margiotti whom <sup>the</sup> Governor ~~Earle~~ <sup>Earle</sup> fired. ~~The Governor~~ has appealed to <sup>t</sup>he Pennsylvania Supreme Court to issue a writ stopping the Grand Jury hearing. Governor Earle's lawyer told the court that this Grand Jury investigation is merely a part of campaign tactics and that it would make the executive branch of the government subordinate to the judicial. ~~branch.~~

In spite of all that, the District Attorney of Daughin County at Harrisburg went ahead drawing subpo<sup>a</sup>nas for witnesses. Word comes from his office that this investigation, if it isn't stopped by the Supreme Court, will be one of the most spectacular ever seen in the good old keystone state.

While this was going on, former Governor Pinchot, who is running for the Republican nomination again, received a wire from Alf Landon in Kansas. Republicans who don't like Mr. Pinchot

have accused him of being a New Dealer under the skin, not a genuine Republican. Said Ex-Candidate Landon: "Your Republicanism suits me and if you're not a good Republican, neither am I."

Then he added: "The biggest thing is the vital importance of redeeming the nation, state by state, from the gigantic political machine operating out of Washington." And he concluded:

"I am confident Pennsylvania and Kansas will show the way."

## NEUTRALITY

There's not much success in sight for the<sup>+</sup> move to lift our embargo on the shipping of arms to Spain, ~~and China~~. The President spent some time discussing it today with Secretary Hull and congressional leaders. But the burden of opinion in Congress seems to be against doing anything about it. Representative Sam Rayburn, Democratic leader in the House, said: "I'm against monkeying with the neutrality laws at this time." And then he added: <sup>"But —</sup> "I don't speak for anyone but myself."



## BATTLE

A war started today in Uncle Sam's waters. A fleet of enemy battleships, transports and aircraft carriers are steaming over the Atlantic to invade our northeastern seaboard. But before you take alarm, let me hasten to add that it's a sham war. It's a test of the army defenses on the northern Atlantic coast.

Incidentally, it will be the greatest mobilization of man-power in the history of Uncle Sam's air corps. More than twenty-three hundred officers and men of the air force will take part.

On Saturday I saw a few of their spectacular practice manoeuvres, an air battle with pilots of the National Guard Twenty-Seventh Division over the Knickerbocker Grey Sham Battle on Quaker Hill.

ROME

So the big party is over in Italy. After a final big hoorah at Florence, the two biggest dictators of Europe kissed and said good-bye. However, that was for public consumption. Fuehrer Hitler has not gone home yet. He is staying on later than has been expected, for a final pow-wow with Mussolini.

Now, everybody would like to know, what ~~will it all amount to and what~~ are the visible results?" The answer is; visibly -- nothing. It seems to be an open secret that Hitler goes back to Berlin without any military alliance in his pocket. However, he won't go back empty-handed. In the final outburst of celebrations in Florence, Mussolini publicly made a proposal of considerable significance. He suggests fraternization not between Germany and Italy, but between the Nazi and the Fascist parties.

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And what does that mean? It means an alliance of propaganda. The Nazis and the Fascists <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~ coordinate the propaganda they are spreading in foreign countries, including all the Americas, and, ~~there will be~~ frequently consultations between party leaders in Berlin and Rome.

## LEAGUE

After a long interval, here comes news from Geneva again. The Council of the League of Nations met and the red hot question of the hour? Japan? No. Spain? No. Confiscation of those oil wells in Mexico? No! Austria or Czechoslovakia? No! The question was -- Ethiopia. Or rather the question is, how can the League be led to back down gracefully from its former attitude? John Bull, as the world knows, has backed down. But there are rude and capitous people who say it wasn't so graceful a manoeuver.

The delegation of Haile Selassie, once the King of Kings, was there today, with figurative banners flying and drums ruffling. The most immediate problem for the Council was whether the Ethiopian delegation should be seated. The Ethiopians took it for granted, and that put the Council on the spot.

A late bulletin from Geneva reports that Haile Selassie is about to make a spectacular move, a quick airplane trip from London to plead his cause in person.

The toughest job in all this is for Viscount Halifax. It's up to him to smooth the way for the recognition of the Italian conquest. And he has his work cut out. For up sprang not only Soviet Russia but one of Britain's own dominions, New Zealand, to protest. Perplexing indeed.

CHINA

For many days we've been hearing that the Japanese armies in China were weakening. ~~When I commented on these reports I was mindful of the fact that they came from Chinese sources.~~ Today we have a story of a different kind. This one comes from Japanese headquarters. The ~~Mikado's~~<sup>Emperor's</sup> generals have started the big drive that has been ~~prophe~~<sup>predicted</sup> for some time. With swift spearhead thrusts they're attacking the Chinese defenders at a dozen key points.

The Mikado's navy is also active. Thirty-seven of his warships are anchored off the southern coast of Amoy; sixteen more are in wait outside Macao. The hope of the Japanese war lords is to deliver a final crushing blow at Chinese resistance.

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The most dramatic ~~incident in~~<sup>news from</sup> the Far East was the complete wiping out of an Italian-Catholic mission. Three hundred and seventy people in a small ~~and important open town, completely~~ undefended ~~were~~<sup>town,</sup> killed by Japanese bombers. This ~~took place~~ fifty miles ~~xx~~ south of Suchow, ~~in the southern part of China.~~ The Red Cross field director who reported this tragedy said that the place had no military importance whatsoever.

MANILA

There has been a good deal of discussion in newspapers and magazines about the number of Japanese that have been filtering into the Philippines. Whole provinces are economically controlled by subjects of the Mikado. So an order issued by the Philippine Secretary of Labor today is interesting. He has commanded the arrest of eleven thousand aliens scattered throughout the island. However, it is said that seven thousand of them are Chinese who overstayed their welcome.

Presidio Theft.  
EDGEMON

Out at the Presidio, <sup>Army post</sup> Uncle Sam's ~~fort~~ <sup>^</sup> at San Francisco,

a staff sergeant has been placed under arrest. And it comes to light that the charge against him is stealing <sup>army</sup> secret documents. ~~of~~

~~Uncle Sam's army.~~ Naturally, this gave rise to reports of a spying plot. But the judge advocate at the Presidio says, No; ~~It is~~ not an espionage case. That makes it rather baffling. The sergeant's arrest followed the discovery that papers from the secret files of the Presidio were missing. It required several days' investigation to pin it on to the man who was the second ranking non-commissioned officer of the Thirtieth Infantry. He is to be court-martialed later in the week.

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PROFESSOR

~~Perhaps you may remember~~ One of the curious characters in Lewis Carroll's classic, "The Hunting of the Snark," ~~he~~ was <sup>a man</sup> ~~the one who was~~ famed "for the number of things, he forgot when he boarded the ship; - his umbrella, his watch, ~~or~~ his jewels and rings; <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ the clothes he had bought for the trip."

~~And~~ Further we ~~used to~~ learn<sup>ed</sup> that "the loss of his clothes hardly mattered; because he had seven coats on when he came; and three pairs of boots, but the worst of it was; he had wholly forgotten his name."

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A visiting professor from Japan found himself in a rather similar plight at Detroit. He took a trip on a sightseeing bus and enjoyed it enormously until it ended. Right there ~~xxxx~~ he was in a tough spot. He had forgotten something. He wasn't exactly like the Lewis Carroll character because ~~it~~ it wasn't his name. ~~he had forgotten~~. But he had forgotten the name of his hotel. The Detroit police drove him all around the town, for two hours. They showed him every hostelry but none of them was familiar to that Japanese professor. Just to show the exhaustiveness of the Detroit cops, they then

went to the Michigan Central station. There they checked up every taxi driver and finally found the hackman who had taken the

Japanese professor to his hotel when he arrived. *It turned out to be the biggest one in town - the Book-Cadillac.*



GOMEZ

The important baseball news today comes by way of the divorce court. It's of particular interest to American League *permanent race.*

~~fan~~ For it means that there's good cheer for Yankee Pitcher <sup>Z</sup>Gomez. ~~At any rate there ought to be.~~ The suit brought against him by his wife, formerly June O'Dea, has been withdrawn.

So Senor Lefty can go to the mound without having any worries over what's going on in the law courts. That doesn't mean he got off Scot free. The report is that it cost him a tidy sum to pacify the lady.

SCHMELING

Six weeks until the big fight of the year, the bout between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling. But Max is taking no chances on getting into condition. He arrived from Germany today, <sup>and</sup> it's interesting to observe the bland confidence with which the Black Oolahn approaches the fight. He's so sure that he is going to repeat his last performance with Joe Louis that he announced: "I shall defend my title as champion of the world in September." And that's known bromidically as counting your chickens before they're hatched.

Boxing experts have been pointing out that Max is two years older than the night when he knocked out the Brown Bomber. In point of years he has now gone over the deadline when a fighter may still be considered good. Joe, on the other hand, is in his prime, However, Max has an argument about that. "I'm in better shape today," says he, "than the last time." And he adds:- "Then I hadn't had a fight for a year. In the past five months I've had three, two of them knockouts." So says Max. And now Hugh, what from you?