

C.I. - Sunset. Monday, Jan. 2, 1939.

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In Washington, the New Year will begin tomorrow at noon,
with the convening of
~~within the next eighteen hours, we shall have~~ the Seventy-Sixth
Congress of the United States. ^{TP} Thereby hangs many a hope and fear.

~~To most of us that means a large question.~~ ^{TP} What are the gentlemen
and gentlewomen going to do to us in the way of new laws, taxes, *and*

so on?
~~etc.~~ As we have already heard, one of the first headaches for the

lawmakers will be W.P.A. ~~It has already been~~ ^{It ~~was~~} said that ^{\$} President

~~Roosevelt~~ ^{dollars} will ask for a billion to keep the work going until
the first of July. Today it was rumored that he would scale his

demand down to six or seven hundred million. And the gossip is
that Congress may ~~xxxx~~ try to scale it down ^{still more.} ~~to half a billion~~
~~or even less.~~

Serious work won't begin until tomorrow, but the
preliminaries were polished off today. Speaker Bankhead and
House leader Rayburn left the White House for a Democratic caucus
where their comrades renominated them by acclamation. Both
Bankhead and Rayburn laid a particular point this year on party
solidarity. They implored their colleagues to cut out the party
feuds.

TOWNSEND

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Among ^{those in} ~~the people who flocked to~~ Washington for the

opening of Congress, is Dr. Francis Townsend, the aged author

of that ^e Townsend Pension Plan. Evidently ^{TP} ~~he has completely~~ ^{the doctor has}

forgiven Congress for sending him to jail, especially as he

didn't have to serve his sentence. The venerable Utopian was

bursting with optimism ^{today.} He says prospects for that ² old-age

pension plan ~~of his~~ are the best ever, ^{and claims} ~~he says~~ that in the

House of Representatives there are a hundred and fifty-six

Townsendites, and perhaps a round dozen in the Senate. Ninety-two

of the new Representatives and five new Senators owe their

election to Townsendite votes, ^{and claims} ~~he says~~ ^{and claims} that in the
election to Townsendite votes, ^{said the doctor.}

MURPHY

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At a quarter past twelve this afternoon, there was a gathering of celebrities in the oval room of the White House. Among them were many Washington top-notchers, ~~the~~ Vice-President, John Nance Garner, Chairman Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Solicitor-General Robert H. Jackson, and, in his official capacity, Mr. Justice Stanley Reed of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was there to swear in ^{was sworn in, today,} (Ex-Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan as Attorney General of the United States.) The oath was sworn on a well worn copy of the Bible, which had on its fly leaf the words, "To Dear Frank from Mama on the day he graduated, June Twenty-Sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Six."

Today's ~~the~~ gathering had considerable political significance, particularly the presence of Vice-President Garner. ^{For this being} there indicated that the conservative ~~meant official sanction to the generally accepted report that~~ Democrats will ok the ~~Congress will make no serious trouble about confirming the~~ ^{there are Senators who} appointment. ~~of Mr. Murphy. There are members in both Houses who~~ don't care for Mr. Murphy's politics and have said sharp things ^{Frank Murphy's} about ~~his~~ handling of the automobile strikes in Michigan in

Nineteen Thirty-Seven. But the word has gone out that the Senate will respect the tradition that the President has the right to pick his own cabinet

After the ceremony, the new Attorney General gave his first reception to newspaper men, though he didn't tell them much. His information consisted principally of the generality; "I want to do the work with a sensitiveness of soundness and helpfulness," said he sibilantly!

DALADIER

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The City of Ajaccio in Corsica is ~~one~~ not visited by the majority of ~~American~~ tourists. But it's a picturesque and historic spot. It was in Ajaccio that Napoleon Bonaparte was born. And the family house of the Bonapartes is a national museum, *there,* ~~the~~ property of the French Republic.

Ajaccio today was the scene of a large and noisy celebration. Thousands of peasants had come down from the hills *to cheer* ~~to join the burghers of Ajaccio in that celebration. They had~~

~~come to cheer~~ the Prime Minister of France; ~~Edouard~~ Edouard

Daladier. And the slogan of the crowd was, "Long live France; *shouted in Corsican — which is* long live Corsica, French now and eternally!" *10* The French Premier

was brought to Corsica in state, a squadron of French cruisers carrying him. *R* In his speech Daladier said: "France is strong.

She doesn't need to lift her voice to make herself respected!"

And he added: "When the squadron sails around the island toward

Tunisia, I want everyone *of you* ~~seeing it~~ to have the firm conviction *that*

there is nothing to fear from anyone."

is an Italian dialect.

TRIAL

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~~that~~ *that grim*
 In Germany the stage is all set for ~~the big~~ show, one of
 those ~~big~~ *sinister* shows that Fascist and Communist governments ~~like~~ *like to*
~~put on!~~ *put on!*
~~delight in.~~ ~~It's~~ *the* The ~~big~~ trial in the Peoples Court, ~~a~~ *the* treason
 trial with a ~~modest number of~~ a hundred and twenty-two defendants. ¹

~~They're~~ *accused* of a plot to assassinate Nazi chiefs, including
 even the ~~great~~ *Heav?* Fuehrer, Hitler. ~~Foremost~~ *IF* among them, the former
 Socialist editor, Ernst Niekisch. A sentence of death is to be a
 foregone conclusion for him. If he's executed it will mean merely
 an end to dreadful years of imprisonment in a German concentration
 camp. *For* He has been in one of those ~~places of horror~~ *em* ever since
 Nineteen Thirty-Four. They say his case is so hopeless that one
 lawyer after another has refused to defend him. *IF* And, he isn't the
 only one in that plight.

This trial won't be as public as those ~~that Dictator~~ *staged by*
 Stalin ~~stages~~ *trials* in Russia. Most of the ~~affairs~~ *trials* in the German
 so-called "Peoples Court" are held in secret. But in this monster
 criminal prosecution, newspaper men will be allowed to hear the
 evidence on certain days.

SPAIN

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(In Spain another insurgent victory.) One of ~~General~~
Franco's armies stormed into Juncosa, an important town on the
southern front. The capture of this place prepares the way for a
drive to the Mediterranean coast. Franco himself was in the front
lines at Lerida, directing the advance of the Nationalist forces
towards Barcelona. (The claim of the Franco press department is
that Rebel troops went ahead ^{about 12 miles} ~~eighteen kilometers~~ in the last
twenty-four hours.) ~~under the watchful eye of their commander in chief.~~

A ~~rather~~ dramatic meeting ^{has been going on in} ~~is on today in~~

far-off India. Four hundred and fifty delegates, from
seventy countries; ^{tropical} ~~are in session~~ in the city of Madras,
on the romantic Coromandel Coast.

The main theme of ^{the} ~~the~~ conference, ~~is~~ "International
Christianity." ^{without too} ~~obviously there will not be~~ much speech-making,
because it would be necessary to interpret each speech into
scores of languages. In addition to delegates from nearly
all the countries of Europe and North and South America, there
are delegates from fifteen countries of Asia, seventeen
countries of Africa, and from the Islands of the Seven Seas.

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It would be quite a sight to ^{look} ~~turn~~ down upon
those four hundred and fifty delegates. For, sitting side by
side with ~~the~~ Bishops and missionaries of Britain and America
are representatives of the ancient Coptic Church which tradition
says Saint Mark founded in Egypt; and ~~nestor~~ representatives
of the old Nestor^{ian} Church in India; and the long-haired,
long-bearded, brilliantly-robed representatives of the Greek
Orthodox Church; and Filipinos, Chinese, Indians, Mexicans,
Javanese, Arabs and Africans, each making a vivid splash of

color in his native costume.

The conference ^{was called} ~~is going~~ to discuss the progress

that Christianity has made throughout the world, and the steps that should be taken from now on.

BANDITS

Travelers on the crack Mexican train, the Sunshine Special, had an exciting journey today. The ~~Sunshine Special~~ ^{train} came to a sudden halt as the engineer put on his air brakes. There were heavy boulders across the right-of-way. Just as the train crew were getting out to remove them, a volley of rifle shots was heard, a troupe of bandits, supposed to be headed by Felix Torres, shooting ~~at~~ the train.

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~~However, that train had a military escort.~~ Soldiers jumped to the ground quickly and returned the fire of the bandits. They put the robbers to flight without any casualties, except that the cap of the Pullman conductor sustained a large hole in the crown.

RESCUE

The pilot of an airplane flying over the Yukon Province in Canada, saw some unusual marks in the snow. They were near ~~a lonely cabin in the wilds north of White Horse,~~ ^{— at the head of Yukon River.} The pilot banked his plane, ^{and} circled ~~round~~ to investigate, ~~those marks in the snow.~~ As he came lower he found they spelled out the word H E L P. He landed in the snow and found a trapper in ~~the~~ ^e lonely cabin, dangerously ill with blood poisoning. Those huge letters had been made in the snow by his wife who had trampled them out with her feet. The pilot, Sheldon Loucke, a well known Canadian flyer, got the man into his plane and took him to the hospital at White Horse.

The happy ending of the story is that ^{the rescue plane} ~~it~~ was just in time; ~~that~~ ^e trapper will recover. Another heroic ending to an ~~Arctic~~ ^{Arctic} tale.

ESCAPE

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Four are still Of those ~~four~~ dangerous criminal lunatics ~~are~~ at large. ~~One~~ *One* was captured today. ~~in the middle west~~ *With five* a fifth companion They made ~~their~~ *their*

getaway from the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Lima, Ohio. In some way they got possession of a hatchet and a razor, ~~they~~ subdued the superintendent of the madhouse, slugged a couple of guards, seized an automobile and ~~started~~ *headed* west.

One of them left the troupe at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and made his way to Cleveland on a train. There he was captured by police. He told the cops that his companions were ~~on their way~~ *headed* west, ~~perhaps as far as Denver.~~

PARADE

There were huge, gay and festive throngs today in the streets of Philadelphia, ^{home} ~~city~~ of Brotherly Love and Sunoco. ^{Baker} ~~and~~

For this was the day of the year for the million odd descendants of old Ben Franklin. [#] Maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but anyway, Philadelphians are glad to be considered the spiritual descendants of Ben. It was the day of the Annual Mummers Parade. That parade was five miles long, a jocund, polychromatic affair, with twenty thousand people in the line of march and ~~more~~ ⁵⁰⁷ hundred thousand on the sidewalks.

Philadelphia thinks ^{almost} as much of that Mummers Parade as ^{does} New Orleans of its Mardi Gras. [#] ~~Some~~ Some of the marchers had capes as long as a Philadelphia city block, needing seventy page boys to carry each of them. (Prizes amounting to more than twenty-one thousand dollars were distributed, some for the best fancy costumes, some for the famous comic clubs of Philadelphia, and some for the bands.) The parade was led by the Silver Crown, the oldest Mummers Club in Philadelphia, which has held that place in the line of march for sixty-one years.

~~One feature of the comic part of the parade was~~

PIRATES

An interesting jubilee will be observed in New York next Thursday evening. ~~(It isn't generally known that one of those famous operas in English was first produced in America, though its author and composer were both Englishmen, What's more, a good deal of it was written right in the little Old New York.)~~

Anniversary The first public performance of the Pirates of Penzance, one of the three most famous of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, ~~was~~ given at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, sixty years ago. ~~And~~ thereby hangs a tale: ~

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Gilbert and Sullivan were already popular in America. So popular in fact that millions of dollars had been made out of one of their works alone, H.M.S. PINAFORE. But those millions had not been made by either Gilbert or Sullivan or D'Oyly Carte, the producer. Our copyright laws in those days were, to be polite, a trifle lax. At one time no fewer than seven ~~n~~ different companies were playing PINAFORE in various parts of the country. ~~And that doesn't include several children's companies that infested the land~~

So D'Oyly Carte had an idea. By producing thier next work in America they would get what was coming to them. That work was the PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

The orchestra was conducted by Sir Arthur Sullivan who then was not yet Sir Arthur. The legend goes that he was immaculately garbed in full evening dress with a monacle in his eye and red silk socks.

FOOTBALL

has long been
For some people the football season ~~is~~ over. But not for
~~fans who today jammed~~ *we're* ~~bowling~~ *to*
several hundred thousand ~~at~~ the Cotton Bowl ~~at~~ Dallas, Texas,

the Orange Bowl at Miami, the Sugar Bowl ~~at~~ New Orleans, the
Sun Bowl at El Paso, the Rose Bowl ~~in Philadelphia~~ *at Pasadena; also* the stadium
Calif.,
at Berkeley, [^] to say nothing of those who saw the Blues and the
Grays. — *teams from North and South*

In case you haven't heard the results, here they are! —

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In the Cotton Bowl, St. Mary's twenty, Texas Tech thirteen;
in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Tennessee seventeen, Oklahoma nothing;
in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Texas Christian fifteen, Carnegie
Tech seven; in the battle of the Blues and the Grays, the
Northerners won seven to nothing. In the Sun Bowl at El Paso,
Utah twenty, New Mexico nothing. In the Rose Bowl at Pasadena,
the teams from Duke and the University of Southern California,
— *locked in a tie;*
at latest reports were still playing; likewise the East-West
teams in San Francisco.

CLIMB

A young man ~~of~~ Denver, ~~which is one of my several home towns,~~
has covered himself with glory. At least it's ~~is~~ rated as glory
by all mountain climbing fans. Expert mountain climbers say
~~that~~ this young fellow accomplished "the most remarkable feat
of solo climbing in the history of the United States." He went
up the sheer rocky face of ^{wintery} Longs Peak, absolutely alone.
Alone, and with nothing but home-made spikes on his climbing
boots. His name, Edwin Watson, ~~will go down in the annals of~~
~~American mountain climbing.~~

Longs Peak, I know it well by sight though I never ^{tried}
^{to climb it,}
~~tackled it~~ is only fourteen thousand, two hundred and fifty feet
high. ~~That's~~ ^{not} so much compared with Mt. McKinley and some ~~of the~~
^{peaks.}
other Alaskan ~~heights.~~ But it is an exceedingly difficult,
^{— especially at this season.}
steep, dangerous problem. [^] Nobody has ever been able to do it
alone. It's rated as a job for at least two experts, each
helping the other, and that in summer. ~~time.~~

^{Young} Edwin Watson is not exactly an amateur. He knows ^{that}
mountain thoroughly, has often been up it as a guide for others.
But for a long while he has had the ambition to do it ^{solo.}
~~by himself~~

~~He~~ ~~Watson has been~~ ^{ed} ~~waiting for~~ weeks for this ^e ~~adventure~~.

Every time he decided to make a start, a fierce blizzard came along

to make it impossible. But last Saturday ~~he started up and the~~

^{8 1/2} ~~only thing he carried was~~ ^{up he ~~walked~~ with} camera. ^π Officials of Rocky Mountain

National Park shook their heads, ^{and warned him.} ~~pronounced it dangerous business.~~

^{But,} [^] On New Year's Eve he crossed Timber Line, taking his chances on

a fall of a thousand feet from a perilous glacier. Watson ^{says} ~~told~~

~~a friend that on the way up~~ "I must have died about three times.

But," he add^s, "I got some swell pictures." The upshot was that

he ^{scaled} ~~got to the top of~~ Longs Peak and today was back in Denver.

⁹ ~~coming down by an easier way.~~ And he said: "I think in several

places I was saved only by my guardian angels." In each of those

places he planted a ~~red~~ flag in gratitude to ^{the} ~~his guardian~~ angels.

He also carved his name on a rock at the top to prove that he had

been there. — and, he has the pictures!

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