

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

Let's begin with something cheerful tonight, something that may interest housewives, bankers, senators, farmers, boiler inspectors -- yes all of us. (The labor troubles in Western Pennsylvania seem to be slowly on the mend. There are nine thousand five hundred workers on the job today at the seventeen mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company.) Even some of the captive mines, those belonging to the Duquesne Light Company resumed operations.

(Then, too, several hundred steel workers reported today at the National Steel Company's plant in Weirton, West Virginia. There are still fifteen hundred of them out, but they are expected to show up tomorrow.) The officials of the Company report that this factory normally employs about ten thousand; and eight thousand are now working. The same corporation's plants at Steubenville and Clarksburg, (not Clarkesville as I once called it by mistake) are being operated on a normal basis today.

However, out in California the labor picture is not so joyous. The strike of cotton pickers is still on in the San

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Joaquin Valley. They have refused to return to work at the present scale of sixty cents a hundredweight pending arbitration by officials of the state and of N.R.A. They want a flat dollar a hundredweight. Meanwhile the growers are starting to replace these strikers with pickers from Texas where the season is nearly over.

Then there comes a protest to the California administration of N.R.A. against the apple growers. The apple pickers complain that the employers are violating the Code and they are promising to walk out if they don't get what they want.

The sardine strike on the Pacific Coast which seemed to have been settled on Saturday has started up again.

In Los Angeles the garment workers are still out; 7000 of them. Both the Unions and the employers refuse to arbitrate. The Unions have started issuing benefit cards for free food and lodging, which means they expect a long tussle. The police reserves are on the job patrolling their district on account of the disturbances yesterday. But on the whole today's news is good.

## DISARMAMENT

An interesting idea on disarmament comes from Rome. The suggestion is that the German question -- Shall the Fatherland be allowed to increase its army -- be arbitrated by some neutral power. It is suggested this neutral mediator should be either Mussolini, President Roosevelt, or the Pope.

The Hitler Cabinet, for its part made a favorable reply to another proposition from Mussolini, the offer that the Disarmament Conference be removed from Switzerland to Italy! The Germans say they are willing to resume the discussion anywhere but at Geneva, Switzerland. They evidently think Geneva is a hoodoo.

Those much abused peace negotiators in Switzerland have come in for a full share of abuse today. All the newspapers in Europe are flinging brickbats at them. They are particularly scornful towards France for invoking the Versailles Treaty. They say that document is hopelessly out of date today.



PARIS

Incidentally the French Parliament put through a striking and unusual measure when it met again today. It passed a budget which forbids not only the export of war materials without the consent of the Government but also prohibits their manufacture without the authority of the Cabinet. *A wireless by way of London informs me* that Prime Minister Edouard Daladier made a stirring speech aimed mostly at Chancellor Hitler. One feature ~~of it was~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~xx~~ three questions that he dared the German Chancellor to answer. He asked why, if Germany is on the level, she will not let other countries examine her armaments. He also wanted to know why Germany started disarmament negotiations by walking out on them. He *further said* ~~also clamored to know~~ what ~~was~~ the idea of starting a disarmament movement by asking to increase the German armament. And he announced that France will remain faithful to all her international obligations.

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## NAZI

Uncle Sam's ambassador in Berlin has finally managed to get some measure of satisfaction out of the German government for the attacks on American citizens made by Nazi storm troopers. Ambassador Dodge seems to have had a tough time achieving this. He called at the foreign office in Berlin on Saturday and was kept waiting six hours. However, today comes the news that the Hitler government has arrested the men who committed those assaults. Two of the Nazi storm troopers have been sentenced to six months in jail for beating up Roland Velz of Connecticut when he failed to kowtow properly to the Swastika flag. Furthermore, the Prussian government has issued still stricter orders that all these assaults on foreigners are out, *they must stop.*

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Wells Miller.

General European  
News Manager,  
United Press.

Oct. 17, 1933.



## INTRO TO WEBB MILLER

I am going to pause for a moment tonight to take off my hat to a certain group of men, and to one member of that group in particular. <sup>I mean newspaper men.</sup> ~~Of course we all have different ideas concerning what <sup>is</sup> the most interesting job in the world. But if I were asked my views I would answer: The job of a newspaper reporter. Nothing is more interesting than to observe life. That's what newspaper men do all the time.~~

Twenty years ago, when I was a reporter on a paper in Chicago, <sup>there</sup> ~~and~~ was a young fellow who had a job just like mine on a rival sheet across the street. His name was Webb Miller. He scooped the rest of us so regularly that we all predicted he would come to a bad end. He was ~~just~~ too clever for this world.

I buzzed off to the Arctic, and when I came back Webb Miller was chasing revolutions in Mexico. Then I went to the World War and, there was Webb, still scooping us. In all, he has spent about twenty years covering wars, revolutions, rebellions and the adventures of mankind on four continents; flying sixty thousand miles to get his stories, even flying

fifteen thousand miles in fifteen days, to India and back again for one story.

His story of Gandhi's movement in India caused a world-wide sensation and was read into our own Congressional Record by Senator Blaine.

The next time I turned up in Paris I found Webb Miller in charge of the headquarters there of one of the great press-gathering organizations of the world, the United Press. Then when I came back from Australia and the South Seas I found him in London, Assistant European Manager, and a little later General European News Manager, of the great United Press.

He has just returned to the United States for a six months stay at the New York headquarters of the United Press. Few men have had their finger on the pulse of the world, watching the day-by-day happenings, like my old colleague Mr. Miller. So I invited him to come along tonight. I thought you might be interested in getting his slant on Germany's withdrawal.

Webb, what's the dope? You ought to know!



FOR WEBB-MILLER

I am convinced that the situation in Europe is more dangerous than at any time since 1914. For the last sixteen years I've been in Europe watching the trend of events. I've attended most of the international conferences. I've talked with most of the outstanding statemen, and followed the European press hour by hour.

I don't think I'm being unduly an alarmist in saying that there is more danger now of armed conflict on a large scale in Europe than at any moment since the Armistice -- the Armistice of the war that was to end war.

Just look at the facts. Recently I had a canvass made all over the world. It showed there are now eight million armed men in the world--most of them in Europe and Asia -- prepared for war. That is millions more than there were in 1914.

The nations are spending hundreds of millions of dollars more yearly on preparations to kill human beings than ever before. More deadly and effective weapons and gasses are ready than ever before. And every major nation is working daily preparing

still more deadly means for slaughter.

There are far more potential territorial causes of wars than there have been in human memory. The re-mapping of Europe at Versailles left a half-dozen situations which may eventually cause wars. There are a score of trade wars now in Europe which are causing bitterness between nations. Defaults and repudiations of international debts are stirring hostilities. Violations of solemnly signed treaties have weakened confidence in treaties of non-aggression.

I don't mean to say that there will be a major war next month or next year, but it's inevitable eventually unless there is cool and wise statesmanship.

## GRAF ZEPPELIN

Thanks, Webb, that gives us something to think about.

And, by the way here's something else that concerns Germany.

( A new trans-Atlantic record for dirigibles has just been hung up.

The famous old Graf Zeppelin did the trick. She arrived in

Pernambuco, Brazil, a full half day ahead of her schedule! ) In

still another way, it was an event. For Dr. Eckener, and for

the crew of the Graf Zeppelin this was her fiftieth crossing

of the ocean and her forty-third crossing of the Equator!

Dr. Max Jordan the N.B.C. representative in Germany made the

trip and tells us that Dr. Eckener himself was at the controls.

He expects to bring the Graf to Chicago on October 24th, and

from there she will make a short hop to Akron, Ohio to salute

our dirigible people. And thence home to Europe.

Meanwhile the two aviators, Cesare Chezahray Sabelli

and Captain George Pond, who are hoping to make a nonstop flight

to Rome, didn't have such good luck. They had been all set at

Floyd Bennett Airport to make the jump but the heavy rains along

the Atlantic Coast made it impossible. They hope to make it at

noon tomorrow.



## GRAF ZEPPELIN

The same rains prevented Viola Gentry and Mary Samson from starting on their adventure, a new world's endurance record for women. The present record is eight days and four hours.

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## EINSTEIN

Evidently his persecution at the hands of the Nazis in Germany has made (the famous Doctor Einstein shy once more. For a while it looked as though his frequent trips to the U.S.A. had cured him. But when he arrived in New York today he dodged not only the newspaper men, the camera men, but the silk-hatted official greeters who went down the bay to welcome him.) Maybe he was afraid one of the cameras might conceal a machine gun.

When the Government cutter with the newspaper boys and greeters approached the liner on which the Prof. arrived the discoverer of relativity fled to his stateroom. And he kept himself absolutely incommunicado. But while the steamer was waiting off quarantine a private tug drew up alongside. Then the Professor and Mrs. Einstein dashed out of their stateroom, rushed across an improvised gangplank and before the newspaper men could catch their breath they were on the tug and on their way to the Jersey shore. And a motor car was awaiting them to whisk them to the quiet cloisters of Princeton where Dr. Einstein will lecture and hide. When he got to Princeton he continued to dodge the newspaper gang.

## WEATHER

You can usually find plenty of contrast in this country, especially as regards weather. While we in the East had to get out our rubbers and raincoats today, the folks on the Pacific Coast have been having a heat wave. The thermometer at the Golden Gate almost established a new high record.

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More fighting in Cuba. Havana, today, received reports of clashes between soldiers and communists in the province of Santa Clara. But more serious news is that the workers have seized the plant owned by the American Sugar Refining Company at a place called *Haironooah*. They are running the plant on the Soviet system - the workers acting both as workers and as bosses.

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## PANAMA

President Roosevelt and President Arias of Panama issued a joint statement today, in which this country said it recognized Panama's right to trade opportunities, and that the United States would curb the commercialism of its commissaries, so as they will not conflict with the trade rights of Panamanian business men.

## FARM AID

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced late this afternoon its plans for farm aid by reducing the corn acreage and hog raising figures for the year 1934.

During that year, the corn acreage will be reduced by twenty million, and the hog stock by fifteen million. This, it is estimated will jump agricultural dollar value by 350 million dollars to be raised by the placing of a processing tax on hogs and corn.

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There's news for wheat farmers, and also consumers, from Washington today. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who is head of the Farm Credit Administration, announces that he is buying wheat for the Federal Emergency Relief Corporation. He has made purchases both for cash and December futures, and he is going to buy a good deal more, though he would not say exactly how much. The Farm Credit Administration is paying the bill and expects to be reimbursed later by the Relief Corporation. This wheat will be ground into flour and distributed to those who need it this winter.

The embargo on wheat from North Dakota which <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ proclaimed by the Governor of that State, does not seem to have Washington badly worried. Officials of <sup>Uncle Sam's</sup> ~~the~~ Department of Agriculture decline to make any comment on it.

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## TALL STORY

Talking about Uncle Sam, reminds me of my uncle from Portland, Oregon. He is in New York, attending a jolly get-together of high pressure gentlemen. His name is C. D. Thomas, and he is General Chairman of the National Board of Boiler Inspectors. They are here from all parts of America, holding a convention. They are high pressure boiler inspectors. They are the elite experts who inspect every boiler that blows up, just to see what if anything comes down. My Uncle Corrie is there giving them some deep scientific information about boilers. I'll bet he is telling them the one he told me to illustrate the great variety of things that may happen to a boiler.

My Uncle Corrie has been a lot of places, Cripple Creek, Alaska and so on. Up there along the Yukon he was inspecting a boiler one day when he heard a terrific buzzing and saw what seemed to be a black cloud. He soon realized it was a swarm of Alaskan mosquitos, the largest and most ferocious of the mosquito tribe. Not wishing to be devoured alive, he took refuge inside the boiler. The next thing you know his ears were knocked loose by a terrific clanging noise. It was the mosquitos attacking the boiler. They drove their beaks right through the cast iron, and my Uncle Corrie clinched them on the inside with a sledge hammer.

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That was where he made a big mistake. He felt the boiler move. It was rising. The mosquitoes were flying away with it. He might have been carried all the way to the North Pole, but with great presence of mind, <sup>my</sup> Uncle <sup>Carrie</sup> ~~Carrie~~ turned on the steam and was blown through the exhaust valve. He fell a couple of hundred feet and when he landed he stroked his whiskers and said: "Well I ~~was~~ swan, I wonder what the National Board of Boiler Inspectors would say about that?"

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WIGGIN

Now for something to bring tears, ~~to your eyes~~ Mr. Albert H. Wiggin, former Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank, was the principal witness today before the investigating Senate committee on Banking and Currency. Mr. Wiggin told the committee that the pension which the Chase National voted him when he retired is a ~~measly~~ hundred thousand dollars a year. ~~Doesn't that make your heart ache~~<sup>2</sup> ~~with sympathy or something?~~

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## DOG STORY

(1) An interesting case came up in court at White Plains, New York, ~~today~~. The hero is a <sup>famous</sup> ~~famous New York~~ X-ray specialist whose home is in Pleasantville, New York. In his neighborhood lives a Justice of the Peace who has a kennel with some thirty-five sheep dogs. After long endurance, the barking of those thirty-five dogs became too much for the nerves of the X-ray specialist so he asked the court at White Plains to compel that Justice of the Peace to move his kennels.

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I wonder how good an imitation of a barking dog I could  
give? bow - wow, wow.

Which in dog language means:-

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.