

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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I'm not in such haste as I was last night ~~when~~
~~last evening~~
~~and~~ I hurried to the microphone with the flash about the
attempt to bomb Hitler. I just ~~had~~ ^{had} time to pick the first
bulletin off the wire as I started for the studio. ^{So} I had only
the brief ~~and~~ and early ~~and~~ facts. ~~to relate~~ ^{have} But they turned out
to be the essentials. (Today the wires were loaded with the
Hitler bombing affair at Munich,) but ~~the~~ ^a stream of news only
amplifies and expands what we had last night.

(The explosion blasted out ten minutes after the
Brown Shirt Dictator had left the beer hall shrine of Nazism
where his followers were celebrating.) Hitler, in fact, was just
getting on the train to return to Berlin, when the blast
occurred. What did he say when he heard about it? Something
characteristic - "one must have luck", he remarked. And those

four words tell a good deal of the story.

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(Hitler seems to have owed his life to the mere lucky chance that the schedule of the beer house celebration ^{had been} ~~was~~ changed.)
Year after year the Nazis have had the same sort of anniversary celebration in the Munich beer cellar, where the futile Hitler putsch began twenty years ago. The proceedings have always been according to the same schedule, until this year, when they were altered because of ^{circumstances of war.} ~~war time conditions~~ Hitler started his speech earlier, got through earlier, left at once - instead of sitting around with his old comrades of the beer hall putsch. If things had gone according to the schedule of past years, the explosion would have occurred just as the Nazi Fuehrer was beginning to orate. Word from Berlin would make it appear that the infernal machine, a time bomb, had been set to go off at just that moment. And apparently it had been placed in such a position as to crash right down upon Hitler and his group of Nazi leaders. The bomb exploded in an attic in the beer hall, and blew down a massive ceiling x of masonry.)

Today, the rostrum occupied by Hitler and his chief

lieutenants was heaped up with ^{ten}~~several~~ feet of fallen rubble. ~~The~~^{That} heavy ceiling would have piled right down on them - if they had been there.

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From the ^{details given out so far}~~the facts that we got~~ a Sherlock Holmes ^{might}~~would~~ deduce a couple of things:- First, the placing of the time bomb would seem to have been the work of a Nazi or Nazis. Who else could have gained access to the Nazi sanctuary, and ^{have}~~could~~ place an infernal machine there - especially at a time just before Hitler was scheduled to speak?

Secondly, it would seem that the conspirators did not know that the ^h~~sc~~edule of proceedings had been changed. ~~That~~ ~~might indicate that they were not aware of the last minute~~ ~~change of plans~~ ^{So} If they were Nazis, they ^{were not}~~wouldn't be~~ high up enough to know. Of course, these are mere probabilities - there may be something more extraordinary and mysterious behind the strange affair.

(Today, Hitler's secret police, the Gestapo, rounded up hundreds of persons - people known to be not in sympathy with the Nazi regime.) They put up a huge reward of hundreds of

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thousands of dollars for info^{rm}ation. On the radio they called on all Germans to reveal anything suspicious they may have seen or heard. And the Gestapo told what sort of thing might be suspicious, like somebody saying - "Wasn't it lucky that Hitler changed his schedule?" That might indicate that the person saying it was suspiciously aware of the timing of the bomb - the timing that went wrong.

The enraged Nazis are shouting - "Great Britain *Not the Jews.* did it!" [^] At first there were charges that the bomb plot had been conspired by British secret agents, and that seemed incredible - spies planting a bomb right over Hitler's head in the Nazi shrine. Later, the accusation took the form - that Great Britain was responsible psychologically. Meaning:- by saying they'd fight until Hitler was out they ^{have} encouraged ^{ing} elements in Germany to remove Hitler.

On the British side, the counter-charge is just as extreme - the statement that the bomb had been placed by the Nazis themselves, just as they are accused of having started the Reichstag fire for the purpose of blaming it on the Communists.

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explosion might have been an attempt ~~on~~ on Hitler's life by the Nazi secret police, the Gestapo. ~~That's all it is, ingiexxxxx~~

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machine set within a few feet of his head. They say either the Gestapo fell down on the job horribly - or they instigated it.

Of far wider scope is the apprehension felt tonight - that the bomb plot may incite the enraged Nazis to a head-over-heels drive against the Allies, war to the limit of terror.

The emotional ^{outbreaks} ~~stages~~ of Hitler are a constantly menacing puzzle, and people are saying you never can tell what the ^{Nazi} clique may do - steamed up as they now are by one of the most sensational assassination plots of our time, blaming it on the British and using that in an attempt to arouse the German people to a war fever.

FOLLOW LEAD

The bomb news is accompanied by new reports of Nazi threats against Belgium and Holland. More rumors of German troop concentrations near the Dutch border. Further statements that Nazi Germany is bringing ^{heavy} ~~every~~ pressure to bear on its two ~~next~~ neutral neighbors ^{to} compel them to do something against the British blockade.

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One account has it that Germany is trying to get Belgium to promise to stay neutral if the Nazis should invade Holland. The purpose of this would be obvious. The only way the Allies would be able to come to the aid of Holland would be an Army move into Belgium. ~~and~~ They could hardly do much by landing in Holland in the teeth of the German submarine menace. Possession of the Netherlands would give Germany invaluable sea and air bases near the English coast.

We hear that Belgium has made ^{commitments} ~~commitments~~ to Holland -- not to stay neutral in case of Nazi attack. If Belgium went in, German plans might turn to a drive through Holland and Belgium for the purpose of out-flanking the French Maginot line on the North. The frontier between Belgium and Holland is hardly fortified

at all -- no obstacle.

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Today ~~the~~ at Brussels ^{there was} ~~King Leopold held~~ a Belgium cabinet meeting, to consider the attitude of the belligerent powers toward the ~~mediat~~ mediation offer that King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina made. That mediation offer is making no more progress than had been expected. Prime Minister Chamberlain today declared that Great Britain was not ~~accepting~~ answering at once, because London wanted to consult the British Dominions. Chamberlain said there was little hope for peace with the Nazis. He characterized them as "stiff-necked men". He said, "they understand no language but force."

LABOR

President Roosevelt today once again called for peace in the ranks of labor. ^{He asked} The A. F. of L. and ^{the} C. I. O.

to resume their negotiations. To this A. F. of L. President

Green replied that his organization was ready, at any time.

^{Said} ~~And insisted that~~ it was up to the C.I.O.

LYSISTRATA

54 This evening the campaign of the Michigan Lysistrata seems to be in a state of collapse. Or at any rate, Lysistrata herself has collapsed. She's Mrs. Clara Schindler of Detroit, who set out to end the strike in the Chrysler plants by emulating a classic comedy of more than two thousand years ago. In the howling farce that Aristophanes wrote, the women of Athens tried to stop the war with Sparta by staging a ~~war with~~ ^{strike of} wives - giving their husbands the cold shoulder treatment until they agreed to stop fighting. In the comedy it all ended when the wives themselves couldn't hold out any longer, and sneaked home to join their husbands. But let's see what happened in Detroit.

Fifty-five thousand ~~xxx~~ workers are idle because of a contract dispute between the Company and the automobile workers union. And up rose Mrs. Clara Schindler, announcing herself to be a modern ~~lyx~~ Lysistrata. She started organizing a strike of wives to compel the men folks to end the strike. She claimed she had ten thousand women lined up to emulate the Athenian ladies of old. ~~R~~ The Michigan Lysistrata herself is gray-haired and stout. Her brother and her son are Chrysler workers in the walk-out,

but her husband is not, has nothing to do with the labor trouble. So there wouldn't be much point for her to join the cold shoulder campaign.

The collapse of the modern Lysistrata is explained by the fact that so many women came forward to support the ~~cold shoulder~~ ^{frosty} idea that she was overwhelmed with telephone calls and messages, and succumbed to the strain of answering them. ~~etc~~

So the strike of wives has collapsed, because it was too much work for the Michigan Lysistrata.

INDIAN

Today at the town of Ville La Salle, in the Province of Quebec, the municipal council met to decide what to do with thirty-eight people it has on its hands - men, women and children. *They've been expelled from an Indian reservation.* They're white relatives of members of ~~an~~ aboriginal tribe. ~~And it seems that there was some dispute about them in the tribal council.~~

Today, a red skin chieftain told the town fathers that he was opposed to the expulsion of the ~~white relatives~~ *pale face king folk* of the Indians. In his blast of oratory, the big chief used some pretty strong language - in French. They're French-speaking ~~speaking~~ Indians. For example, he used the French word "Cochon", meaning pig - which is a fighting word in the Province of Quebec. Whereupon the ~~&~~ Chairman of the Town Council rebuked the elequent chief on the strength of his language. The chief apologized for the French cusc words he had used and explained with dignity:- "I learned those from the white man," said he. "Had I been speaking the Indian language that could not have happened. There are no Indian swear words." *No, they never take the name of the Great Spirit in vain.* Then, telling how smart the aboriginees have become

nowadays, he said to the Town Fathers:- "The Indian can cheat like you people. We are civilized."

All of which disturbed the equanimity of the Town Fathers at Ville La Salle, as they tried to decide what to do with the thirty-eight pale face relatives of the red-skins.

CANARIES

Today in New York, a man was charged with possession of deadly weapons, and the court paroled him in the custody of twenty canaries, put him in charge of a flock of those sweet birds of song.

Vincenzo Guarino is a sixty-five year old shoemaker, whose humble tenement home is filled with canaries. The deadly weapons he possessed were ~~two~~ a loaded club and a metal bludgeon. He had them to protect himself and his birds of song, ^{so he said.} The judge was told that if he sent the old shoemaker to jail there would be nobody to take care of the twenty yellow warblers.

So the judge said:- "I'll parole the defendant in the custody of his canaries."

HEIRESS

Here's a sweet sentimental story of love and reconciliation, and the heroine is an heiress to the Gould fortune, a granddaughter of the fabulous millionaire, Jay Gould.

Today she told how she was reunited to her cowboy husband, and was going back to the ranch in Wyoming. No more bright lights of Broadway for her. And she was renouncing her hope of a stage career. She's just going ^{out there to ride the purple} to be a western wife ^{long} to a bronco riding husband, keeping house on the ranch ^{for} Slim and the other cow hands.

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Some while ago, Anne Gould Meador, while on a stay in the Wyoming cow country, was wooed and won by Herman Elsbury, head cowboy on a dude ranch. He was a seventy-five dollar a month ranch hand, and she was a Gould heiress. But you know how love evens up all things, they were married and lived on the ranch, but after a while the heiress began to long for the big city, and, she developed an ambition for a stage career. So she ~~came~~ came to New York and after a while she filed a suit for divorce. When this word reached the cowboy hubby, he instantly hopped a train and started for New York. And ^{in the} big town ^{*} a reconciliation quickly followed. The cow puncher's

heiress bride told about it today, related the story fondly
as she lay in bed in ~~the~~^g hospital. First of all, she denied

that she got her broken shoulder when her husband tossed her

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Nor had she gotten it playing for Yale
down a flight of stairs. ~~No, it wasn't that, said she~~

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She fell ~~from~~^{off} a horse and broke her shoulder. Explaining the
reconciliation, she said she couldn't understand why she ever
filed that divorce suit.

Standing by her hospital bedside, her cowboy hubby
declared that Jay Gould's granddaughter had learned how to cook.-

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She's great at baking banana cream pie. "There's a lot for
her to do on the ranch," he explained, so he hoped she'd soon
get over her broken shoulder.

To which the Gould heiress echoed with a sigh,
"I'm just a ranch girl now," *git along little doggie.*

But whoa there, let's listen
to Hugh James:-
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last Saturday.