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BORAH.

Tonight this nation may as well bid farewell to Senator Borah - for so many years one of the foremost of Americans. ~~Here is the report from Washington, the official statement by the doctors,~~
~~A gloomy report.~~
They have given up all hope.

Senator Borah is suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. He is seventy-four years old. He can not recover, say his physicians.

This comes as a profound shock to Washington -- so unexpected. It was only on Monday that Senator Borah was on the floor of the Senate, taking his usual vigorous part in the affairs of Government. And he was more cheerful than usual, gleeful. Why? Because of what his doctors had told him. He had just had a medical check-up, and the physicians' report altogether favorable. The doctors found that the veteran legislator was in better shape than he had been in for years. So the gentleman from Idaho smilingly told his colleagues in the Senate.

A mere few hours later, the next morning, Mrs. Borah found the Senator lying on the floor in their apartment. He was unconscious, suffering from a hemorrhage of the brain. The physicians couldn't tell whether this had been caused by the fall - the Senator striking his head.

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Or - whether the hemorrhage had caused the fall. At first it was not believed that his condition was so serious, but today the announcement was made. SENator Borah in critical condition, and then later - the physicians had given up hope.

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In Washington today there was a ceremony without precedent. It has been the invariable rule heretofore that a new Justice of the Supreme Court takes the oath of office privately, ~~the oath~~ administer^{ed} by the Chief Justice.

Today, Frank Murphy became a Justice of the highest tribunal. ~~The ceremony of administering the oath~~ took place in the White House, in the presence of ~~a stately audience~~^{the} President, the members of the Cabinet, high officials of New Deal agencies, and a recently appointed diplomat. ~~This~~ latter ~~was~~ James ~~H.R.~~ Cromwell, husband of Doris Duke, the multi-millionaire heiress to the great tobacco fortune, ~~Cromwell has been~~^{newly} appointed ~~United States~~^{U.S.} minister of Canada; ~~The gathering in attendance represented~~ leading lights of the Roosevelt administration.

The symbolism of this breaking of precedent is not difficult to penetrate. Frank Murphy is the fifth Supreme Court justice to be appointed by President Roosevelt, and five is a majority of the nine.

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There's an arresting turn of the dramatic in all this. Just three years ago, President Roosevelt launched his ~~momentous~~ drive to reorganize the highest tribunal. The Supreme Court, with a conservative majority, had knocked out the most important of New Deal creations - like the N.R.A., and the A.A.A. The President argued that, because Justices were appointed for life, the Court did not respond to changing conditions. He wanted to appoint new justices, who would be sympathetic to the New Deal point of view. And he presented to Congress a complicated reorganization scheme, which would permit him to name new members to the Court - New Deal members.

This led to one of the most bitter congressional fights in American history. The Administration was beaten - a signal Roosevelt defeat. Yet, what has happened since? President Roosevelt has appointed new Justices to the Supreme Court, one after another, because of death and retirement. During his first term, the years before his plan to reorganize the Court, he had no opportunity to name one single Court member. But after the Court battle, the opportunities came fast - such are the laws of chance.

~~Having lost his fight for a new way to appoint justices, President Roosevelt has proceeded to appoint a series of them in the old way.~~ Five - a Supreme Court majority, the highest tribunal now dominated by Roosevelt appointees.

Such was the dramatic turn symbolized by the breaking of precedent today. ~~taking the oath the fifth Roosevelt court member, in the presence of the President and his chief New Deal lieutenants.~~ ^{taking it} The oath was administered by Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed, ~~who~~ likewise ~~was~~ appointed by the President.

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Frank Murphy, a fervent Catholic, brought his own Bible, and old and worn Testament. His mother gave it to him when he graduated from high school, and every day during the years that have followed, he has read a passage from the venerable book. Today the Bible lay open at the first chapter and first verse of the Book of Wisdom - the verse reading:- "Love justice, you that are the judges of the earth. Think of the Lord in goodness and seek him in simplicity of heart." An appropriate verse for the induction ^{of} a Justice of the highest court of this land.

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At the same ceremony, the new attorney general, succeeding Frank Murphy, took his oath of office - former Solicitor-General Robert H. Jackson. And when the solemnities were over, the President injected a customary note of Rooseveltian humor. According to the law, both the new Justice and the new attorney general were required to sign a certificate declaring that they had neither paid money nor promised to pay for their appointments. Ordinarily, this is perfunctory routine, but today at the White House ceremony, the President called upon Mr. Justice Murphy and Attorney General Jackson to sign in his presence. Laughingly he wanted to make sure they duly made the declaration that they had not paid cash for their jobs.

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GANNETT.

The political skies in New York cleared a bit today, when it was announced that publisher Frank Gannett will not make a fight for New York delegates to the Republican National Convention. When the up-State newspaper owner announced that he was out for the Republican nomination, it was supposed that ~~that~~ would mean a battle with the other New York aspirant, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, a scrap between Dewey and Gannett for delegates. But no - the publisher is going after delegates in other States, but not New York. Today's announcement states that he will consider entering the primaries in the Middle West and in the South.

The idea at the Gannett camp is that the New York ~~delegation of~~⁵ ~~ninety-two~~ ^{delegates} should not be pledged to anybody -- should go uninstructed to the convention.

In Pennsylvania, one possible candidate today withdrew from the presidential field. Former Senator David A. Reed was in the political picture for the Republican nomination, and ^{today} now he makes the formal announcement - "I have decided not to be a candidate," ~~he stated today~~. Former Senator Reed explained this by saying it would be better for the Republican cause if there were no contest in the Pennsylvania primary elections.

BROWDER.

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A star witness against Communist chieftain Earl Browder took the stand today, [^] Nicholas Dozenberg, described as a former secret agent of the Soviets, secret agent of the OGPU. He himself is accused of passport violations, has confessed and is to be sentenced. He swore that in nineteen twenty-one, Browder traveled on a passport made out in Dozenberg's name, a passport filled in with specifications that applied to Dozenberg. That passport bore Browder's picture - and so he used ^{it} _^ in traveling abroad. The purpose of the prosecution is to nail one particular point against Browder - that in nineteen thirty-four he got a passport in his own name, and in doing so he stated falsely that he never had traveled under a United States passport before. A false statement of that sort is a violation of law and carries with it a maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment.

The first testimony today was given by passport officials who swore that Browder, in getting out his nineteen thirty-four passport, did state that he had never previously had ^{one.} ~~a passport.~~ Then, they put on the former Soviet secret agent Dozenberg to establish the fact that Browder did travel with a United States passport at an earlier time - a false one, made out in Dozenberg's name. _^ ~~and~~

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COLUMBUS.

Here's a denial of the report that British warships are waiting to seize the crew of the German liner Columbus. When that great Nazi steamship was scuttled by her own crew in the Atlantic, the survivors were picked up and brought to New York. Later they were taken to the Pacific Coast, and the plan was to place them aboard a ship there for possible return to Germany via the Orient. This was followed by the ~~rumor~~ report today that the plan had been cancelled, because two Australian cruisers and a Canadian destroyer were waiting outside the Golden Gate to capture the Germans.

In Ottawa, the spokesman for the Canadian Naval service retorts, nothing to it. He said he did not wish to dignify such a rumor by talking about it. But he did talk about it to the extent of describing it in these two words - "Absolute tripe," said he.

FINLAND.

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Finland reports another heavy defeat for the Red army. For days bitter fighting has been going on in the Salla region, just above the ^GArctic Circle, - the Finns reporting that they have been trying to surround a large number of invaders. The Red battalions there were reinforced. That made the fight all the harder, -- heavy Soviet resistance. Today the war bulletin from Helsinki declares that the Soviet troops in the Salla area, forty thousand of them have been driven back twenty eight miles in the last couple of days.

One oddity from Finland tells of offers made by foreign nations to buy Soviet tanks -- buy them from the Finns. They say that various governments would like to have Soviet tanks to investigate and examine, and see exactly what they're like. The Finns have captured scores of them -- so many as to make it appear that the Red army tanks are not such formidable instruments of war. I suppose various governments would like to make sure of this by giving Soviet tank equipment a thorough examination. Hence they'd like to buy some from the Finns.

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The weather report from Finland sounds ^{well} almost incredible in spots -- seventy below zero. That frightful temperature is said to have been registered today in ^{at} northernmost point of the war zone, ~~the region of~~ ^{in the} Petsamo ^{region} on the shore of the Polar ocean, two hundred miles above the Artic Circle. Fifty degrees below ~~zero~~ is described as common place in Finland today - during this bitterest spell of cold weather in many years. ^{As for} Soviet Moscow, ^{it} reports the coldest day since Russian weather reports were inaugurated -- a hundred years ago.

SUBMARINE.

In Berlin the German admiralty announced today that four officers and twenty-six men were rescued from British submarines -- those British undersea craft which the Germans sank. London has announced the loss of three submarines, the Seahorse, Starfish and Undine, and states that they had aboard a hundred and eight officers and men. With the Germans reporting thirty rescued that would leave a possible loss of seventy-eight lives.

The Berlin announcement doesn't state from which submarine or submarines the men were rescued. However, the Germans tell definitely of sinking of only two, the Undine and the Starfish. They know about the loss of the Seahorse only from British sources. So it's to be assumed that the lives ~~inn~~ saved were from either the Undine or Starfish or both. And many a saddened British *family is* wondering with vague hope.

EXPLOSION.

The official word from London is that five persons were killed in ^{three} ~~the~~ terrific explosions that shook the British capital today. There were a number of injuries, most of them said to be not very serious.

In the north of London is an area that bears a fine old medieval name, the section called Waltham Holycross. It was named after the Waltham abbey of the dim middle Ages, a historic monastic foundation reputedly created by Harold, the last Saxon king of England.

Today Waltham Holycross is a section of factories and busy industries. One of its important plants ^{- a} ~~^~~ factory making high explosives for the war. It consisted largely of a number of individual sheds, each devoted to the perilous manufacture. Today one of these blew up. It is said to have been a nitro-glycerin shack, where they were making that ^{terrifically} ~~frightfully~~ powerful explosive. Flames shot into the air for three hundred feet, a vast column of fire that is said to have burned on high for several minutes. The blast was heard twenty five miles away. Every pane of glass for miles around was shattered, and there are many hothouses of growing flowers in that section - hothouses with their innumerable panes of glass.

You can imagine the smashing and the shattering!

There are stories told by people that are simply fantastic. A housemaid in a home a mile and a half away had this to say:- "The explosion lifted my dog off its feet," and she added: "The blast cut a path through the trees and the hedges like an express train." A man nine miles ~~away~~ away tells this story:- "Our house shook and all the doors were blown from their hinges and ceilings in the back of the house crashed."

At the factory itself, a number of ^{buildings} ~~separate~~ ~~shacks~~ were blown down. But other parts of the plant were sufficiently undamaged for the work to go on - the war work of making munitions.

The first surmise when the blast occurred was - an air raid. People rushed to air raid shelters, thinking the Germans were bombing London. Then the inevitable surmise - a plot.

Perhaps a plot by German agents. Or maybe - the I.R.A. In London they can't help thinking about these Irish extremists who have been doing various bits of bombing. The official story given out

by the London Government contains ^{the word} ~~no hint~~ that the explosion ^{may} ~~was~~ ^{the work of} ~~have been due to~~ ~~enemies~~ ~~secret agents~~ anything more than ~~an accident~~ ~~no suggestion that there was any~~.

~~plot or sabotage.~~

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POKER.

In New York, two sprightly, young ladies have been found guilty of the following crime - They played poker with two policemen and won sixty-eight dollars from the cops. To which many a one might exclaim enviously and admiringly, "How did they do it?"

The story as unfolded to the Court goes like this:-

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The two attractive young ladies, one a blonde and the other a red-head, were sitting on a park bench when the two policemen in plain clothes drove by. The cops say the lively young ladies waved at them, but the young ladies deny the waving. They're all agreed, however, that the car stopped and the cops gave the pretty young ladies a ride. Also, they made a date. The officers of the law testify that in making the date, the fetching ^{blonde & red-head} ~~young ladies~~ exclaimed - "And bring a deck of cards with you." This the young ladies deny. There's no dispute, however, of the fact that when the police officers met the hospitable young ladies at their apartment, there was a game of poker. And there's no argument about the result.

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The lucky ^{damself} ~~young ladies~~ won sixty-eight dollars from the police.

Whereupon the two losers got up and arrested the winners. That might be a solution of the old problem of what to do when you

lose money at poker - lock up the winners. The officers testify

that they ^{themselves are} ~~are~~ first class poker players and therefore, if the

two skillful young ladies could win money from them - they must

be professional gamblers. That was the charge pressed against

them. The indignant young ladies deny that they ^{are} ~~are~~ professional

gamblers and maintain that they were just better poker players

than the cops.

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The judge proceeded to hold the protesting young ladies on bail of five hundred dollars. They're taking an appeal to higher courts - which makes them appealing young ladies...

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And now for my evening appeal -
back to Hugh James.