

FIGHT

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All eyes are on the weather man today, not because of crops nor because of any important movement of airplanes or any such trivial matter. The big question the weather man was asked to answer is: "Will it rain over the Yankee Stadium in New York, where Max Schmeling of Germany will try to knock the ~~block~~ and the championship crown off ^{the brow of} Joe Louis of Detroit?" It has been ^{here} overcast in New York all day and some people have their fingers crossed. But the prediction is that though it may rain, it won't be serious. And the management says the fight may have to ^{start} ~~begin~~ an hour earlier if the clouds loom too low.

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Seventeen years ago, when Jack Dempsey met Georges Carpentier of France, the promoter of that fight modestly called it "the battle of the century." Since then there have been so many battles of the century that it became a joke among sports writers. But it seems reasonable to say today that never has such a large and populated section of the globe waited to see which of two men could chop the other down. Not only all America, but all Europe sits agog for tonight's encounter between the Black Uhlan and the Brown Bomber. Reports from Berlin say specifically that

"Max Schmeling is the man of the hour in Germany tonight."

Every beer hall in the Reich is equipped with a radio loudspeaker.

The Chairman of the German Boxing Commission sent a cable to Schmeling. In it he said: "The entire German nation, together with Germany's boxing family, is thinking of you dear Comrade Schmeling and wishing you luck." The odds on dear Comrade Schmeling in the Fatherland are two to one.

Back here at home, the odds are on Louis, nine to five.

If I were the late Arthur Brisbane I should add the simple homiletic words - "Don't gamble."

The two fighters met at Madison Square Garden this afternoon to be weighed. The Black Uhlan was smiling, chatty, nodding to everybody he knew. There was not a smile, not even a wink, on the face of the Brown Bomber. It was noticed that Louis had a heavy stubble of beard on his chin and cheeks. Schmeling wore a clean shave. There's a technical ~~ix~~ reason for a stubble of beard on the chin before you get into a prize ring. First of all, it helps the punches to roll off more easily. Secondly, when the fighters clinch, the man with the beard scrapes it heavily on the shoulder of his opponent, and if the beard is tough enough, that's painful. *apparently there will be plenty of pain*

for many people tonight — those who bet the wrong way.

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GERMANY

There'll probably be a settlement of Uncle Sam's argument with Germany over the debts owed by Austria. That's indicated by a bit of news that comes out of Berlin today. It isn't official, but comes from what's called "well informed private sources." And the dope is that the Hitler government is ready to begin making payments of at least part of the debt owed by Austria in other countries. That means, the part which was guaranteed by Great Britain. The only official statement coming out of Germany on this subject so far is that "Germany does not consider herself legally reasonable for any foreign loans floated by the Austrian government." But John Bull has already been assured that British creditors will be taken care of.

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Today's German report about debt
paying ~~That~~ comes in answer to a threat made by the English government. They have warned Germany that if the Austrian debts were repudiated, England would establish a clearing system for international transactions and deduct the amount of those debts from the money owed by English business men to Germans.

TURK

One of the next peace moves in Europe will probably be a treaty between France and Turkey. George^s Bonnet, Foreign Minister of France, ~~is going to make a~~ ^{will} journey to Angora, ~~the~~ capital of the Turkish Republic, in a few months. ~~He's going to~~ ^{There he will} visit Kemal Ataturk. For several weeks there have been conversations between Turkish and French diplomats. Foreign Secretary Bonnet hopes to clinch the agreement with the Ataturk. It's chiefly interesting to the world at large because it means settling that long ~~and~~ ^{and} troublesome question of Syria, ~~maybe~~ ^{maybe}.

JUGOSLAVIA

A significant little item comes from Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia. A new bank is ~~now operating~~ to be founded in Belgrade, with a branch in Italy. It's to be called the "Italian-Jugoslav Bank." In other words, Mussolini is putting out a financial hand to tighten his grip over that ^{new south-slav} kingdom.

HUTTON

Over in London an expensively dressed young lady paid a visit to Bow Street the most famous police court in Europe. Accompanying this handsome expensively gowned young woman was Sir Patrick Hastings, one of the foremost lawyers of the British Bar. They ^{paid an exceedingly private} ~~paid a~~ visit to the Chief Magistrate of London, ~~an exceedingly private visit.~~ Reporters naturally wondered what on earth could that handsome young lady have wanted of London's ⁵ Chief Police Magistrate, ~~they~~ that called for an escort by the great Sir Patrick Hastings.

The young lady was the Countess ^{Von} Haugwitz-Reventlow, ~~We used to know her better as~~ Barbara Hutton, heiress to the Woolworth millions. ~~And~~ ^{The} grapevine interpretation of her mysterious visit to Bow Street police court is that it ^{is all} ~~is~~ connected with a threat. ~~The threat was~~ ^{to} kidnap her little boy, ^{the} two and a half year old son of the ^{Five & Ten} ~~the~~ Woolworth heiress ~~and~~ ^{her Danish} ~~and the~~ nobleman.

(No information about that visit could be obtained from the celebrated Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. ^{who} ~~he~~ is famous ^{and Jury.} for ~~his~~ the pithy and cogent nature of his words before a judge

~~and jury~~ ^{Today} To an audience of newspapermen the great Sir Patrick made the eloquent and illuminating statement: "The less said the better!"

However, the Countess Barbara's ~~solicitor~~ solicitor admitted to correspondents that "Certain ~~very~~ precautions are being taken to protect young Lance, the little boy." This isn't the first time threats have been made at his safety. As long ago as March 1936 when Lance was less than ~~xx~~ a month old a man was sentenced ^d to four months in prison, ~~in Magistrates' Court~~ ~~He was~~ convicted of trying to extort one thousand dollars from Countess Barbara. He wanted the money in return for information concerning a plot to kidnap the boy. At his trial he confessed that ^{it was} this so-called plot ~~was~~ ^{all} pure invention.

QUEBEC

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Probably the most colorful of all Eucharistic congresses, will begin at Quebec tomorrow. Already the streets of the historic little city on the St. Lawrence, ~~which~~ are filled with picturesque characters. There are students in their tunics and brilliant sashes, monks, priests, friars and nuns, from all over the Dominion. Mingling with them are trappers, miners, Indians, even Eskimos from the Far North. ^P One family of these came two thousand miles to be at that ^{Eucharistic} ~~Eucharistic~~ Congress, traveling four hundred and fifty miles by dogsled. They brought with them a seven year old Eskimo boy all the way from the frozen wastes of the Arctic. The first experience of that ^{tiny} ~~seven year old~~ Eskimo lad was to run into a ~~fever~~ heat wave, which laid him low with a fever. And now the little boy tosses in bed, ^{and yearns for the North Pole.} ~~wondering whether after all that traveling from the neighborhood of the North Pole, he'll be able to see the celebration~~ at Quebec.

SAITO

An interesting story comes from a fashionable golf course at Washington. His Excellency, the Japanese Ambassador, was playing a round. On one of the greens he saw an obstacle between his ball and the hole. It looked like a piece of gravel. He stooped to pick it up, as the rules allow, and put it out of the way. He picked it up all right, but it wasn't a piece of gravel. It was

And - it was
alive. ~~It wasn't a Japanese beetle but~~ a large, able-bodied bee,

full of fight. "Ouch!" said His Excellency.
The bee stung ~~His Excellency's~~ thumb, stung it so badly that ~~his~~ His

Excellency
A had to be treated by a physician. An official of the State

Department who heard of the ~~sin~~ incident said: "Hmm, His Excellency's country seems to have picked up a bee too when it undertook to conquer China!"

WAGE-HOUR

Now that Congress has gone home, the people left in Washington are picking up the pieces. Free from the violent distractions of argument and congressional debate, observers in the capital ^{are trying} to take a calm and considerate view of the results ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the Congressional} battles. Particularly, they're inspecting the most revolutionary of all bills passed, the Wage-Hour measure. What will be its consequences?

For one thing, say the Washington wiseacres, it will create a new and dominant character in the national government. The Wage-Hour administrator is destined to be the second ~~and~~ most powerful figure in the United States. That's the estimate of experienced Washington correspondents. He will have the authority to dictate to a vast and important body of American business men, lay down rules for the running of their businesses.

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And naturally there's most keen speculation ^{as to} ~~who~~ ^{who} this new influential ruler will be. Some people are guessing Ed McGrady, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, who a couple of years back was the principal trouble-shooter in labor disputes. Another is Dr. ~~Ed~~ Lloyd Garrison of the Law School of the University of Wisconsin ^{who was once} ~~He used to be~~ head of the National Labor Relations Board.

Still another is the aggressive Joe Kennedy, at present Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Another question arises: "How ill American business men face this new authority? The facts gathered throughout the country and sent to Washington indicate that most employers will resist the new law to the utmost. Of course it will soon be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court. But the prediction in Washington is that the so-called liberal majority on the supreme bench will say the Wage-Hour Law is okay.

It now turns out that there's another aspect of the business point of view. Many employers, especially manufacturers are anxious for the minimum wage law to be enforced with the utmost speed. Those are the employers who are already paying more than forty cents an hour. They want the law enforced against their competitors who are paying less.

Whoever is right in these discussions, we may be sure a lot of interesting things are going to happen this summer as a result of that Wage-Hour Bill.

AVIATION

The most enthusiastic prophecies about air transport do not come from the big wigs of the airline companies. Most of them seem to emanate from the Department of Commerce in Washington. There was an optimistic prediction today by J. Monroe Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of Air Traffic. Said he: "The time is at hand when we should have regular service from New York to London or Paris, crossing the ocean in ten hours, non-stop."

Assistant Secretary Johnson phrophe^sied further:

~~"I believe myself most passenger traffic in excess of a thousand~~

~~miles will be by air, unless it's made by automobile. Flights,~~

Flights
he said, will be made at an altitude of twenty to thirty thousand feet, with soundproof air-conditioned cabins. At that height pilots will avoid ninety-five per cent of weather trouble."

And said Mr. Johnson finally: "Four hundred thousand people are traveling by air every year today. In the not distant future there will be forty million a year."

Thus spoke the
optimistic Robert J. Johnson.

RECOVERY

The Roosevelt administration today turned the tap and opened a spigot. It's the spigot that lets out a stream of water to prime that much talked about pump. The turning of the tap began at the Public Works Administration which started awarding loans and grants of money to finance new projects. That's the first step in the spending of ²~~that~~ three billion seven hundred and fifty-three millions appropriated by Congress. At the same time, the Navy Department was opening bids for the building of some of the new battleships in the billion dollar expansion of our Navy.

All this was the cue for an optimistic prophecy from Uncle Dan Roper, Secretary of Commerce. The business recession, as he puts it, is scraping bottom. And the cycle of prosperity is on the way. It ^{should}~~will~~ be here by autumn at the latest, but will probably be here sooner than that. ^{So} ^{optimistic} says our [^]Secretary of Commerce.

SKELETON

About a year ago there was a ~~great~~ to do over the country ^{concerning} ~~about~~ the disappearance of two men in Texas.

They had been hunting on that famous ~~xxx~~ ranch, the ^{empire} ~~ranch~~ owned by the King family ~~of Texas~~ which is ~~x~~ the size of a ~~small~~ ^{state} ~~young empire. It is a~~ Jealously guarded property, surrounded by ^{a high forbidding} ~~an almost impassable~~ fence. The family allows no hunting

there except by guests and members of the establishment. ^{And,} ~~the ranch~~ ^{In fact,} ~~it~~ is heavily patrolled. All this arouses a good

deal of hard feeling among the surrounding farmers and people who live in towns near that huge estate ^{which} ~~is~~ is about the size of Rhode Island and Delaware put together.

When ~~those two~~ ^{the two} ~~uninvited~~ hunters failed to come back from their ^{shooting} ~~duck hunting~~ expedition, the neighbors uttered ^{loud} ~~large~~ charges

of ~~xxx~~ foul play. They almost organized an armed invasion ^{of the} ~~King~~ ^{of that} Kingdom. But the Texas Rangers put a stop to that.

^{to} ~~The~~ story ^{is in} ~~comes back to~~ the news ^{again} today. A skeleton was found in the Arroyo Colorado, ^{a dry water-course} ~~which is~~ not far ~~x~~ from the

King Estate. Nearby was found a hunting knife. And on the

handle of that knife was scratched the initial "B".

The two hunters who disappeared were John and Luther

Blanton. If that's one Blanton - where's
the other?

DISNEY

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A shy, awkward looking man stood upon ^a the platform at Yale ^{today} ~~University.~~ He's ^a neither scholar nor scientist. But, he was there at the Yale commencement ~~exercises~~ to receive an honorary degree as a master of arts. Present on the platform with him was the celebrated doctor, William Lyon Phelps, for so many years Professor of English Literature to the sons of Eli. And said he about the shy man who stood at his side: "He labored like a mountain and brought forth a mouse. With this mouse he conquered the whole world."

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Professor Phelps meant Micky Mouse, for the shy man who stood at his side fumbling at his gown and mortar-board cap was the one and only Walt Disney. He's now "Walt Disney, M.A., Master of Arts." And here's something more that Professor Phelps said about him: "His work has the elements of a great romantic art; the beautiful, the fantastic, the grotesque, all combining in irresistible and ~~ineffable charm~~ ineffable charm." And ~~said~~ Professor Phelps further: "The creatures of his fancy have definite personalities. The characters in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are unforgettable." And he concluded: "Walt Disney has achieved the impossible."

Tomorrow, the creator of Mickey Mouse, Snow White, The Three Little Pigs, and Donald Duck, will also become a master of arts of Harvard University, making Walt Disney M.A. M.A.