

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Unexpected news from Rumania! King Carol is to have a visit from Molotov, Premier and Foreign Commissar of ^{Soviet Russia.} ~~the Red Union~~. And the object of the visit - a treaty.

^{it is expected} This will solve a question that for some time has been making uneasy the ^{European heads that wear the royal crown} ~~heads that rule over Europe~~. Ever since Nineteen Twenty, there has been a sore point at issue between Russia and Rumania, that sore point of course being Bessarabia. The Soviets have never acknowledged the ceding of that strip of land to Rumania. On the other hand, the Rumanians have been defiant about it. Only the other day King Carol declared that his country would defend that territory at all costs.

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And now everything is to be peaceable ^{we are told. For} ~~it is over~~

^{It is} announced that the purpose of Molotov's visit to Bucharest is to ~~be~~

~~the signing of~~ a non-aggression ~~part~~ pact between the Soviet and King Carol. ~~part~~ between +.

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But ^{that is} there's one question ~~it does~~ not answer ^{ed:-} Will that

Russo-Rumanian Treaty bring advantage to Hitler and injury to the

Allies? The situation involving Rumania's oil is a devious and

complicated one. ^{TP} ~~But~~ at any rate, optimistic observers are hoping

that this agreement means that the Soviets are going to keep their

hands off the Balkans for the present.

BLOCKADE

The British stand pat on the question of German coal going to Italy. British contraband control has seized the cargoes of eight Italian vessels. The ships themselves will be released and sent on their way back to Italy as soon as the coal has been taken out of them. And presumably the cargo will be held in England so long as the war goes on.

At the same time it is announced in London that the Foreign Office is preparing an official reply to Mussolini's protest, a reply that will try to be conciliatory but firm.

All of which doesn't make ~~one particle of~~ a hit in Duce Land. There are ~~Mussolini's country~~ It has produced demonstrations of protest today — against the British in Italy demonstrations that appear to have been spontaneous; and not organized by the Fascists. ~~In fact it's~~ The first anti-British uproar ~~in the peninsula~~ since the days of the Ethiopian War.

BERMUDA FOLLOW BLOCKADE

The Bermuda episode came up in the British House of Commons today. I mean the seizing of United States mail^S and the searching of passengers aboard the American Clipper on its way to Europe. A member of Parliament uttered a criticism in the form of a ~~xx~~ question, asked[^] whether someone had not blundered seriously at Bermuda in searching American travelers.

The question was answered by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in downright fashion. Said he:- "I don't ~~expect~~ accept that criticism at all," and he added the Government's action was correct. "Moreover," said the Under-Secretary, "it was justified by what was discovered in the mail."

Later on there was a violent anti-American speech by one of the conservative members. ~~It wasn't~~^{not} because of the blockade, but because of what some Americans have ~~said~~^{been saying} about Palestine. *It came*

about when a
A Labor member of the House ~~had~~ moved a vote of censure of the government's policy in the Holy Land. This gave one of the conservatives an opportunity to say, "Those gentlemen in the United States - whether Jews or non-Jews, have lifted up their voices in the cause of liberty. But the battle for liberty is being fought

by this country and by the empire - ~~not~~ and not by the
manipulators of money markets thousands of miles away."

ELIZABETH

Here's a surprise! This has just been released by the British censor. The giant liner QUEEN ELIZABETH, the largest ship in the world, is on her way to New York. She's coming to America to find a safe haven from air bombs and submarines alike.

The eighty-five thousand ton luxury monster ~~slipped~~ ~~quietly~~ has only just been completed. On February Twenty-Sixth, she slipped quietly out from the shipyard at Clydebank where she was built, sailed down the Clyde. On March Second she weighed anchor for these shores.

The fact that the censor has released this news makes it apparent that the QUEEN ELIZABETH must be pretty close to American territorial waters. Indeed, she is expected to dock in New York at any moment. That will indeed be a novel spectacle in New York harbor. Never before have the highly skilled experts there had the job of docking an eighty-five tonner.

WARNING

Though as usual, there is no news of any actual happening worth recording on the West Front, something tremendous appears to be in the wind. There ~~were~~ indications that a big push is on the way. One of those indications ^{is} ~~was~~ an official warning to ~~the~~ British officers and men of the Royal Air Force in France. They are warned that they must not expect the present lull on the Western Front to ^{last,} ~~continue indefinitely.~~ Weather is improving and with it the prospects for a sudden attack. The official notice doesn't say from which side the attack would come. The air force has been ordered to tighten up on air drills and to be sure that steel helmets and flying clothes are on hand, ^{at all times,} ~~whenever they are~~ ~~at work.~~

Back in London the authorities are preparing for a second evacuation of children, not only from London itself but from all the large cities and centers in Great Britain. People are being reminded that March is considered ~~as~~ Hitler's lucky month, the month when he has begun so many important moves.

~~Even the Swiss are getting ready for a sudden attack.~~

~~It was announced today that the government of the mountain republic~~

INTERVENTION

Here's a rumor ~~that is~~ exciting if true. But it's only a rumor, though to be sure it ^{does} appear in several newspapers throughout Scandinavia. They believe ^{that} the Allies are about to land troops somewhere in Scandinavia to help Finland quickly and substantially.

This rumor is not accepted with any joy by the Scandinavians. They don't want to be caught between the two millstones any worse than they are already.

There was a leading editorial in the LONDON TIMES which urged that Britain and France should jump in immediately with prompt and material help for the Finns. ^{Perhaps} ~~Probably~~ it was this editorial that led to the rumor running through the Scandinavian papers today. ^{!!} ~~of course~~ The question is, where would the British and French land their troops if they wanted to help Finland. They wouldn't dare try to get in through the Baltic, and a landing at Petsamo, ~~or Murmansk~~ which is in Russian hands, would be out of the question. So the belief ^{naturally} is that they would land their reinforcements for Finland somewhere on the Norwegian coast.

HOOVER

Ex-President Hoover expressed his opinion today on certain prophecies that have been made about events in Europe. He was talking at Rutgers University. And he said any notion that civilization will be re-born after the war is over in Europe is sheer nonsense. Then he explained:- "The inevitable degeneration of food productivity alone, not to mention industrial activities, means that the end of the war will bring on the most difficult period ever known."

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He also ~~then he~~ pointed out that three hundred million people in twelve nations have thrown overboard every form of liberty, exchanging ^{ing} freedom for totalitarian government. ~~and~~, ^{Mr.} said Hoover:="This abandonment, practically over night, is the most monumental revolution in all history. ~~It was~~ born out of despair; despair ~~of~~ of the problems of unemployment and bankrupt government. ^{said he. So} The forces of free economy were deranged; "Dictators rose up to save the people, who offered no opposition." Hoover admits that ~~is~~ the dictators ^{did} ~~who~~ restore productivity. "But," he added "that ~~economic~~ economic liberty ~~was~~ not suppressed without suppressing ~~is~~ all intellectual and political liberty."

TRUNZO

For eleven years a man named Sam Trunzo had lived a model life in a New Jersey factory town. He did a good job, married, ^{became} and ~~was~~ the father of three children. But it wasn't a happy life, because Sam was worried. He was afraid that one day his three children would learn something ^{of} from his past. ^{For Sam had a past.} ~~He~~ ^{he} Eleven years ago, ~~Trunzo~~ according to his own account, ^{he} had killed a man. It was self-defense, but Trunzo didn't wait to stand trial. ^{So} ~~he~~ left the scene of the shooting, went to Jersey, got himself a job.

After eleven years, that killing preyed on his mind so much that he decided to do something about it. He obtained leave of absence from his job, put his three children in the care of himself, ^{himself} got ~~with~~ a lawyer and went back to Pittsburgh. There he went into the office of the district attorney and said: "I am Sam Trunzo. I've come back to face the music."

Then the story of the shooting came out. He and another man had been employed as gardeners on the same estate. They had had a quarrel. The other man made ~~friends~~ threats against Trunzo.

One day they met, the other man fired, and Trunzo shot back, ~~at him~~ killed ^{ing} his assailant. And that's the music he's facing ~~back~~ in Pittsburgh. ^{to clear himself in the eyes of his children.}

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 The Lives and loves of the Cohan family were down-stage again today. Yes, I mean the George M. Cohan family, Yankee Doodle Cohan. In his day, George M. was one of the greatest champions of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that ever wrote a patriotic song. Among George M.'s accomplishments is a daughter who recalls one of George's most popular ~~songs~~ ^{ditties:} "Mary Is a Grand Old Name."

As you may have heard, Mary incurred the parental wrath some twelve years ago. She married a banjo player which for some reason displeased George. Maybe in the days when George himself was a hooper on the vaudeville stage he ran into banjo players on the same bills with himself. ^{And} Maybe they were bad banjo players.

~~At any rate, he did not care for banjo players as sons-in-law, evidently forgetting that in Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado", a second trombone player turned out to be the son of the ^{Emperor} Mikado and heir apparent to the throne.~~

At any rate, George and his daughter Mary with ^{the} Grand Old Name have not been speaking for twelve years. The marriage with the banjo player proved to be one of those transitory alliances, and Mary fell in love again, this time with an accordian player.

All this could hardly have been a secret from Papa George,
as it has been in the public prints ^{for several days} that Mary and her accordian
~~player~~ ^{for} were about to get married ~~several days ago~~. In one of
the Cohan Reviews
~~Cohan's shows~~ William Collier sang a song to George Cohan which ran,
"Georgie, go get a flag because you need it, you need it, you know
you do." But of course there is no flag that can stop the course of
true love.

~~The~~ The news of this whole story is that ~~at last~~ they are
married. Mary Cohan and George Ronkin were married at Doylestown,
Pennsylvania. That's forty-five minutes from Broadway - if you ~~can~~
have a fast enough airplane.

SUBWAYS

(For a number of years Mayor LaGuardia of New York was looked upon as a champion of unions. ^{Now} ~~Today~~ he is facing a fight with organized labor.

~~is~~ All because of the New York subways.) New York City has bought up the companies that have been operating the subways

and on the First of May the entire underground and elevated transit system of ~~New York~~ ^{Father Knickerbocker} is to be unified, all one big municipal ownership affair. ^{Whereupon La Guardia} ~~And the fiery, dogged Mayor of New York~~ ^{has} served notice on the Transport Workers Union that in the future subway workers as city employees, will not be allowed the privilege of striking, or of having a closed shop.

The Union men talked back to him today. There was a meeting of the Transport Workers Union, a meeting that represented six ~~thousand~~ ^{and elevated men.} thousand subway ~~workers~~. And they voted that the Executive Board of the Union should have the power to call a strike at any moment, ^{that} the Board sees fit. ^{Storms brewing} ~~That looks like stormy days ahead~~ ^{underground.}

MANTON

Former Judge Martin T. Manton has given up his fight.

~~against his conviction~~ His attorney appeared in Federal Court at New York today with a certified check for ten thousand dollars, a check to pay the fine that was imposed upon ~~the dishonest~~ federal judge ^{convicted of selling} ~~who sold~~ his own decisions. And it was announced that tomorrow Manton will surrender to Uncle Sam's marshals, ^{and} will go to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to serve his two years!

~~sentence.~~

CAVE-IN

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The earth still quivers at Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, the city that was partly swallowed last Monday. A district mine inspector of the State of Pennsylvania went underground and came back to the surface with this account. He said he was not good at description but, he added; ~~you~~ ^{"you"} ~~might~~ ^{might} say it was like a giant had hold of the ground and was shaking it." Which seems to me like ^a ~~an~~ [^] ~~exceedingly good description~~ ^{good metaphor.} ~~of~~ that district mine inspector of Pennsylvania is too modest.

The affairs of the ~~the~~ anthracite town are now worrying the higher officials of the state. Governor Arthur James, who was ~~once~~ ^{once} himself a breaker boy, is taking hold of the situation. In his youth, the present Governor of the Keystone State lived right on the spot where so many buildings ~~fell underground~~ ^{sank and sagged} last Monday.

A good many people were grumbling today because the coal mine operators had been allowed to mine underneath the streets of an inhabited town. To that Governor James retorted that the people had built their homes at their own risk and the operators have the unqualified right to mine. However, for the time being, all

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mining operations have ceased at

Shenandoah.

The experts who went underground reported that there might be another cave-in at any time. In fact, gaps in the earth are widening. ~~all the time. The experts went underground at the risk of their own lives.~~

ELECTION

Another Republican elected to Congress. The returns from yesterday's election in the Sixth District of Iowa are not quite complete yet. But there are enough figures at hand to indicate that Robert K. Goodwin of the G.O.P. has won the ~~seat~~ *election*.

CENSUS

The Legislature of New York State put itself on record about the census today. It adopted a resolution, ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{voted unanimously} ~~MANIMONSIXX~~ asking and ~~asked~~ Congress to strike out purely personal questions from the list that the census takers are going to ask ^{of} the citizenry. Both the Assembly and the Senate were unanimous ^{in passing this} ~~about it~~ resolution.

But Director Austin of the Census Bureau stands pat.

Contrary to rumors that have been running through Washington, he has not cut anything out of the census questionnaire. And he said, when the Congressmen read the record they'll be convinced that the questions about income are not only valid and proper, but are necessary to business. As a matter of fact, business organizations asked for those questions, ^{said he.} They are also necessary ^{to} government agencies and to Congress, ^{he added.}

And out in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the public ~~is~~ being amused by the case of the shoemaker who chased the census taker away. The shoemaker is a blunt, two hundred and fifty pound fellow named James Rosselli. Accompanied by a lawyer, he walked into the Federal Building at Milwaukee, and surrendered to the authorities, surrendered with the words, "I'm the big bad criminal you're looking

for." Evidently Shoemaker Rosselli was thoroughly enjoying his moment of fame. Judging from his replies to questions by reporters, Shoemaker Rosselli's principal reason for chasing the census taker was that he knew him. And, said Rosselli :- "That census taker is a big bum, and I can prove it." He said further that he was willing to answer any questions that were asked of him "polite." But, not the way that census taker asked them.

He's a bum, and I can prove it; said the two-hundred and fifty pounder, as he smote the desk with his fist.

Hard words! And now Hugh speak some soft words.