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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Chinese high command describes its evacuation of the Shanghai area as a strategic move. The Chinese armies are falling back upon their third line of defense,) a line that has been planned and fortified long since. They add that this strategic retreat is done at the urging of the German officers who are serving as military advisors to the Chinese generals. The reason being to get out of the range of the heavy guns of the Japanese warships in the Whangpoo and Yangste Rivers.

As soon as this movement to the rear became apparent to the Japanese, they launched a furious attack with all arms. The idea was, of course, to turn the retreat into a rout and prevent the retiring Chinese from establishing themselves on their third line.

This opens the question whether the Mikado's warlords will consider this Chinese retreat from Shanghai as the achievement of their objective in that region. When hostilities began, that

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RETAKE

was the principal action that the Japanese demanded:- the evacuation of Shanghai and the surrounding territory by all Chinese Troops. However, if the Chinese entrench themselves in a really strong position, they still remain a threat to the invading forces of the Mikado.

The Chinese claim that three Japanese warships were bombed by airplanes off the coast near Macao. They say one Japanese battleship was destroyed and sunk, but there is no confirmation of this.

The word from Tokyo is that the Mikado's government will again refuse to give Great Britain any satisfaction for the shooting of the British Ambassador to China. The final note from the Tokyo Cabinet to London was completed today, and is probably in the hands of the British Embassy now. The shooting of Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugeson was investigated by Admiral Hasegawa and the outcome of it is that no proof has been found that it was a Japanese pilot who fired the shot that injured the British envoy. So calaim the Japanese.

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SPAIN

C Premier Mussolini has accepted the Nyon Agreement, the invitation to join in the international patrol of the Mediterranean. But, ^{with} ~~he excepts certain~~ reservations! It was said in France that he doesn't like the back seat allotted to Italy, he wants an equal share with France and England. That's the rumor in Paris. In London, however, it's said that ~~that~~ he just wants a larger zone to be patrolled by Italian warships.

At the same time, something was happening in Geneva which the Duce is bound to resent. The Assembly of the League of Nations, with the Aga Khan in the chair, first of all declined to expel Ethiopia from its membership, ^{and then to} ~~the~~ cap that the League also voted to go on recognizing the Valencia government as the legal government of Spain. This in spite of the protest from General Francisco Franco, the duce of the Spanish insurgents.

GERMANY

Fuehrer Hitler of Germany broke out today with a characteristic speech quite in his old style. To wind up the Nazi Party Congress at Nuremberg, the Fuehrer blazed forth with another violent attack not only on Bolshevism, but on the Jews. "It's the Jews," he cried, "who have seized control in Russia!"

Then he cried again:- "They are using that as a starting point for world revolution!"

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BLACK

(The latest verbal onslaught upon the youngest Supreme Court judge, looks like quite a storm. It may turn out to be a tempest in a tea-pot -- but the tea is boiling high. It all started with a series of articles in the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE. And those articles began with a definite statement that Justice Hugo L. Black not only was a member of the Ku Klux Klan as charged but is a life member, and no resignation of that membership is on record.) Justice Black, who is in London with Mrs. Black, declined invitations from reporters over there to make a statement.

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Nevertheless Senator Copeland comes out with a blast that the Supreme Court and the Senate should find some way," some way as he put it: here are Senator Copeland's words:- "Keep this man from wearing the black robe of justice by day and the shameful white robe of the Klan in the dark of the night." Thus spoke the Senator.

These fulminations were answered by Senator Bankhead of Alabama. Mr. Bankhead dismissed the copious Copeland eloquence as nothing but propaganda. "Just a little political campaign on the part of Mr. Copeland for the New York mayoralty election," said Senator Bankhead, and then he added:- "Bringing up the issue of Klan membership at the present time is merely a rattling of old bones that have long been dead and dry."

The air today was full of denials and counter-denials. Hiram Evans, grand wizard of the Klan, says that Justice Black is not a member but that until the records of the organization are investigated, it's impossible to say whether he ever was one.

At any rate former Governor Kilby of Alabama, said he had a photostatic copy of a card proclaiming Mr. Justice Black a

life member in the K.K.K. as well as a life member in the
U.S.S.C. Mr. Kilby was Black's unsuccessful opponent the
last time he ran for the United States Senate.

ROOSEVELT

Another engagement in the President's family, another big ~~we~~ time wedding somewhere in the offing. Yes, it's young John Roosevelt who returned from Europe last week. As the poet remarks:- "Journey's end in lovers' meeting." And in spite of frequent denials it was announced today that *young John* ~~is~~ ^{is} engaged to Miss Anne Lindsay Clark of Boston and Nahant. The young lady's mother who had ^d said "no" to reporters several times admitted it today.

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Rumors of the engagement were enlivened and increased by the efforts of young *John* ~~is~~ ^{is} Roosevelt and his fiancée to dodge the cameramen. Miss Clark only recently was staying at Hyde Park. *The bride-groom-to be* ~~John Roosevelt~~ ^{John Roosevelt} is now at Nahant with his fiancée's family.

Presumably the wedding won't take place for a year or so as the young man *will go on* ~~is to go~~ to Cambridge, Massachusetts shortly to begin his senior year at Harvard.

Speaking for the President at Hyde Park Lieut. Col. James Roosevelt declared this ~~is~~ afternoon:- "The family is very pleased."

BUTLER

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Thirty-one years ago, a little book entitled, "Pigs is Pigs", was published and within a few weeks all America was reading and chuckling over that tiny volume. It dealt with the dilemma of an express agent named Mike Flannery, in a small town. One day a couple of guinea pigs arrived at the office of which Mike Flannery was in charge. Mike delivered the guinea pigs and said, "Sixty cents please." The man to whom they were consigned said, "Nonsense, guinea pigs are domestic pets and should be charged only twenty-five cents a piece." "Pigs is pigs," said Mike. The man refused to pay the fifty cents, so Mike ~~xxx~~ took them back. He wrote about it to the home office. He wrote and he rewrote and he triwrote. By the time that correspondence had been going on for a few months, those two pigs had become four thousand and sixty-four, and Mike had not only to take care of them but ~~me~~ to feed and water them. At that, the home office authorized Mike to deliver the pigs. But by that time the man to whom they were originally consigned had left town. Mike then received orders to ship the pigs to the home office.

At the end of a week he had shipped two hundred and eighty cases of guinea pigs and while he was shipping them seven hundred and four more were born. As the book ended, he was still loading guinea pigs into baskets with the philosophical remark: "'Tis not so bad as it might be. What if them dago pigs had been elephants!"

"Pigs is Pigs" comes into the news today because Ellis Parker Butler died at Housatonic, Mass.

DRESSEN

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Here's a surprise for baseball fans especially Cincinnatians. The Cincinnati Reds have a new manager and the colorful ~~ix~~ pugnacious Chuck Dessen is out. Apparently his mistake was to walk in on the club management and ask what was going to happen to him next season. One trouble with asking questions prematurely is that sometimes you get an answer. And the answer of the Reds General Manager to Chuck when he said:- "Where do I stand?" was "Well, I'm serry Chuck you don't."

For the rest of the season the Reds will be managed by ~~Tom~~ Tom Wallace, one of the scouts. At this stage of the season it doesn't much matter who manages the baseball club ~~is~~ occupying the position which sports writers describe as "the cellar."

Even if Mr. Dessen couldn't do any better than land his team at the foot of the League, his exit removes a colorful personality from the Cincinnati Reds. With the single exception of Burleigh Grimes' of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Chuck Dessen was the scrappiest of all major league managers. Whenever the game got dull Chuck could be counted upon ~~the~~

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to provide diversion in the shape of a hot argument with the umpires. One consequence of this was that Chuck was ~~chucked~~ out of the game ^{half} at least a dozen times this year.

Off the diamond he was noted for being smooth, a suave talker and the best dressed man in major league baseball. As he was supposed to be a close personal friend of Powel Crosley, the principal owner of the Reds, the ~~ex~~chucking of Chuck was quite a surprise.

Never at any time has he had an easy job at Cincinnati. He took the eighth place team in 1934 and the following year pulled it up two notches. In 1936 the Reds finished fifth and still fighting. When this season opened it was announced that the team had been so improved that they could be counted upon as in the race for the pennant and certain of the first division. As it turned out, for all their fighting qualities they weren't so good as baseball players, Nevertheless they've made more money than any other team in the National League. ^{Powel Crosley's} This is due largely to night games. More people have paid money to watch the Reds play than any other team except the New York Yankees.

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BREVITIES

When you talk about a gold rush, you promptly think of the far west or of somewhere in Canada. But for the last few weeks ~~PRERE~~ prospectors have been flocking to a region in the east. The precious metal is being mined in regions no farther ~~AWAY~~ than thirty miles away from the nation's capital. Since President Roosevelt so increased the price of gold, a couple of mines in Maryland, mines that hadn't been worked for many a long year, were reopened and operated so successfully that ore worth as much as a hundred and fifty-five dollars a ton was recovered. Those mines date from the day of Thomas Jefferson, when gold was first found near Washington, D.C. But they were forgotten and ~~left~~ abandoned when the rich deposits out west were discovered. Today, however, prospectors are panning in the creeks and drilling in the ground not only in Maryland but in Virginia, on the banks of a creek called Bull Neck Run.

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A hurricane has been on its way to America, rushing northwest across the Atlantic in the last few days. Today storm warnings are out all the way from the Delaware breakwater to Boston. All vessels in its path are warned against dangerous conditions.

The lawyers of America are going to make a determined effort to prevent celebrated trials from becoming three ring circuses. We seem to have heard that before, but the gentlemen of the robe say they are in earnest this time. The American Bar Association is going to hold a convention in Kansas City later this month. And for several months a special committee has been investigating. The Committee consists not only of lawyers but of newspaper publishers and editors. They say they are determined to prevent a recurrence of such fantastic scenes as happened at Flemington, New Jersey, when Richard Bruno Hauptmann was convicted as the ~~kidnap~~ kidnap-murderer of the Lindbergh baby.

There's going to be a purge in the United Automobile Workers Union. Homer Martin, President of the U.A.W.A. has called a special meeting of the Executive Board to throw out Communists and others responsible for wildcat sit-down strikes.

Here's an item the like of which you will probably never hear again. A politician says to his friends, "Don't vote for me."

There is going to be a primary election in Philadelphia tomorrow and former state Senator Max Aaron of Pennsylvania was candidate for judge of the Common Pleas Court. But since he filed his petition, the Republican organization chose somebody else. And ex-Senator Aaron says: "I'm going to support their choice and I'll be much obliged if you will do the same." So don't vote for me.

In Atlantic City today the chief topic was the walkout of Miss America, the seventeen year old school girl who was proclaimed the most beautiful girl in the country, the queen of the beauty contest. Atlantic City couldn't believe that a girl would spurn a thousand dollar Persian lamb coat, to say nothing of

vaudeville contracts and an airplane journey to Hollywood and a screen test. The ex-Queen's reason seems even more indredible. She walked out because she was just tired of it all. Ho hum! So she went home to get rid of a cold and catch up on her sleep. And now in case you've been catching up on yours during this broadcast I'll say SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.