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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Last week we heard the British Lion roaring. Today ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> quit roaring and sprang, leaped upon his enemies in the north with deadly effect. And that makes a tale in the headlines <sup>— a tale in</sup> ~~the~~ dramatic contrast to <sup>(most of our news during</sup> the first phase of the war. <sup>TP</sup> Great Britain, with Winston Churchill at the helm has <sup>turned the tables.</sup> ~~begun to turn the tables on her~~ ~~Nazi enemies. Instead of hearing a gut and dried record of British ships torpedoed by Nazi subs, the shoe is on the other foot,~~ King <sup>s</sup> ~~George's~~ navy went right into the mine infested waters of the Skagerrak, struck at the heart of Hitler's northern commerce and <sup>torpedoed</sup> ~~sunk~~ three of his ships. One of them is believed to have been a transport carrying Nazi troops in uniform with horses and battle equipment. The report from <sup>Oslo</sup> ~~Norway's capital~~ is that a hundred and fifty Germans went to the bottom.

From Stockholm comes word that a fourth German freighter

<sup>TP</sup> ~~That~~ <sup>although another</sup> report is not confirmed was destroyed by the British. ~~That~~

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~~it tells of~~ <sup>trying</sup>  
~~but it is true that~~ two Nazi submarines <sup>trying</sup> ~~tried~~ to tackle a British  
man-o-war in the Skagerrak and <sup>getting</sup> ~~got~~ the worst of it. One of ~~those~~  
~~U-boats~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ ~~sunk~~ ~~and~~ ~~apparently~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~one~~ ~~escaped.~~  
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<sup>destroyed.</sup>

*And here's* ~~almost more sensational~~ *another story* still ~~is a rumor~~ from those

Scandinavian waters: A large flotilla of German men-o-war have left their base and steamed out through the Kattegat, ~~that's~~ the strait between Denmark and Sweden. They're supposed to be on their way to the Skagerrak where British warships are operating.

That German flotilla is reported to be somewhere between ~~fifteen~~ *fifty* and a hundred strong. The presumption is that they are small craft,

pocket submarines, ~~patrollers~~ *trawlers* and destroyers. For, the guessing *they* is that Hitler would never risk his main fleet in an action with

the British. *TP* ~~At the same time, we have to remember that this is a~~ *this also comes*

~~rumor~~ *and is yet to be* from Stockholm, ~~not~~ confirmed. It may be significant,

however, that when inquiries were made about this in Berlin,

the reply was not a denial, just a refusal ~~of~~ *to* reply ~~as the~~

~~question~~ *ing* concerned a war movement.

And here's a message from Narvik, the Norwegian port ~~in~~ through which Hitler has been getting Swedish ore. Eight of his freighters are caught in a trap in that far northern harbor, unable to leave because of the cordon of British men-o-war that lie in wait outside. However, <sup>the German ore ships</sup> they have not yet been captured.

Another consequence of the tightened <sup>ing</sup> British blockade <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ the complete suspension of commerce in Norwegian waters.

So much for the concrete and physical results of the new British strategy. On the diplomatic front there was even more excitement and tension. To say that the Scandinavians, particularly the Norwegian Government, are indignant, is to put it mildly. *The Swedes urge the Norwegians to ~~action~~ take action.* A vehement protest went from Oslo to London, a demand that the British immediately remove their mine fields and also their warships from Norwegian waters. And Oslo declared that this business was the most severe and the most unwarranted violation of neutrality since the war started.

*Norwegian Foreign Minister,*  
And that wasn't all. Halvdan Koht <sup>^</sup> made a speech before the Norwegian Parliament, a speech teeming with anger. He made the accusation that the western powers want to lead the war into

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Norwegian territory because they believe this would enable them to win <sup>more easily.</sup> ~~easier~~. Then he remarked sarcastically that it is difficult to understand the <sup>reasoning</sup> ~~psychology~~ of the Allies, breaking international law for the sake of international rights.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister also announced to the Parliament that he had given a piece of his mind to the French and British ministers about the notes which the Scandinavian countries received last week. Foreign Minister Koht said he considered it indecent for the Allies to address the Scandinavians in the tone in which those notes were couched.

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And what do the British say to all that? They announce that they are standing pat and nothing that any of the neutrals can say will swerve the new <sup>Allied</sup> ~~British~~ war policy. Downing Street let it be understood that any protests would be rejected. If the Norwegians try to clear their territorial waters of the mines, the British will resow <sup>the mines.</sup> ~~these channels~~. A spokesman for the British Government said the Norwegian protest was only what they had expected. The Admiralty is determined that there shall be no longer any possibility of German ships sailing within the sheltered channel

of Norway. And if the Germans ~~may~~ take any military action against Scandinavia, it ~~will~~<sup>will</sup> be followed quickly by British counter-action.

The British have described in detail the extent of their mine fields. The one in the north ~~extends~~<sup>reaches</sup> most of the way across the mouth of the fjord that leads from Narvik, the port through which the Swedish ore has been coming to Germany. British warships are also patrolling outside that fjord.

There ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> a second mine field of forty-five square miles extending six miles out to sea. That one is right off the bulge of the Norwegian Atlantic coast and north of Bergen. And there ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> still a third mine field seventy miles to the north of that, a field of thirty-five square miles stretching eleven miles out to sea.

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BERLIN FOLLOW LEAD

The reaction in Berlin is **exactly** what might have been expected. ~~There is~~ <sup>^</sup> No official comment, but an authorized spokesman characterized ~~that~~ <sup>^</sup> sowing of <sup>these</sup> mine fields as "the rape of Norwegian neutrality", an act of war against neutral nations and a symptom of terrible weakness on the part of the Allies.

At the same time the Germans are putting out a curious report. They <sup>say they have</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>^</sup> unearthed another British conspiracy. They charge that the Allies are trying to break up traffic on ~~the~~ River Danube. English secret service agents, say the Germans, have concocted a colossal sabotage plan on that river. They have arranged to assemble armed motorboats and barges loaded with explosives, sink the barges in the channel and render the river unfit for traffic. That, if successful, would make it difficult for Germany to go on receiving raw materials from Jugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Roumania.

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It sounds like <sup>quite a story!</sup> ~~a fantastic fiction tale~~ <sup>^</sup> One hundred <sup>Danubian</sup> British agents dressed as sailors and equipped with special <sup>^</sup> passports, are supposed to have started a squadron of vessels and barges up the Danube, ready to carry out this plot. But the

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Roumanian government was tipped off and stopped the expedition at one of the Roumanian ports on the river.

When this was reported in London, ~~the~~ British officials laughed at it. ~~It~~ Aside from all other considerations, say the British, such a stunt would have been impossible.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW BERLIN

In Washington it is pointed out that the British mining of Norwegian waters might be our concern also. It can obviously have an effect upon American shipping. ~~You will remember that~~ When Congress changed the Neutrality Act, <sup>the</sup> President ~~Roosevelt~~ issued a proclamation defining the combat areas in European waters. Under authority of Congress he forbade American vessels to sail to European ports except in the extreme north and the extreme south. The whole area <sup>from</sup> ~~between~~ Portugal <sup>north to</sup> and Bergen, ~~in~~ Norway is prohibited. <sup>From</sup> ~~To~~ Bergen <sup>on</sup> and northward ~~from there~~ our ships are allowed to sail and south of the Bay of Biscay. Now that the British have sown mines all the way up to Narvik, that area becomes dangerous and ~~it is difficult~~ within the power of the President <sup>(may want to)</sup> ~~to~~ extend the prohibitive zone ~~that far~~ for our ships.

However, ~~nothing has been done yet.~~ In a curious way ~~the governments have, we are not supposed to know anything~~ officially about British actions in Norwegian waters. The State Department has not yet received official notice from Great Britain.

LORD BEAVERBROOK

The newspaper with just about the largest circulation in the world, at present, is the Daily Express, of London. The publisher is a Canadian originally named Maxwell Aitken, son of a New Brunswick Presbyterian clergyman. The world knows him as Lord Beaverbrook.

Beaverbrook has a special radio tower at Leatherhead, his country place, outside London. There his men sit listening to broadcasts from all over the world. Lord Beaverbrook once told me that each night either he or some member of his staff listened to this <sup>oil</sup> Sun~~oo~~ news broadcast, at midnight, London time. Occasionally the famous publisher writes to me about some remark he has heard me make. <sup>And</sup> his latest personal message reached me today. In it he makes a prophecy <sup>so</sup> ~~and it is so~~ interesting that I am going to read it to you. He ~~sixsix~~ starts by saying that he takes the risk that his prophecies may be proven false before the letter gets to me.

My first prophecy ~~ix~~ writes Lord Beaverbrook:-

"Is that Hitler will not go into Holland or Belgium. He would by so doing, gain nothing of such decisive importance that it

would make up for throwing nearly a million Dutch and Belgian soldiers into the struggle against him.

*Adds Beaverbrook*  
"Nor will he go into Sweden." "The same reasons apply here as to Holland and Belgium," *he says* "and in addition ~~he~~ *Hitler* would run the risk of the Swedes destroying their iron mines, the output of which is vital to him.

"An offensive in the South East of Europe is equally unlikely. The Allies have a large army there, ready to counter it, and an attack on Rumania would certainly mean the destruction of her oil wells.

*IT And then the London publisher goes on -*  
"During this spring and summer, the Germans are going to conduct the war over and under the sea. The land they will ignore. By U-boat and airplane attack they will endeavour to destroy our commerce and break out economic stranglehold.

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"During the early months of 1939 many Americans thought that the great question was, would Germany fight? But, it was apparent to you and others that the real question was, would England fight? Now in the spring of 1940 many people are asking, will Germany attack? But the real question is, will England

attack? To this I will answer, "I think not now but soon".

*He also writes: -*

"This is the end of my prophecies, and probably, as far as you are concerned, of my reputation as a prophet!"

Lord Beaverbrook's concluding remarks are:-

"You know that I am not English and that in consequence I am not blind to their faults. But, I can say confidently ~~that~~ that never have they ~~XXXXXXXX~~ been so self-sacrificing, so utterly and completely idealistic, so absolutely devoted to a cause sanctified by their blood."

CONSPIRACY

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There was lurid testimony in the federal court of Brooklyn today during the trial of those seventeen Christian Fronters. The principal witness for the Government was on the stand. He said that one of the seventeen on trial had urged his confederates to go to Washington and shoot a dozen Congressmen to show that the Christian Front means business.

Another of those seventeen defendants had suggested that in setting up a dictator after their revolution, they should select the retired Major General George Van Horn Mosley.

Still another of the seventeen defendants is said to have declared <sup>d</sup> that they had three hundred thousand members ready to take up arms the minute word was given for <sup>e</sup> ~~that~~ revolution. *they were cooking up.*

SUPREME COURT

The Republic Steel Corporation <sup>must pay some</sup> ~~has to pay back more~~  
~~than~~ five million dollars to five thousand ~~of the~~ men who went on  
strike three years ago; ~~Everybody remembers~~ the so-called "Little  
Steel strike", <sup>It</sup> ~~one of the most hectic in modern times.~~ <sup>After an</sup> It was  
investigated <sup>ion</sup> by the National Labor Relations Board, ~~which ordered~~  
Republic <sup>steel was told</sup> to take back something like five thousand of the C.I.O.  
men who had walked out, ~~is~~ not only ~~to~~ put them on the payroll  
again but ~~to~~ pay ~~them~~ their wages for the time they were out of a  
job. <sup>figures this</sup> ~~In point of numbers,~~ <sup>to</sup> it was the biggest case ~~that has ever~~  
come up before the Labor Board.

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The corporation appealed to the Circuit Court. And the  
Third Circuit Court backed up the Labor Board, whereupon Republic  
Steel appealed again, took the case to the Supreme Court of the  
United States.

Today the nine high justices gave answer. They  
refused to review the decision of the ~~Supreme~~ Circuit Court. So  
that <sup>l</sup> ~~that~~ decision by the <sup>N.L.R.B.</sup> ~~Labor Board~~ will stand - the five thousand men  
get their jobs back, <sup>plus</sup> ~~jobs and~~ millions of ~~dollars~~ in back pay.  
Actually, ~~we don't know yet exactly the total sum that they will~~  
~~get, but it's more than five millions.~~

LIBRARY

On October Third, Nineteen Thirty-Nine, an American merchant vessel left Baltimore, Maryland, bound for a port in northern Europe. Her crew was not expecting a long voyage - just across the ocean and back. But as destiny shaped it, that American ship did not return to Baltimore for months. ~~She was captured by the Germans, taken all the way around into the Arctic Ocean to the Russian port of Murmansk, then back through the Arctic down along the coast of Norway, where a Norwegian man-o-war took her away from the Germans.~~ In short, **T**hat freighter was the famous CITY OF FLINT on her historic cruise.

~~After being set free by the Norwegian vessel, she remained several weeks in the Norwegian port of Bergen. The voyage which was to have lasted a couple of weeks became several months.~~ All those months the crew and officers of the CITY OF FLINT would have had a pretty dismal time, ~~for~~ but for one fact. Before she left Baltimore, two libraries were placed aboard the ship by the Baltimore office of the American Merchant Marine Library Association. And as one of the crew remarked, they certainly were grateful for having all those books on board.

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All of that comes to light because today <sup>this is the opening day of</sup> ~~opens~~ the Nineteenth Annual Book Week of that <sup>Merchant Marine Library Association,</sup> ~~That~~ organization ~~loans books not only to ships starting on cruises but to individual seamen, also to lighthouses and Uncle Sam's Coast Guard stations. They call it the public library of the high seas. In~~ <sup>which in 19 years</sup> ~~nineteen years it~~ has distributed some four million books and five million magazines to seamen as well as lighthouses and Coast Guard people.

The annual book week of the Association is a drive to urge people to contribute books.

VOLCANO

The folks in Hawaii are having a magnificent free show. A spectacle, brilliant and awe-~~xi~~ inspiring. Mauna Loa, the great Hawaiian volcano is in eruption. For the first time ~~if~~ four years.

But it was not <sup>un</sup>expected. Mauna Loa, the second largest volcano in the world, goes into action pretty regularly on a four year table; and the demonstration that began at half past eleven last night had been predicted by volcanologists.

GRASS

You may recall that in the Old Testament the Fourth Chapter of the Book of Daniel tells of a punishment that was inflicted upon King Nebuchadnezzar. As the Prophet had foretold, Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men and did eat grass as the oxen. <sup>"</sup>~~did~~.

That was cited as a terrible punishment. According to a trio of scientists from Kansas City, Missouri, eating grass will be nothing to complain about in the future. For in grass there's an abundant<sup>ce</sup> of the supply of the vitamins ~~that~~ we all need, in fact twelve pounds of dry grass ~~leaves~~ contain<sup>s</sup> more vitamins than three hundred and forty pounds of fruit and vegetables. Those Kansas City chemists told this in a report to the American Chemical Society which is meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio. <sup>And</sup> They've contrived a way of putting the unique nourishing qualities of grass into human food. One effect of this, it is pointed out, will be to make ~~millions~~ meals infinitely cheaper for people not having so much money.

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Maybe we'll all be like Nebuchadnezzar one of these days. If grass grows in the streets, maybe we'll live on grass.

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Anyhow grass is green  
Sunoco is Blue  
And now Hugh James how do you do?