

EARHART

L.I. - Sunoco. Friday, Oct. 8, 1937.

I did some complicated long distance telephoning today. It seems as if I'd phoned all over New York State. All this activity on the wire was incited by a cable from Honolulu ~~which~~ that told of finding a rubber raft, which perhaps might have been Amelia Earhart's.

Through the day, fragmentary details kept coming in, brief, sketchy, perplexing. They told how two Hawaiian plantation workers were fishing off the shore, when they spied a large bag, that had drifted on the beach. They picked it up, opened it, and inside found a collapsible rubber raft - the kind that can be blown up, inflated for life-saving. And instantly the surmise was raised that it was from the plane of the ill-fated ~~Amelia~~ Amelia Earhart, who was lost in the ^{Pacific} ~~sea~~ with her navigator, Fred Noonan. ^R It was supposed that during the weeks that have elapsed since the flying tragedy, the raft in the bag had drifted thousands of miles from the vicinity of Howland Island to Hawaii.

^R The raft was turned over to naval officers, and the description flashed that it was not the type the Navy uses on its war planes, but the sort common to civilian ships and airplanes. And in the

bag was a label, reading - J. Lansing Callas, Hammondsport, New York.

That's what set me phoning on long distance. I called Hammondsport and asked - was any J. Lansing Callas known there? They said, "Yes," a one-time Navy commander who now manufactures balloons and rubber articles for aviation. "Where could he be found?" ~~was~~. They didn't know, and referred me to a lady who acted as his secretary. Then I phoned to her, Mrs. Amy Wehman. She said Commander Callas was not in Hammondsport. I asked her - had he provided the raft which Amelia Earhart had taken on her ill-starred flight? And she answered - yes, he had. But she said I'd better call Commander Callas himself at Balatia, New York, near Albany. I put in that long distance call, and was told that Commander Callas was in New York - at the Lambs Club. So after all of that long distance calling, I found my man right here in the big town.

I spoke to ^{the} Commander ~~Callas~~, and he told me the kind of raft which he had sold to Amelia Earhart for her flight.

And It matched the vague description of the raft found in Hawaii.

But he said of late the rafts he made were sold through the Air Cruiser Company, and the labels bore the name of that concern, as well as his own. That would be the case with Amelia Earhart's. ~~raft~~ Previously the labels carried only his name, which seemed to be the case with the raft in Hawaii. He said, moreover, that as a former naval officer, he knew the Pacific waters, ~~the drifts~~ ~~of~~ the winds and currents out there, and he did not believe a floating object would drift from the vicinity of Howland Island in the direction of Hawaii. So, he didn't believe the ~~raft~~ ^{raft} ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ Hawaii was Amelia Earhart's. He couldn't be sure, but he didn't think so.

And that was the end of a long telephone chase investigating the latest rumor in the tragedy of that foremost woman flyer who was lost on her way around the world.

FAR EAST

47
—

Moves of international procedure against Japan got going in a methodical way today. President Roosevelt returned to Washington and immediately called a conference of advisors:— ~~Those were~~ Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Under-Secretary of State Sumner Wells, and our roving ambassador, Norman Davis. They discussed American participation in the Nine-Power Conference, which has been called by the League of Nations. The presence of Norman Davis at the White-House-meeting today is taken as an indication that he will be chief American delegate to the Nine-Power Conference. There's nothing surprising about that, because during the past several years, whenever the United States has been represented in an international get-together, Norman Davis has done the talking for Uncle Sam.

The gravity of events is indicated by the fact that President Roosevelt had a formal Cabinet meeting for the discussion of foreign affairs, while at the same time the British Embassy in Washington today began diplomatic conversations for the arrangement of ^{the} Nine-Power parley.

GREAT BRITAIN

48

In London, the word today was - solidarity with the United States. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain sounded that keynote at a conference of the Conservative Party. He said Great Britain was whole-heartedly with President Roosevelt in his clarion call. That's what the Prime Minister called ~~the~~ presidential declaration for cooperation against war-makers. Neville Chamberlain said it was a surprise to the British government; ~~that~~ ^{far} it had been assumed that Washington was committed to isolation ^{and} neutrality. So, when President Roosevelt made his right-about face reversal of the traditional American policy, it was a clarion call indeed. "This government will be whole-heartedly with him," declared Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

In Tokyo, the Emperor Hirohito ^{called} ~~had~~ a cabinet council, which discussed the opposition by the United States and the League of Nations. Under the directions of the Mikado, the Cabinet Council prepared a reply, which probably will be issued over the weekend. The feeling in Tokyo is that Japan will denounce the Nine-Power Treaty, toss it into the wastebasket.

CHINESE ENGINEER

50

Well, it certainly is a great exploit of war, when you can steal a whole enemy munitions train. That's what happened along the battle-line near Shanghai. The Chinese swiped one whole long train loaded with cartridges, shells, explosive^s, bombs, guns and everything deadly. It happened this way:- The Japanese munitions train was rattling along, a Chinese engineer at the controls. The train stopped at a wayside station. The Japanese guards jumped off, to be gone for a minute or two.

The Chinese engineer was left alone in the cab, and ~~in~~ in him flamed the spirit of his ancestors. The tracks ran straight ahead, across into a section held by the Chinese army. So the engineer leaned on the lever, started the train, and took it charging ~~at~~ a breakneck ride. The astounded Japanese guards knew nothing about it until it was speeding away in the distance. So it happened that into a Chinese military railroad center came a Japanese munitions train, loaded with tons of death. The engineer delivered it to the Chinese command, was greeted as a hero worthy of his ancestors, and given a reward of a thousand Yuan, three hundred dollars. He's the toast of patriotic China tonight.

49

You an

SPAIN

Italy is going to turn down the Franco-British proposal. Mussolini's reply will go to London tomorrow, and advices from Rome state that it will be a refusal. (Italy will not go into a three-power conference to get the foreign volunteers out of Spain, especially the Italians. So that will bring a new crisis to a head, leaving it up to London and Paris to decide what they'll do) and they're reported to be ready to do things.

Rome is said to be prepared for anything that may happen, such as the reopening of the French frontier, with heavy shipments of war materials to the Spanish Left Wingers.

If that happens, the civil war in Spain will turn into an open race of war supplies shipped into Spain - French munitions ^{sent} ~~shipped~~ to the Left Wingers across the border, Italian munitions ^{hurried} ~~shipped~~ to Franco by sea.

The LONDON ~~NEWS~~ EVENING NEWS today tells of fifteen thousand Italian troops landed at Cadiz last week. The EVENING NEWS declares that the British government knows this, ~~has~~ has the information from ~~the~~ unimpeachable sources. This the

DUKE

Today the news brings us ~~an item~~ ^{a picture} of two people ever on the go, no permanent place to stop, keeping on and on, wanderers over the face of the earth. Those two drifting travelers ^{are} that most famous of wedded couples, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Where is it that they might settle down? Surely, England is the only place where they ~~might~~ ^{could} truly have their home, the kingdom over which he was king before he married his American Duchess.

Today, the EVENING STANDARD in London carries an article under the ~~the~~ headline - "The Duke Will Never Come Back." The article is written by someone who should know - Randolph Churchill, son of the eminent Winston Churchill. Randolph is an intimate friend of the Duke of Windsor, has been with him lately in France. And Randolph Churchill writes that the Duke has given up all expectation of ever returning to England. He'll never go back. Instead, he's visiting Germany, and he'll come to the United States.

Randolph Churchill says the Duke and Duchess will stay ~~over~~ here for a month. Then they'll keep on, keep going. They'll spend the cold months in some sunny climate, perhaps Honolulu, or

52

maybe Cuba. Then in the spring they'll return to Europe and make a tour of the Scandinavian nations. Then they'll go on - traveling, *traveling.*

Yes, two wanderers, going everywhere; home - nowhere. His Ex-Majesty, the former Edward the Eighth - a man without a country.

Now, about an ex-Mayor - Jimmy Walker who dazzled politics as the Mayor of New York. He ^{'s} ~~certainly~~ having trouble keeping a job. He was appointed to the New York Transit Commission, ~~but~~ that caused a row. It put him in line for a pension, and there was a storm about - a pension grab. So he was dismissed, which cut out the pension part of it. Then ^{he was} immediately rehired, so ~~that~~ he could ^{simply keep} ~~have~~ the job.

But today a New York Court said - No, he can't ^{keep} ~~have~~ the job. A New York Supreme Court Justice handed down the ruling that Jimmy's appointment to the Transit Commission was illegal. The job comes under the heading of Civil Service, and the appointment was made without the proper Civil Service examination - so ruled the Court.

An ex-King without a country - an ex-Mayor without a

job!

L.T.:- The World Series is certainly turning into a run-away for the Yanks -- but let's have Ed Thorgersen of Movietone tell us about it. So play ball, Ed, -- a thing which the Giants didn't do so well today.

ED:- You know, Lowell, to me there was something pathetic about those Giantst out there today -- maybe I'm softhearted -- I don't know. But as I watched the feeble efforts of Bill Terry's team in trying to withstand that nerve-wracking -- bombardment of Yankee bats I had a feeling of futility -- I thought of a little terrier pup -- yapping at the heels of a Great Dane -- trying to cut him down to a terrier size. And then I thought back on the last two weeks of August when the Giants were wagint that glorious fight in the closing stages of the pennant race -- when they came from way back -- seven games behind the Chicago Cubs -- to win the flag in a surging drive. In a champion thoroughbred -- it's called Fighting Heart -- Man o' War, Equipoise, Gallant Fox -- all the turf champions had it -- Bill Terry's Giants had it -- they stiall had it out there today -- but they were up against baseball as played in a different league -- and therein lies the story of that five to one shellacking -- to paraphrase -- a chance remark once

made by the good Bill Terry -- the Giants are not in the league. As for mtomorrow's game -- it should wind up the series to make good our last night's prediction -- if it doesn't the Giants merely win a stay of execution. Do let's have it over with and get down to the more timely business of football.

And along the Atlantic seaboard football tomorrow will center at Princeton where the Tigers meet up with the Big Red Cornellians from above the shores of Lake Cayuga. The same Carl Snavely machine that shattered Colgate forty to seven -- on the basis of this -- Cornell I yell.

A Columbia Lion meets up with an Army mule -- not the same Army that had Monk Meyer, but otherwise about the same. Knowing Columbia's great Coach Lou Little as we do -- we fully realize that when Lou points toward a certain objective he' hard to beat -- but all things considered such as Army's Craig and Wilson -- as against Columbia's lack of reserves -- we're joining the Army.

Last year we conceded Duquesne not a chance against the clawing Pittsburgh Panther -- remember what happened -- they defeated Pitt seven to nothing and was our face plenty red. Tonight we admit

that Duquesne will score -- but not enough.

At New Haven Yale plays Pennsylvan -i-a -- and notwithstanding the fact that Larry Kelly is just a vivid Eli memory Yale will win -- because the Bulldog backfield still includes Clint Frank.

Intersectionally speaking Ohio States goes west to meet the Trojans of Southern California -- a tossup -- but I think it's Ohio State by a shade.

Down South -- you all have read that Duke will lead the Southern Conference this year -- tomorrow they play Tennessee -- a member in good standing of a different league. I look for an upset -- Tennessee will win.

Center of attraction on the Big Ten Circuit will be the Minnesota-Indiana clash -- Last week Minnesota let me down -- but not tomorrow -- Bernie Bierman's Gophers will really go to town.

And here's a short lateral pass Lowell -- one microphone from me to you.

L.T.:- All, right I like the passing game -- so let's pass on to the news.

SEMINOLES

An echo of the old tragedy of the Indian sounds in a dispatch from Washington today -- the Seminole tribe is likely to migrate from Oklahoma to Mexico. Because "Seminole" means "Florida" -- their ancient home, -- Florida and the everglades . What had the great Chief, Osceola, to do with Oklahoma or Mexico?

It was revealed in Washington today that last summer, eight Seminole chiefs journeyed to Mexico City, saw President Cardenas, laid that ninety year old treaty before him, and demanded satisfaction. Cardenas said - "Yes". And he offered the Seminoles the choice of several sites in northern Mexico. Just a few weeks ago, many leaders of the tribe went to look at one of the sites, which seemed the best. After that, they journeyed on to Mexico City and had a conference with President Cardenas.

The upshot of it all, says Washington today, is that the Seminole are likely to take the Mexican offer -- the whole tribe migrating to treaty lands in the Mexican state of Coahuila. They'll become Mexican citizens -- those Seminoles whose forefathers were the wild red warriors of the Florida everglades.

AUTOMOBILE

58 1/2

Today at Lindon, Utah, things happened. They happened in swift, blazing succession - all because an automobile blew a tire. Howard Harper was driving along the highway, when the blow-out occurred. His car swerved wildly off the road, and hit a power-line pole. ~~and~~ The impact knocked the pole down, and the high tension wires fell across the power line of an electric railroad. That caused a short circuit, and every electric light in Lindon went out. The fireworks of the short circuit started a fire at Dick Walker's gas station, and the station blew up. And the whole town was in a turmoil. Howard Harper, whose tire blew out, and who started it all, sustained a sprained wrist.

59

Yes, things happened in Lindon, Utah - and how! After the excitement subsided, the prostrate power line pole was set up again, and the high tension wires put back in place. Shortly afterward, at that same place, another automobile driver lost control of his car, it swerved wildly off the road, and hit that same power line pole and knocked it down again for another short circuit. This time, three houses caught fire, and Lindon, Utah, was in a turmoil all over again.

59 1/4

There they had ~~an~~ a double dose of excitement, but here
we'll have just a single dose of broadcast - and SO LONG UNTIL
MONDAY.