

L.T. P. & G. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5, 1949

(Given by Fulton Oursler)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Washington tonight they are saying that -- Naval Captain John Crommelin has achieved his immediate purpose. He wanted to force Congress to investigate the charges that the Army and the Air Force are injuring national security by trying to dominate affairs at the expense of the Navy.

Tonight, Captain Crommelin steps forward and says -- yes, it was he who made public that explosive letter written by Admiral Bogan and endorsed by Admiral Radford and by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Denfield. He tells how, in secret, he called in Washington representatives of three national news agencies, and gave them copies of the letter -- which bristled with angry protests against the way the Navy is being treated.

Previously, the forty-six year old Navy flyer had made headlines by speaking out on his own account -- as an outraged Navy man. And at that time it was said that

Captain Crommelin was risking his career. He was scheduled soon to be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral -- but his outspoken blast altered that, temporarily at least.

This time, in making public the controversial letter, he was risking court martial. Tonight, Captain Crommelin said: "My action in this vital matter may have been a technical violation of a regulation -- but it had to be done." He deliberately takes his chance of being punished by court martial.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

The new Social Security Bill was passed this afternoon, by the House of Representatives -- a bill of far-reaching scope and importance. The measure would bring eleven million additional persons under old-age pensions, and would increase benefits seventy to eighty per cent.

Following this action in the House, the bill will go on to the Senate.

## SUBSTITUTE LABOR

The government is making a new effort to end the soft coal strike, which has now gone on for seventeen days. Federal Mediator Cyrus Ching sent messages today to the Companies and the union, calling them a meeting in Washington on Friday.

In the steel strike, one company is deserting the line-up of employers and is making terms with the union. This was announced tonight by C.I.O. President Philip Murray, who stated that the Kaiser Steel Corporation of Fontana, California, has agreed on a pension plan for the steel workers, company pay all.

## GOLD

We've all heard about the famous treasure ~~that~~ at  
Fort Knox, <sup>Kentucky</sup> ~~contains~~ - the gold reserve of the United States  
buried in subterranean vaults. But how many of us have ever  
seen that glittering wealth of the precious metal? So how do  
~~we know~~ we know the gold is really there? That line  
of reasoning comes from Congress, where today a bill was  
introduced to have a committee of lawmakers go to Fort Knox,  
and have a look-see.

Congressman Carroll Kearns of Pennsylvania says he  
has been unable to find any member of Congress who has actually  
seen the subterranean treasure at Fort Knox - though everybody  
talks about it. He thinks the legislature of the nation should  
have some first hand evidence, and proposes that a joint  
committee of Senators and Congressmen go to Fort Knox and  
dazzle their eyes with a gloating inspection of all that yellow  
gleaming gold.

## BASEBALL

What a ball game this afternoon! It ended in a climax as fitting as it was dramatic. It was a hard game for Don Newcombe to lose - for the big negro pitcher was magnificent. But all season long the Yankees have been climbing against the most disheartening of handicaps - injuries. Every sports page in the country has been dwelling upon the number of times Yankee players were hurt and out of the game. They were a team of the lame and the halt. Often it seemed impossible that those cripples could ever win the pennant. But they did - and it is fair and fitting that the winning home-run this afternoon should have been hit by a star among the cripples.

It was a shut-out pitcher's battle down to the last half of the ninth inning - nothing to nothing. Newcombe of the Dodgers seemed invincible, and Allie Reynolds of the Yankees, just as good. Then up to bat came Tommy Henrich.

Now, Henrich is a veteran, an old-timer, and through the season he was up at the top of the injured list.

The premier victim was Joe deMaggio, dogged by misfortune, but rising to the heights in a pinch. Second only to Joe on the hard luck list was Tommy Henrich - getting hurt, out of the game. In succession, he had a bad arm, a broken toe, a bruised knee, a lacerated stomach, and sprained back. But he always came back, so they began to call him - "Old Reliable." Sports writers declared the Yankees were going along on grit and courage. A fine thing to say about anybody - and they'd need all their grit and courage in the World Series against the young, nimble and speedy Dodgers.

So you see the moral point, when indomitable Tommy Henrich, veteran of all those injuries, came to bat in the last half of the ninth, knocked the ball out of the lot, and won the game single-handed. I say it as a Dodgers rooter -- he may have a few aches and pains and cricks in his joints, but there's nothing crippled about his heart.

## BEAUTY CONTEST

In the metropolis of Louisiana today, Miss New Orleans of 1949 surrendered her crown and agreed to be Mrs. New Orleans. Having won a beauty contest limited to unmarried girls, she turns out to have a three-year-old son -- and that discovery impelled her to admit that she was married. It is not so correct for Miss New Orleans or Miss anybody else to have a son, or daughter, for that matter.

The New Orleans beauty contest produced another uproar, when one of the lovelies, who failed to win, made the charge that about half of the rivals "came to the contest with their chests in their purses". Why, girls!!



## YUGOSLAVIA

The Chinese Communist regime was recognized today by Yugoslavia. Moscow began the recognition drive, followed dutifully by Soviet satellites. Yugoslavia is an ex-puppet, a lone rebel behind the Iron Curtain. But now the government of Red Marshal Tito goes tagging along - granting diplomatic recognition to the Chinese Reds.

How will the Chinese Reds take the recognition granted by the former satellite now battling against Moscow? The Communist government in China makes all the motions of a faithful puppet, and the Yugoslav recognition might be embarrassing - with implications of establishing diplomatic ties between Red China and Stalin's enemy Tito.

## FRANCE

In Paris, the Premier resigned today -- after his Cabinet had been in office longer than any other French ministry in twelve troubled years. Premier Queuille assumed control in September of last year, and has remained in power for a year and twenty-six days. Which is not so long, except in France - where the lives of governments are notoriously short.

The Premier handed in his resignation today because of a crisis that followed the devaluation of the British Pound Sterling - with France following suit by devaluing the Franc. That brings a rise in prices and a demand for an all-around wage increase. The Cabinet patched up a sort of compromise plan to hold down prices, and increase the pay of some workers. But today the Socialist Party refused to go along with the scheme.

PRECEDE RECORDING

Here is something to illustrate the fact that there is no thrill quite like the one you feel when you finally come in sight of a goal for which you've been striving. After weeks of tiresome travel, through towering mountains of far off Tibet, Lowell Thomas and his son have been making their way to the legended city of Lhasa - that supreme and almost inaccessible goal for travelers. Sometimes, as they struggled along, they must have thought - they never would see Lhasa. But now, here's Lowell Thomas, Junior, in a recorded broadcast from the roof-of-the-world.

FOLLOW RECORDING

Yes, they're in sight of their goal, and tomorrow we will have on this program an exploit unmatched in the history of radio - a broadcast from Lhasa. Lowell Thomas will take over the program. He is injured, and is being taken out of Tibet. But the magic of modern radio equipment permits him to go on the air from the Forbidden City which so few adventurers have ever been able to reach. So, tomorrow, Nelson, you will be introducing something historic in radio.

And, in the interim <sup>on Tuesday</sup> ~~the~~ Lowell Thomas will ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~long~~ <sup>long</sup> ~~until~~ <sup>until</sup> tomorrow.

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