

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The great American riddle right now is -- third term. And today President Roosevelt added some cryptic words to whip up the puzzle solving. He was talking to the folks down at Warm Springs. They want a new post office, and the President advised them to start agitating for one. Right away, siad he, and he added these enigmatic words: "We have only a little over a year left."

To that he added ;- "I don't know what the next administration will give Warm Springs a new post office. All of which would seem to signify that F.D.R. will continue to be president for only a little over a year. It is to be noted that his term expires on January First, Nineteen Forty-~~One~~ -- a little over a year from now. If he expected to have a third term, there wouldn't be any need of haste in starting the news post office agitation down there in Georgia. That's one way of solving the puzzle of the presidential utterance today.

TAXES

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It looks as if we may have new taxes, emergency taxes -
to finance national defense. So said President Roosevelt today at
Warm Springs, Georgia. He gave the newspaper men a figure for
defense expenditures - saying it was a good guess that as much as
two billion, ~~and~~ three hundred million dollars would be spent for
expanding armament during the coming year. He added that this was
a half a billion dollars more than the money Congress has appropriated.
The President said it was up to the American people to decide whether
they wanted to finance national defense by ~~borrowing~~^{raising} money or by ~~the~~^a
policy of "pay as you go." "Pay as you go" ~~would~~^{ing} mean ~~a~~^a new taxes.
And so the next Congress may be asked to pass a bill for emergency
taxation.

KUHN

Today in the trial of Fritz Kuhn, the Judge tossed out five of the counts against the Bundesfuehrer. Three of these are merely duplications -- concern the legal technicalities of "common law" and "statutory law."

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One of the counts dismissed has to do with the sum of four thousand dollars which Kuhn collected for the German-America Bund but never deposited to its account. The Judge observed that failure to deposit the money was no proof of theft. *Kuhn* might have kept it as part of the organization's fund, in the form of cash.

Judge Franklin indicated that he would still consider whether or not to ~~present~~ present to the jury the counts accusing Fritz Kuhn of paying ~~some~~ ~~present~~ Seven Hundred and Seventeen Dollars of Bund money for moving the furniture of his "Golden Angel." The Golden Angel, by the way, testified in court today as a witness against the Bundesfuehrer -- and he glared at her, a painful picture of love turned sour. Kuhn had previously testified that she paid back the Seven Hundred and Seventeen Dollars. But the Golden Angel today swore

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that she paid back only Six Hundred.

The counts that the Judge will definitely present to the Jury have to do chiefly with an accusation concerning Five hundred dollars which the Bund gave Kuhn to pay to a lawyer for legal fees - but he never gave the money to the lawyer, that five hundred dollar item -- and some minor forgery charged connected with tangled bookkeeping.

SHIPS

From Berlin comes word of one thing the Nazis want to accomplish by their mine laying terror on the sea. Official ^{Hitler} ~~news~~ circles are saying that they hope to make the neutral countries cut off all trade relations with Great Britain. The argument goes this way:- The Nazis admit they're sowing mines far and wide, but claim they're doing it as war action against the British fleet. If harm comes to neutral ships, that's just incidental - and it's too bad. So the thing for the neutrals to do is keep their vessels out of zones where the Germans are sprinkling those deadly mines. Meaning - keep out of British waters. ~~The Nazis are recommending that the neutrals follow the example of the United States and keep ~~their~~ away from ~~vessels out of~~ dangerous areas.~~ Hitler wants to blockade Britain against neutral shipping - and the mine terror is seen as a way to accomplish this.

Meanwhile, the sinkings continue, with the British Navy working feverishly to counteract the menace of the parachute ~~mines~~ and the magnetic mines. There's something ^{more that's} new about those magnetic mines. The word has been that they're ~~magnetized~~ magnetized and lie at the bottom of the sea, and magnetic attraction draws them up to the steel hull of a

ship. But British experts say it's not so simple as that. They declare it is impossible for electro-magnetic power to draw a huge bulk of high explosive from the ocean bottom to the keel of a ship. They say the magnetic mine works this way:- The steel hull on the surface exerts an effect on a magnetized device in the mine, and causes it to set a mechanism going - a mechanism which propels the mine upward to the ship.)

~~It all would seem to involve the most delicate ^{sort} of machinery.~~

^{At any rate}
the whole thing right now is a good deal a matter of alarm and

speculation. ~~The parachute and magnetic mines have Britishers~~

~~wondering and surmising - particularly the boldness of the Germans~~

~~in sending war planes to drop ^{them} mines in the very estuary of the~~

~~-- right at ^{the} entrance to the port of London.~~ It is recognized that

the mine menace is a serious thing and might even result in some sort

of effective blockade of Britain - if the British don't find some way

The British Admiralty informed the
to counteract it. ~~They are hunting ways as hard as they can.~~
public today that it was able to meet the threat.

In the conflict of blockade versus blockade, the neutrals

are still protesting strenuously to London. Belgium and Holland

have presented official notes to the British Government, complaining

against the British plan to seize all exports emanating from Germany -- German goods carried by neutral ships. This, the neutrals point out, is contrary to international law.

And tonight Italy joins the chorus with a protest.

CRUSIER

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The London Admiralty annouced today that the British cruiser BELFAST was blasted three days ago, by either a mine or a torpedo. This London admission follows insistent stories that the Germans ^{had hit} ~~have taken a crack at~~ the ten thousand ton warship, one of Great Britain's newest and best.

The NEW YORK TIMES had the story first - with a rumor that a U-boat had got into the Firth of Forth, an important British naval base. And there the submarine had torpedoed the BELFAST. No confirmation could be got of this from London, no word at all.

Today, Berlin reported "yes", a U-boat had torpedoed the powerful cruiser. Berlin heard about it first from neutral sources, but today in came a report from the U-boat captain - and the torpedoing of the BELFAST was confirmed. ^{And now} ~~Today~~ London adds its own confirmation - saying it was either a torpedo or a mine.

SAILORS



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Today, five Dutch sailors landed in England - after a harrowing ordeal in an open boat. They told how a week ago, their ship, a Holland steamer, was sunk by a German U-boat. The submarine commander ordered the crew to take to their lifeboats and then he *destroyed* ~~sunk~~ the vessel by shell-fire.

Twenty-one sailors were in one lifeboat, five in another. What has happened to the larger group, nobody knows. The five men drifted for a whole week on the wintry North Atlantic - tortured by hunger and cold. Luckily, the wind was with them. They made a sail out of two overcoats. The wind blew them on, and today finally they reached the British coast.

ROUMANIA

There's a new Cabinet in Bucharest tonight. It's headed by - Tatarescu. ~~Last night we heard that he was leading up a revolution, and he succeeded in forming a group. Today, the new Cabinet took~~
~~place.~~ Last night we heard that Tatarescu was pro-French, and that the Allies were hailing the prospect of his becoming Prime Minister of Roumania. That angle is emphasized tonight. The press wires are bringing streams of comment from various European capitals, comment that rates the new Tatarescu Cabinet as highly important. It indicates a decided shift of Roumania away from Germany and toward the Allies - that's the general opinion.

We hear that Great Britain is approaching Roumania with an offer to buy sixty per cent of all Roumanian exports. That of course means - merchandise that might otherwise go to Germany. ~~(It would be~~

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~~one way of depriving Germany of Roumanian supplies - Britain buying those supplies. The government shake-up in Bucharest was caused by German demands for more Roumanian goods - especially oil. Such is the economic background as a pro-Ally Cabinet takes office in Bucharest and, as we know, it's an economic war.)~~

OLYMPICS

The Winter Olympics Games scheduled for February, have been cancelled - they were to have been held in Germany. Today the German Olympic Committee announced - they are calling off the winter olympics. The statement points out that the International Olympic Committee passed a ruling that no country at war can be a host to ^{the} Olympic Games. The German Committee declares that, in spite of this, the Germans were going right ahead and preparing for the February event, because they hoped there would be peace by then. Now, however, since Hitler's peace bid has been rejected by the Allies, there's no expectation that the war will end by February, and so the Winter Olympics are cancelled.

LEPKE

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The notorious ~~racketeering~~ case of Lepke is in the news again tonight - the New York racketeer who was hunted for so long and finally surrendered in a blaze of publicity. There ^{were} ~~are~~ all sorts of sinister stories about the killing of witnesses expected to testify against Lepke. The New York police today announced that they have identified the fingerprints of a man killed in Los Angeles on Wednesday night, in a typical gangland murder. He was found to have been Harry Greenberg, for whom the police have long been looking. He was wanted as a witness against Lepke.

The crime in Los Angeles had its element of the fantastic. The victim's wife noticed her husband's automobile rolling backward down a hill. Mystified, she investigated - and found her husband dead at the wheel. He had been riddled by gunmen, who had driven up and then away.

DOWD

Last January, in Boston, a testimonial dinner was given to the newly-elected sheriff - John F. Dowd. The sheriff made a speech, in which he proclaimed:- "No man who sends a proposition to me to buy a job will ever be put on a public payroll as long as I am sheriff of Suffolk County." That was a praiseworthy sentiment, and the sheriff's admirers responded by presenting him with a brand new automobile as a token of their esteem.

Today, that testimonial automobile has been confiscated by the police, who are continuing a red hot nationwide hunt for Sheriff Dowd. He is accused of being the central figure in what is described as a sixty thousand dollar job selling racket.

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The Suffolk County Grand Jury is to hear testimony telling how even the scrubwomen in the county court house had to pay for their jobs. Each is said to have been assessed two hundred dollars, and each got eighteen dollars a week.

BODANZKY

Here's an anecdote they tell about Artur Bodanzky, the famous Metropolitan Opera House conductor - who died ^{so} suddenly. ~~today~~
To the eminent Wagnerian maestro came Vincent Lopez, the jass band leader. Lopez asked Bodanzky to give him some lessons in the art of orchestra conducting.

Bodanzky said to him:- "How much money do you make."

"A hundred thousand dollars a year," replied Vincent Lopez.

To which Bodanzky responded:- "You make a hundred thousand ~~dollars~~ a year? Then it is I who should be taking lessons from you."

Hubbard.

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FATHER HUBBARD

Now let's have a report from Alaska - from a traveler just back from the northern wilds - Father Hubbard, the Glacier Priest, who has made Alaskan ice and volcanoes his chosen travel ground. He has just returned from the north after making some studies of Eskimo music - phonographic recordings and sound film which he is to present in New York on Thursday, ~~a lecture~~ at Carnegie Hall. I've asked the Glacier Priest to give us the latest from up there on the Arctic Circle. So now, Father Hubbard, what's the report?

FATHER HUBBARD: The latest is - more trouble for the Eskimos. They're always having trouble - caused by what we call, civilization. The Department of Commerce in Washington has passed a new regulation restricting the killing of walrus for two years. You've been in Alaska, Lowell, and you know what the walrus means to the Eskimo - it means life to them.

L.T.: Why was the regulation passed? Are the walrus in danger of extermination?

FATHER HUBBARD:- Not at all. Coast Guard surveys show that the herds of the big ^{fellows} ~~walrus~~ are on the increase, becoming more numerous - no need of conservation. The reason for the new law is this:- a Canadian boat, navigating along the northern coast of Alaska, saw a dozen dead walrus on the shore - walrus without tusks. So a report was sent to Ottawa that the Alaskan Eskimo were slaughtering the herds - just for their tusks, the ivory. The Canadian government reported this to Washington, and the Department of Commerce passed the ruling - severely restricting walrus hunting by the Eskimo. The peculiar part of it is that the Eskimo hunters were not at all responsible for the dead walrus the Canadian boat observed on the beach.

L.T.:- Who was responsible?

FATHER HUBBARD:- That's just the funny part of it - I was.

L.T.:- How? In what way?

FATHER HUBBARD:- This way, Lowell. I made a long trip with a party of Eskimo along the Arctic coast of Alaska - a voyage in an Eskimo oomiag. As we were going along, we spied ^{those} ~~the~~ dead walrus on the shore. They had just died of natural causes, and were there on the beach. My Eskimo boatmen asked me - could they go ashore and take the tusks from the walrus carcasses. I answered - of course. A walrus tusk is worth about twenty dollars to an Eskimo. He can make ivory carvings and sell them. So there was a young fortune lying there on the beach for my Eskimo boys. Something like a flock of twenty dollar bills floating in the water. They went ahead and got the ivory. That's how the Canadian boat happened to notice dead walrus without tusks.

28 L.T.i:- So that was the reason for the report that the Eskimo hunters were slaughtering the walrus for ^{ivory} ~~their tusks~~, and hence the new regulation restricting their hunting. Is it doing the Eskimo much harm?

FATHER HUBBARD:- I hope not. They're very law-abiding. The Eskimo came to me and told me about the new ruling - they were gravely perturbed

about it. I told them to go on hunting walrus as much as they pleased,
never mind the regulation.

L.T.i- Well, after all - you were responsible for it. And I hope
everything turns out all right for the hunters of the Arctic.

ALASKAN FOOTBALL

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By the way, Father Hubbard, here's a bit of news
that will interest you. Alaska has had its first football game in
twenty-three years. The Sourdough Nuggets played the Baranof Bears.
— or by boat —
A thousand spectators came mushing to Juneau for the game, and the
only trouble was, the early Alaskan night. The game began shortly
after noon, but the last half was played in semi-darkness - the
Arctic twilight. The Sourdough Nuggets won - six to nothing.

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While the Sourdoughs and Cheechachos
cheered and the Malamutes
howled. And tonight a bunch o' the
boys are whooping it up.

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And now let's whoop it up for
Nu-blue Sunoco.

S-L-U-Monday.