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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Tonight once more the news leaves us in doubt.~~

~~British troops, to be sure, have been landed in Norway. But, we~~
~~don't~~
~~nobody knows where.~~

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This morning's flashes from across the seas sounded like a pean of triumph for the Allies. But after all, ^{of today's} ~~is said and~~ ~~all~~ ^{are} ~~dispatches~~ ^{carefully} analyzed, ~~the issue remains dubious~~ ^{to different} ~~we~~ ^{still don't know.}

Both the London Admiralty and the War Office ^{have now} announced that

British troops have been landed in Norway. But there's a sharp retort from Berlin which says, "Maybe so, but not in any point occupied by German troops." And the Nazi high command goes on to boast gleefully that no British had landed at Narvik, that Narvik ~~is~~ and other Norwegian points are still in German hands, and that the German invaders have consolidated their holdings throughout southern Norway up to the Swedish border. ^{They also say that} Norwegian resistance has been

broken. ^{if} The Berlin high command is willing to admit that British troops may have landed. But the Germans point out that Norway

has an irregular coastline twelve hundred miles long ^{that} and British

troops might have landed, ~~at numerous places~~ ^{several}, but that such a landing

^{or} landings would not necessarily hamper the Germans. "Senseless" ^{they say, as a military operation.}

Berlin admitted that the British are blockading Narvik,

but that ~~the~~ blockade ^{does not mean} ~~has not given them~~ possession of the place.

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^{Further} The Germans ^{are} declared today that they ^{are} going to use their

positions in Norway and Denmark as points of vantage for air raids

on Scapa Flow, the Firth of Forth, and other British strongholds.

They say their guarantees to the Norwegian and Danish Governments

are no longer valid since the British have bombarded points in

Norway. But ^{then} ~~of course~~ those guarantees were not taken seriously

anyway, so nobody is surprised.

There's a report from Paris that Allied forces have

been landed on the Lofodten Islands, off the Norwegian coast,

near Narvik. But that's unofficial and not confirmed from London.

It was pointed out that the official communiques in London

specified that the expeditionary forces to Norway were British,

not Allied.

But, here's another bulletin from London with more positive news. However, ^{this one} ~~before I tell it, this bulletin~~ is not official.

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A message was broadcast from London a short time ago, to the people of Norway. It was in the Norwegian language and the broadcaster was the Norwegian Minister to London. This message announced to the Norwegian people that the British had retaken Narvik and the surrounding countryside. Furthermore, said the Norwegian Minister to his people, Allied aid to Scandinavia is assuming great proportions. ~~Again I remind you, that this is not official.~~

TREASON

Tonight we have a new light upon the Nazi invasion of Norway. It can be summed up in one short sentence. The amazing swiftness and success of the operation was achieved by treachery. ^{Norwegian} Pro-Nazi commanders in several key positions handed ^{those positions} ~~them~~ over to the invaders.

If the stories ^{telling us about this} ~~with this angle~~ came from London or Paris, we might ^{be suspicious,} ~~suspect that it was another bit of propaganda.~~ ^{But, this news} ~~But it~~ comes from American correspondents in Scandinavia. For instance, the head of the NEW YORK EVENING POST bureau at Stockholm declares flatly that Norway's capital and great seaports were seized by means of a gigantic conspiracy. And he goes on to describe it as "the most audacious, the most perfectly oiled political plot. It was achieved partly by bribery, partly by sheer treason, that spiked the guns of most of the Norwegian navy and reduced its formidable fortresses to impotence."

Some inkling of this was conveyed over the weekend.

It broke first with the amazing news that the Norwegian authorities had arrested Colonel Sundlo, Military Commander at Narvik.

Then it came to light that Sundlo is a personal friend of Hitler's

former German War Minister, Colonel Werner von Blomberg; ~~and~~ also

^{that} Sundlo has been an ardent Nazi for a long while. Today we learn, ~~to our astonishment~~ ~~somewhat to our surprise~~, that the Nazis had quite a number of sympathizers in Norway and that ~~some of them~~ ^{these they} cooperated with the Germans.

Another correspondent points out that in some instances the Norwegian commanders were taken completely by surprise, their forces were outnumbered, and their central defense system was so upset that resistance to the Nazis might have been foolhardy.

But, the Stockholm correspondent of the NEW YORK EVENING POST is quite specific in his reports. He points out that the Germans could never have entered Oslo without controlling the naval base at Horten. ~~Then he continues, that~~ Three and one-half hours before Berlin sent in its ultimatum, ~~in~~ the commander at Horten received a message which was apparently signed by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. This message ordered the commander not to fight against the German warships and to land his own men, the Norwegian crews, unarmed on the shores of the fjord. That's what the

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commander did without questioning the origin of the order.

In addition to the arrest of Colonel Sundlo at Narvik, another high Norwegian officer has been dismissed. He was the general commanding the fortress northeast of Oslo, near

the ~~the~~ Swedish border, a key to the Norwegian defenses. ^{This} ~~He was~~

^{Norwegian officer is} ^{puppet} accused of being in sympathy with the Nazi regime of Major

~~Quisling.~~ ^{Today's stories also tell us that} When the Nazi generals made their triumphant entry

into Oslo, the capital's inhabitants were stunned to see Norwegian officers riding in the same motor cars with the invading generals.

Bergen also was taken by the Germans without resistance, and its commander is said to have been ^{discharged.} ~~dismissed~~ All in all,

the evidence of treason inside Norway was piling up today with

irresistible force. Nazi soldiers in the guise of tourists

filtered into the country, not by ~~hundreds~~ the hundreds as was

first reported, but by the thousands. And the American

correspondents point out that this could not have been done

without accomplices in high places.

~~There's a shocking chapter for you, a chapter added~~

~~to an already tragic story!~~

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Here's further corroboration. A contingent of a thousand Norwegian soldiers routed by the Germans, crossed the Swedish frontier at Karlstadt and were interned. They said they had tried to put up a fight but had nothing to fight with. Then they showed their rifles and machine guns, ^{which} ~~They~~ had been put out of commission, made useless, by sabotage.

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NAVY

The Japanese are secretly building ^{eight} new battleships, super-dreadnoughts, ^{the} latest word in high speed floating fortresses. That's a bit of news ^{that} ~~the~~ Senators heard today.

And it's news which the Japanese were trying to keep to themselves most intimately. However, it is a relief to learn that apparently our own intelligence force is at work. ~~so the~~

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~~high command of our Navy got hold of it.~~ ^{It} was told to the ^{today}

Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate, ^{by} Admiral Stark, Chief who admitted that it was not official. of Naval Operations, ^{Stark} further told the Senators that we

not only need to build more ships to keep pace with other

countries, ~~not only Japan,~~ but we need to do it right away.

Three of our own battleships, the NEW YORK, the TEXAS, and the

ARKANSAS, are virtually no good for line of battle, ^{he said.} They have such a limited firing range that they couldn't match ^{other} ~~up against~~ modern super-dreadnoughts. ~~of the enemy.~~

when he added: -

Admiral Stark was much in earnest, ^{"We need to bolster}

up the fighting strength of Uncle Sam's Navy by twenty-five

per cent. That became necessary," he said, "after Chamberlain

gave Czechoslovakia to Hitler in Nineteen~~Th~~irty-Eight. •

~~Then he pointed out.~~ "The conflagration in Europe
(continued the admiral.)
is spreading," The time element is of vital importance. We must
build, and build now. We don't wait for the house next door to
catch fire before we decide on what kind and size of fire
apparatus to build."

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ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today followed up the strong statement he gave out on Saturday. It was in a speech before the governing board of the Pan-American Union. This time he did not specifically mention Hitler's invasion of Scandinavia. But he did use these words:- "We shall be able to keep the way of peace open only if we are prepared to meet force with force."

To which he added:- "If challenge is ever made."

This happens to be the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the International Union of American Republics. In a broad way, ^{the President} ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ traced the history of the Union, away back from the original idea, the idea set down in writing by the great Venezuelan Liberator, Simon Bolivar, as long ago as Eighteen Twenty-Five.

He pointed out that ^{it was} President Cleveland, in Eighteen Eighty-Eight, ^{who} approved an Act of Congress that authorized him to call a conference of the American countries. ^(Over that) ~~the~~ conference ~~over which~~ presided James G. Blaine. And said Mr. Roosevelt:-

~~***~~ "Peace reigns today in the Western Hemisphere because we have

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agreed, as neighbors should, to mind our own business, we have renounced each and all of us, any right to intervene in each other's domestic affairs. But," he added, "this cooperative peace was not created by wishing and it will require more than words to maintain it."

Then he sounded his warning note:- "Today we can have no illusions," he said, "Old ^(dreams) ~~problems~~ of universal empire are again rampant. We hear of races which claim the right of mastery." Then he threw down what may be regarded as a challenge to European aggressors, using these words:- "In this association of nations, whoever touches anyone of us, touches all of us."

It was pointed out in Washington that his phrase about meeting force with force recalls closely the slogan used by President Wilson in NineteenSeventeen. "Force, force to the utmost."

WALSH

Another warning to stay out of the European war. It came from Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate. He was speaking to the Forty-Ninth Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. *said. he, and* "We must stay out of the European war at all costs," ~~then~~ *then* he added: "Let us not be beguiled by the notion that we can make a late entry, bring a quick victory, and then get out unscathed, resuming peace-time pursuits and preserving our democracy. *declaimed the Massachusetts Senator,* The moment that we enter the war," "the mobilization of industry and dictatorship that will necessarily ensue, plus our enormous federal debt, will seal the doom of our democratic institutions."

MEXICO

On Saturday, Congressman Dies of Texas openly accused Russia and Germany of trying to work up a revolution in Mexico. So a statement published in Mexico City today becomes quite interesting. It was issued by a body called "The National Workers Anti-Communist Bloc." And this body made the charge that there are no fewer than five thousand Communist cells, as they call them, in Mexico. These are being financed by agents in the United States. Mexico, say the anti-Communists, is the base for Stalinism on the North American continent.

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BIOFF

William Bioff, the Hollywood union chief, went to jail today. And although he's an absolute czar of thirty-five thousand workers in the movie studios, Bioff is to be treated in the Chicago Bridewell as just an ordinary prisoner. Thus he begins ^to serve a six months' term to which he was sentenced eighteen years ago and which through an extraordinary chain of circumstances he never was obliged to finish ~~out~~ before.

A last minute attempt had been made by his lawyers to get a writ of habeas corpus. But the chief justice of the Illinois Criminal Court turned it down. Nevertheless, Bioff's partisans are undiscouraged. His lawyers have asked Governor Horner of Illinois to pardon this labor union tycoon.

Incidentally, ^{though} he is chief of all those studio workers ~~although~~ they themselves have nothing to say in the matter. Bioff has never been elected to any office in any union. He receives an enormous salary, and it is understood that this will be paid to him while he is in jail.

TORSO

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A Chicago citizen was taking his dog for a walk when he made a gruesome discovery. ~~xxxxxxx~~ In an alley his dog found a couple of burlap bags which looked suspicious. He called a cop and the police found that those bags contained ~~a torso and legs~~ ^{part of man,} ~~of a murdered man.~~

~~This provided a temporary sensation at Chicago police headquarters.~~ The Windy City detectives ^{had} ~~have~~ been on the look-out for a man named Sholem Bernstein, for whom the New York cops were looking; ~~The rumor had gone abroad that~~ Bernstein, ~~was~~ a fugitive from that ^{murder Inc. crowd} ~~wholesale murder gang~~ in Brooklyn, several of whose members are in jail and have confessed. So the Chicago cops thought that possibly ^{this} ~~the torso and legs in the found burlap bags~~ might be the missing ~~Sholem~~ Bernstein. When the Chicago authorities so reported to New York, the Brooklyn police replied:- ~~That is~~ ^{"Why,} ~~hardly probable as~~ we have Bernstein. He was arraigned in a Brooklyn court today and held in twenty-five thousand dollars' bail."
~~So the identity of those gruesome remains is as yet a mystery.~~
^{So the Chicago mystery remains}
a mystery.

BASEBALL

The White House correspondents may have a rather thin news day tomorrow. There'll be no press conference with the President.

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~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ ^{The Nation's Chief Executive} says he's going to play hookey and doesn't care who knows it, ^{all} because tomorrow is the official opening of the baseball season. ~~And he's going to be right there~~ ^{He'll be} in the front box, tossing out the first ball for the game between Clark Griffith's Washington Senators and Millionaire ~~Yorke's~~ ^{Tom Hawkey's} Boston Red Sox.

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There was bad news for the New York fans today. The ~~Yankees~~ Yankees will open the season against Papa Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. But the Yankees will be minus four of their stars. Of course that still leaves them with quite a line-up. Nevertheless, the four missing ones will include Joe DiMaggio, ^{who} ~~He~~ wrenched his knee sliding into second base yesterday at Ebbet's Field in Brooklyn. That's one of the reasons why baseball players hate exhibition games. They don't get any extra money for them and they have to run a chance of injuring themselves in a game in which the score adds nothing to their averages, ~~and~~ ~~then missing~~ they miss some of the regular money games. San Francisco Joe will

be out of the game for a couple of weeks. And the Yankees's
second baseman, Joe Grodon, has a charley horse; Outfielder

Jake Powell is still ^{recuperating} recovering from concussion of the brain

in a hospital ~~out~~ in Kentucky, and Pitcher Goofy Lefty Gomez has

a badly bruised leg. But, by Timming Crickets

there's nothing wrong with the
Blue Sunoco is there, Hugh?

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