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CHAMBERLAIN

# Prime Minister Chamberlain today had his say in all the talk about ~~peace~~ <sup>peace</sup> prospects. He said nothing new. He added nothing to the peace discussion, ~~save the~~ <sup>He simply</sup> affirmation <sup>ed</sup> that the allies stand just where they did before. They won't be budged from their aims by any hitler manoeuvres to end the war. He referred to the Hitler Mussolini meeting at Brenner <sup>And</sup> Pass. He said he did not know what had transpired between the two Dictators. Whatever it was, he declared, Britain intended to "carry on" <sup>Then added</sup> ~~said~~ Neville Chamberlain; - "We're not likely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war."

# The prime minister turned to the subject of Finland and indicated that the allies had planned to help the small republic to an extent greater than had hitherto been reported. He said they had been prepared to send one hundred thousand men to Finland. Beyond that there was nothing new.

# The Prime Minister <sup>then</sup> repeated the familiar story of how Sweden refused to permit Allied troops to pass through Swedish territory. Chamberlain mentioned that <sup>the</sup> latest German air raid against British warships at Schapa Flow, and <sup>he reiterated</sup> ~~Reiterated~~ the British Contention that it did not amount to much - <sup>--- just some</sup> ~~mere~~ damage to one vessel. This, of course, contradicted <sup>5</sup> ~~ted~~

the German claim that three great capital ships were badly damaged by

<sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ bombs. While Chamberlain was addressing the commons a British bombing

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raid was being made against the German air base at Sylt. This was  
an obvious retaliation to the German <sup>the</sup> ~~frust~~ at Scapa Flow. Today's  
British claim is that the Royal Air Force bombers blasted one of  
the Greatest of German bases - and did heavy damage. Nearby Denmark  
reports a huge explosion at Sylt. Flames shot into the sky. Perhaps  
a munition dump blown up. Germany confirms the news of the raid  
with the statement that one British plane was shot down. The Nazis *as usual*  
deny extensive damage.

FRANCE

The French Chamber of Deputies is in secret session tonight, debating whether or not to give the Daladier government another vote of confidence. The issue is - the prosecution of the war. In france, as in great britain, there's much complaint that the allies are pushing their battle in hesitating, dillatory fashion. The french deputies ~~have been echoing that complaint, and~~ are demanding that the war shall be prosecuted with greater vigor. ~~Specifically, they~~ want a cabinet shake-up, want Daladier to name new Ministers, such personalities as will display more activity in the prosecution of the struggle with Nazi Germany. That's the issue which is being debated secretly tonight.

~~(Note this is a filler, just in case)~~

## SHIPSALE

In the British parliament today it was suggested that the superliners Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary, be sold, to the United States. - But, that idea didn't get very far. The proposal was made by a conservative M. P. He asked his majesty's government to consider the advisability of offering the Great ships for sale. <sup>TR</sup> "If they could be sold, "

he pointed out, "they would provide foreign exchange for war purposes."

Sell the Queens of the seas to the United States, and get ~~American-~~ made-armament in return. *Oh, but*

the parliamentary question got no reply. The Minister of Shipping *simply* tabled the motion.

## SHIPS

The New York Harbor Police today took extraordinary precautions to guard the British Liners Queen Mary and Mauretania. That followed indications that the two giant vessels are being prepared for some sort of sea - going service. First, the British Government <sup>has recently</sup> sent over crews to man the Queen Mary and Mauretania. And then, today, it was noticed that the Mauretania was being loaded with sand ballast.

A ship is commonly given a ballast of sand when it's about to put to sea without a regular cargo. The luxury liner fittings are being ripped out of the Queen Mary and loaded on to the Pier, and a large supply of provisions is being put aboard.

# The rumors are that the two liners are to leave their refuge in New York Harbor and go to Australia - to serve as troopships in transporting australian and new zealand armed units to the near east, reenforcing the allied military power there.

# With the monster craft being readied for war duty, the fear arises that there may be some attempt to destroy them, an attempt by agents of powers hostile to the allies. So today New York harbor police took precautions without precedent - precautions against floating mines or attacks from the air.

# The police order <sup>this is how it reads:-</sup> directs: "all waters adjacent to the ships and piers"

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it says, "will be carefully watched for debris that may consist of floating mines, packages or bombs."

R A second police order directs a look out for air planes. The pier guards are commanded to flash a warning to police headquarters if any airplane approach the Queen Mary or the Mauretania at an altitude of less than a thousand feet.

R It all seems a little melodramatic, but the authorities are <sup>trying</sup> ~~trying~~ ~~no chance~~ to do what they can to protect the two great liners.

CROMWELL.

There were prompt repercussions in Washington to the statements made by our Minister to Canada, James Cromwell. In an address at Toronto, Minister Cromwell declared that Nazi Germany frankly and openly seeks to destroy the democratic institutions upon which the United States is founded. He took the attitude that the allies were fighting for the things that we ourselves cherish.

His statements were immediately denounced by the Isolationist group in Congress. Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri declared ; "An american diplomat making such a statement ought to be recalled."

Senator George of Georgia, speaking of Cromwell, said; "I think he's unduly excited."

Senator Pepper of Florida took a half way position; "I doubt very much, " said he, " that he should have said it. But," he added, "I'm glad he did."

## AMERICAN PLANES

President Roosevelt today gave an answer to a question being asked "are the sales of american military planes to the allies disclosing aviation secrets vital to the United States army?" The President said "No" - the idea was nonsense. He maintained that allied aircraft purchases over here are a positive benefit to American defense- ~~since the foreign orders are increasing American aircraft production and~~ ~~capacity;~~ putting us in a position to build more for our own flying forces.



## CANDIDATES

In the Presidential campaign twelve years ago, <sup>in</sup> nineteen twenty-eight  
the religious issue was a thing of bitter and ugly controversey;  
Al Smith being a Catholic. This presidential year that same religious  
issue has been raised in a minor way. For example, in a recent  
newspaper article the religion of Postmaster General Farley was  
mentioned, and the writer of the article stated that president  
Roosevelt himself had spoken of the religious question - Jim Farley  
being a catholic. He quoted the president as stating that this would  
be an obstacle in the way of Farley being a candidate.

Today President Roosevelt made a reply. He declared he had never  
said any such thing, and used the words "Whole cloth." He said that  
the entire story about what he is supposed to have said was made  
out of - whole cloth. Nothing to it, declared F. D. R.

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MRS ROOSEVELT Jr.

No serious injury was sustained today by Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. The former Ethel Dupont has what may be described in these serious sounding words—a fractured pelvis. ~~However, it's not much of a fracture. Her physician describes it as "a slight pelvic crack"~~

The president's son and daughter-in-law are living at Charlottesville

2 Virginia, where young Franklin D. ~~Roosevelt Jr.~~, is a student at the University of Virginia law school. Both ~~are athletic, and~~ do a good

deal of riding. Today the young couple were galloping along in a

hunt staged by the farmington hunt club. ~~They took one jump after~~ *When Mrs. Roosevelt went headlong,*

~~another, and then the accident occurred. Coming up to another barrier~~

~~Mrs Roosevelt's horse stumbled and threw her. The fall knocked her~~

~~unconscious, but only for a few minutes. *And the doctors* ~~No brain concussions~~~~

~~found a fractured pelvis.~~

~~The injury she sustained was a slight pelvic crack, Nothing serious,~~

~~say the Doctors~~

MURDER

Are you interested in crime news? I don't feature it as a rule. But here, ~~today brought~~ a picturesque follow-up to ~~the night~~ story of

the Hollywood actor, who has <sup>just</sup> been arrested as a fugitive eastern gang killer. This is one of the startling features in new York's

latest crime, sensation - the underworld mob, which they ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup>

calling "murder incorporated." <sup>TP</sup> The story tells of 'big gangy,'

who was a killer for murder incorporated. They say he was the

assassin in a sensational affair- called "the slot machine murder,"

the body of the victim tied to a slot machine and dropped in the

river. Big Gangy, after doing the job, was afraid that murder,

incorporated, intended to wipe him out next. So he fled. There-

after they saw nothing more of him-for a long time.

Then one day a minor member of the mob went to a movie, and

3 gasped. <sup>TP</sup> There, in a crowd scened- a familiar face. He recognized

- - Big Gangy. In ~~amazed~~ excitement he hurried to the chief<sup>s</sup> of

Murder Incorporated, and told them the incredible news:-big Gangy

in the movies! They jeered at him! He was crazy. <sup>Why</sup> Big Gangy couldn't

get into the movies. <sup>TP</sup> He insisted, however, and the magnate<sup>s</sup> of

Murder Incorporated, made a few discreet inquiries.

<sup>TP</sup> They learned that in Hollywood a man answering the description

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of Big Gangy was something of a protege of a one - time famous prizefighter. This former eminent pugilist operated a Hollywood night club, and was something of a personality around the movie world. He had enabled this protege of his to break into the movies as what they call - "A bit player." And the bit player was doing mighty well. ~~Not~~ highly paid, but he was in demand for small parts, and got a lot of them. <sup>TP</sup> The New York Sun relates that he had plenty of money, a fine apartment, the fanciest of clothes-and a valet. He frequented the flashiest film society and sported all the airs of a screen player.

<sup>TP</sup> The New York mob said "no, <sup>surely</sup> that couldn't be Big Gangy." Still they'd have a look- at a motion picture <sup>theatre</sup>.

A new prizefight feature was scheduled to appear in New York, and the mob figured that the <sup>protege</sup> of the famous ex-pugilist in Hollywood would more than likely be in it-playing a bit part. So to a motion picture theatre flocked ~~Murder~~, Incorporated. It was a new way to spot a fugitive from a mob, a thrilling way! They were all enthusiastic movie goers, and the new prizefight <sup>Epic</sup> was a wow. They enjoyed it thoroughly-especially the big

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ringside scene. A close-up of the crowd flashed on the screen, and in it a policeman on guard. The members of Murder, Incorporated, gaped. The face of the screen cop! No mistake! it was Big Gangy. They howled with mirth! Big Gangy, the former killer of Murder, Incorporated, playing the part of an officer of the law.

It was amusing and astonishing all right, but it was more than that to one mobster. He had an old grudge against Big Gangy, and now he gratified the grudge. He sent a tip to the New York police-  
5 that the killer wanted for the slot machine murder was the Hollywood bit player. That was one of the squeals <sup>that</sup> ~~which had~~ led to arrests, indictments, and the present sensational revelations about Murder, Incorporated.

## STUDENTS

I am broadcasting from the Eastern Slopes Inn in North Conway, New Hampshire tonight. Sitting around me are one hundred or more New Hampshireites -- and guests of Harvey Gibson from all parts of the country. Most of them ardent skiers. And here's an item that will interest the youngsters in this crowd.

To shoot high school kids might seem cruel and inhuman but sometimes the provocation is great! Anyway, the idea in this story from Texas is to shoot the High School kids with shot guns loaded with -- salt. Perhaps well known up here in New Hampshire. That's an old rural way of blazing at intruders -- with charges of salt. A few grains of salt inserted under the epidermis are not serious, but they sure can sting. And some times the victim is known to have trouble sitting down. Have any of you youngsters ever been shot full of salt? Well, maybe those Texas high school pupils deserve a bit of salt in the right place.

Near Dallas, there stands the Rogers Community Church. It's a fine old country church, the sort of place to excite poetic feeling. The high school pupils, however, have been using the church for frankfurter roasts, hilarious pincies and dancing. So

obstreperous were they that they broke the church windows, and tore up the pews; using them as benches to sit on and spoon in the moonlight. They even carried out the pulpit. I don't know how they could use the pulpit on a jitterbug picnic. And a pulpit wouldn't seem to be much good either as a place to take a date.

Yes -- and in the old and hallowed churchyard they knocked down the tombstones and laid them flat for a dance floor and did the shag on the tombstones!

The neighboring farmers love their old church, and they were incensed about the desecration of the pews, the pulpit and the tombstones. They complained to the authorities, but no one seemed to know just which of the high school scholars were guilty. So the indignant farmers have now decided to resort to old Texas methods.

"We'll cath 'em all right," growled one of the church trustees today. "We'll stay out there all night, -- if we have tol And he added, "We'll be armed with shotguns loaded with salt." If those High School jitterbugs happen to get shot with salt, then maybe they'll go jitterbugging down the road.

CONGRESSMAN

Today the Nation was informed of an important legislative point - "how to be a Congressman". The glad news comes from Representative Patrick of Alabama, who in Congress expounded a set of rules pertaining to the art of being a law-maker. It appears that the business of making laws has not much to do with it.

Here's rule one, telling how a Congressman should entertain his constituents when they come to Washington: "Take them to the White House." <sup>That's what the</sup> Alabama legislature prescribes, <sup>Next: -</sup> "Then show good cause why they can't meet the President." To which he adds this important bit of strategy: "And take their daughters to visit the midshipmen at Annapolis." The Congressman explains how <sup>any</sup> ~~the~~ talented law-maker can turn the naval academy cadets into a fruitful source of votes. By letting young ladies from the home district have a look at them. Thereby putting the future admirals to excellent political use.

The easy lessons on "how to be a Congressman" continue with the following simple little rule:- "Be a teller of funny stories and a profound philosopher." <sup>And -</sup> the Alabama legislator says:- "Be a <sup>also be</sup> ladies' man; a man's <sup>man</sup> a he man, and, a diplomat; ~~Democrat!~~ <sup>Of course be a</sup> Democrat! <sup>But,</sup>

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with a Republican slant; <sup>also be</sup> a Republican with a Democratic  
 viewpoint. <sup>Be</sup> An admirer of the new roosevelt way; <sup>be</sup> a hater of  
 the new deal; <sup>be</sup> a new dealer; <sup>be</sup> an old dealer; <sup>be</sup> and a quick dealer."

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So there you know how to be a law-maker. As for such matters as  
 the Hatch bill, the silver purchase policy, and the fiscal  
 statistics of the budget-~~never mind~~. <sup>let others worry</sup>  
 about them.

I guess it could all be boiled  
 down to this: - be all things  
 to all ~~people~~ men. And now  
 Hugh James come in from  
 New York and tell us something  
 that all men should know  
 about Blue Sunoco!

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