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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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That British battleship which the Germans claim to have sunk off Namsos appears to have shrunk somewhat. The British admit that the Nazis did sink a man-o-war outside the Norwegian harbor. But it was no battleship, not even an antique of the QUEEN ELIZABETH class. It was a destroyer of new type and large as destroyers go. But not one-fifteenth the size or value of a line~~r~~-battleship.

The bombing and sinking of this destroyer is described by the admiralty, described in almost exactly the same terms that the Germans used when claiming that they had sunk a battleship. That destroyer was protecting the embarkation of the British force as it was evacuating Namsos. And, says the Admiralty, repeated waves of German planes kept up an incessant attack on the convoy.

In contrast, to the German claims, the admiralty announces that this is the eleventh British destroyer that the

Nazis have sunk since the war, the fifth since the Norwegian business began.

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The French admiralty likewise admits the sinking of a destroyer off Norway, one of the newest and largest afloat. And the Allies likewise concede that the ~~ferries~~ ^{Nazis} bagged a large Polish destroyer, one of the few that ^{had} managed to slip out of the Baltic and join the British navy. And the crew of a Swedish freighter in the Baltic report ^s having seen a British submarine which had ~~be~~ struck a mine coming up to the surface and ^{had} ~~surrendering~~ ^{ed} to a German destroyer. This report comes through German channels.

Incidentally, the captain of the lost British destroyer was a popular hero in Britain, ^{For he was the man} ~~the man who was~~ in command when those three hundred British seamen were rescued from the German prison ship ALTMARK.

As for the war in Norway, ^{Lapobesmen} Hitler's ~~men~~ announced that a Nazi force is marching northward to raise the siege of Narvik.

^{Indeed} ~~That's~~ a formidable undertaking, ^{For in} ~~we are informed~~ in order to reach Narvik over land, a relief army would have to cross mountain passes that are rated as almost inaccessible. Nevertheless, the

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Nazi claim is that this relief contingent, which consists mostly of trained Alpine soldiers, is already halfway from Trondheim to Narvik.

It's being said in Europe today that if the Allies are forced to give up Narvik, ^{that would indeed be a climax to the Norway} ~~it will be a real~~ disaster. Because if the Nazis capture that harbor they can go all the way up the coast to Westhammer and thus have access to the Atlantic Ocean, which would imply access to supplies from America. The place that the Germans are supposed to have reached ^{tonight} is called Mosjeen, ~~it's~~ ^{some} two hundred and fifty miles from Narvik; and there are no roads for long stretches ^{between} ~~of the distance in between~~. As a result, most of the communications between Mosjeen and Narvik have been carried on by water, which of course is impossible for the Germans. The report of their having reached Mosjeen is unofficial and not confirmed by the Berlin high command.

Dispatches from Stockholm report that in spite of the ^{from South Norway that} departure of the British, the Norwegians are still putting up a stiff resistance in several spots. The conflict seems to have resolved itself into guerrilla warfare.

SWEDEN

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Here's news about Sweden: you can take it for what it's worth, remembering that it comes from the German official news agency. Chancellor Hitler and King Gustav of Sweden have been writing each other letters. And, says D.N.B., they are in full agreement on the future political attitude of Germany and Sweden toward each other.

POPE

Pope Pius ~~the Twelfth~~ has received a report from the Cardinal Primate of Poland, a report on the treatment of the Polish Catholic clergy by the Nazis. It is a harrowing document. ~~Incidentally, it's the second report of this kind sent in to the Holy See.~~ It lists the names of eleven priests who were killed by the Brown Shirts in one diocese alone. In another diocese one

priest was imprisoned and tortured to death. The report declares that in the ~~German-occupied section~~ ^{parts} of Poland ^{occupied by Germans} religious life is

^{now} almost completely repressed. Churches and religious ^{seminaries} ~~ceremonies~~

have been seized and turned to other uses such as hotels and places of amusement. A chapel, for example, was made into a dance hall. All religious statues have been torn down and carried away.

PRESIDENT

^{persistent}
There's a belief in Washington that some new mess is

boiling on the European stove. ^{And this} ~~This belief~~ is encouraged by a

sudden and unexpected action of President Roosevelt's. He was at

his ^{Dutchess County farm near Hyde Park - expecting to} ~~Hudson Valley farm in Hyde Park where he was expected to~~

remain for some time. But, ^{the President} ~~he~~ suddenly ordered a special train,

cut short his visit, and hurried ^{back} to Washington. ^{No one around} ~~The staff of~~

^{him} ~~secretaries~~ vouchsafed ^{any} ~~no~~ explanation ^{for} ~~about~~ this sudden move.

However, it is known that he had been in ^{constant} ~~close~~ touch by ~~tele~~phone

with ~~officials of~~ the State Department.

ITALY FOLLOW PRESIDENT

The sudden return of the President seemed all the more significant to Washington observers because news from the Mediterranean continues to ^{suggest another gathering storm.} ~~have an alarming sound.~~ For instance, much importance is attached to one cable from Rome about a conference between ~~Premier~~ Mussolini and the heir to the Italian throne, the Prince of Piedmont. It was announced that ^{at this meeting} the Duce and the Crown Prince discussed Italy's preparedness ^{for war.}

However, there was another more hopeful detail in the picture. The Prince of ~~Piedmont~~ called on Mussolini after leaving the Vatican, where ^{the Prince} ~~he had~~ had an audience with ^{the} Pope. ~~Plus.~~ ^{And} at about the same time it was revealed at the Vatican that the Pope had expressed the ~~sincere~~ hope that Italy would not get into the war. ~~and~~ The Pontiff also told Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's representative, that he thought the time might be ripe for a general peace. In any event, the Holy See agrees entirely with ^{the American president} ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ in the hope that the theatre of war will not spread any further. And, it is said, he discussed this with the Prince and Princess of Piedmont.

A good deal of attention was ^{drawn today to the} ~~attracted by the~~ behavior of newspapers in the totalitarian countries, where ^{broadcasters} newspapers ^{say only what} ~~don't say anything that~~ the authorities ^{want them to say,} ~~don't approve.~~

For instance, the paper owned by Air Marshal Italo Balbo ~~of Italy,~~ published the accusation that Great Britain was preparing to attack Italy from Greece.

German newspapers in streamer headlines charged the Allies with preparing an attack in the Mediterranean which was expected to begin in the next few days. Of course the interpretation on the other side is that the Germans are drumming this up as an excuse for some sort of attack themselves, some such move as they made in Norway. The British Minister of Information issued a statement tonight that the Nazis are spreading unscrupulous stories regarding impending trouble on the Balkan frontiers and the ^{Ministry} ~~Minister~~ of Information adds that by spreading these stories Germany seeks to create an atmosphere of uncertainty which will further her purpose.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt expressed himself again today on the subject of the bombing of open cities by airplanes. He made public a letter to the ^(Chairman of) ~~Secretary of War~~ the American Red Cross, in which he declared that the bombing of helpless and unprotected civilians is a tragedy which has aroused the horror of all mankind. Then he recalled that the Red Cross at London in NineteenthThirty-Eight urged that the governments should take joint steps to prevent this practice. "But," says ^{the President,} ~~Mr. Roosevelt,~~ "I regret that the governments have not acted on this Red Cross proposal."

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A general officer of the United States Army declared today that Uncle Sam must get ready to out-blitz any blitzkrieg that can possibly be tried on him.

The statement was made today by Brigadier-General Strong who is ~~an~~ assistant chief of staff and chief of the War Plans Section of Uncle Sam's Army. He was addressing the annual meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers. And General Strong has a sound reason to offer, based on recent news from Europe. He points out that the development of the airplane and highly mechanized forces make it a stark and realistic military necessity for the United States to be ready to furnish help swiftly to other western nations if their territorial integrity is violated.

~~Today~~ To do this, the Army should have five hundred million dollars' worth of essential materials ~~in the way of equipment.~~

*said he. Things
the army desperately needs.*

DIES

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A member of the National Labor Relations Board ^{tools}~~sprang~~
~~into~~ the limelight ^{at} of the Dies Committee ^{session} today. Edwin S. Smith
is the member named, and he was accused of friendship and close
cooperation with Harry Bridges, the C.I.O. labor agitator on the
Pacific Coast. The witness told the Dies Committee that Smith
once held a conference with Bridges at midnight. ^{PM} ~~It was held on~~
the upper floor of an office building at Baltimore, in December,
NineteenThirty-Six. When Bridges came out of that conference he is
reported to have said:- "I think I have arranged for elections
on the Atlantic coast."

The same witness told the Dies Committee that he had
attended no fewer than fifteen Communist meetings with Bridges.

WAGNER

Senator Wagner of New York has a fresh idea for expanding the Social Security Act. It was he, you may remember, who sponsored the original bill. And he feels that one of the ~~worst~~ weaknesses of that Social Security Act is that the worker who is disabled has to wait until he's sixty-five to receive old-age benefits. ^{Sen. Bob} Wagner's new bill would cover any man who becomes permanently and totally disabled.

LOGAN-WALTER

It looks like another revolt in the Senate, a revolt
against the ~~Roosevelt administration.~~ *New Deal, It all concerns the Logan-)*
~~Walter~~

Bill which is designed to protect people from despotic treatment
by federal bureaus,
~~by government agencies,~~ make the decisions of government agencies
subject to review by the courts.

(I don't like)
New Deal champions ~~are~~ *today* this bill and have been doing
their utmost to squelch it. But ^{today} the House of Representatives got
out of hand and passed it triumphantly. ~~Today~~ ^{also} the Judiciary Committee
of the Senate ^{also} unanimously agreed to bring the Logan-Walter Bill up
for discussion soon, before Congress adjourns. The majority leader,
Senator Barkley of Kentucky, implored the committee to put the bill
on the shelf or at any rate let it go over until the next session.
But the committee declined. The guessing is that the bill will pass,
whether the White House likes it or not.

AWARDS

The Missouri School of Journalism every year awards honors to two American newspapers, and three newspaper men.

This year's awards have just been announced at Columbia, Missouri, the seat of the University. *The best known man to be thus*

~~One of the newspaper men to be~~
~~honored by the University of Missouri~~ is Lyle C. Wilson, Manager of the Washington office of the United Press. And the language of the University is that the award is given him for "masterful and comprehensive interpretation of the nation's news grist, discerning judgment in unbiased presentation of news, outstanding repertorial service when Lyle Wilson was at London, superiority in newspaper administrative ability in covering the extensive news of the capital and marked craftsmanship in portraying the true significance of meaningful events."

That sounds like quite a feather in the cap not only of Lyle Wilson but of ^{the} United Press that he serves. Other men to get awards ~~in Missouri~~ are Frank King, head of the Associated Press Bureau of Dallas, Texas, and James Kelly Pool. He sounds like a game, but that's really his name, James Kelly Pool, editor of the Capital News of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Maybe his father was a Kelly Pool addict!

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The newspaper cited are the PORTLAND OREGONIAN and

the SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN of Cape Girardeau.

PULITZER FOLLOW AWARDS

This was Field Day for American newspaper men. The Pulitzer Committee also announced its awards and the beauty of them is that they carry money along with the ^{Kudos.} ~~distinction~~. For instance,

S. Burton Heath of the New York World-Telegram gets a thousand of Uncle Sam's best dollars for ^{the} ~~a~~ series of stories he wrote exposing the ^{misdeeds of} ~~crooked~~ Judge Martin Manton. ~~He's in the Federal~~

~~prison now serving a measly sentence of two years~~ The Pulitzer

Committee also has five hundred dollars for Otto ~~D~~ Tolischus

Berlin correspondent of the New York Times, for distinguished

service as a war correspondent, ^{for his} ~~clearness~~ and terseness of style,

fair, judicious, well balanced and well informed interpretative

writing. Associated Press Correspondent Lloyd Lehrbras gets

honorable mention for ^{his} ~~the~~ dispatches from Warsaw, Bucharest and

Ankara. Pulitzer Prizes: The thousand dollar prize for the best novel goes to

John Steinbeck, yes you guessed it, "Grapes of Wrath;" A thousand

dollars to Carl Sandburg for ^{his} ~~a~~ Life of Abraham Lincoln; A

thousand dollars to Ray Stannard Baker for the seventh and eighth

volumes of the Life and Letters of Woodrow Wilson; a thousand

dollars to William Saroyan for his play "The Time of Your Life";

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a five hundred dollar gold medal to the "Republican and American"
of Waterbury, Connecticut which campaigned in exposing municipal
graft; ^{and} honorable mention to the San Francisco Chronicle for the
part it took in settling the waterfront strike of Nineteen Thirty-
Nine.

SHAVE

In New York City they have ^{a quaint} ~~a comic~~ law which provides punishment for anybody who works on Sunday, except work of necessity, emergency, or charitable nature. So when a cop looked through the window of a ~~barber~~ shop and saw a ^{barber} ~~barber~~ at work on a customer who was sitting in his chair, he rushed in and surprised the man with a summons.

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But that was nothing compared ^{to} ~~with~~ the surprise of the magistrate who heard the case today. For the cop testified that the barber was shaving a woman. The judge sat up straight in his chair and exclaimed, "Shaving a woman? Officer, are you sure?"

And the cop replied:- "Yes, your Honor, shaving a woman it was."

I don't know what the lady paid the barber for her shave, but the barber had to pay the court five bucks for the privilege of doing it.

SILENCE

A lady in Chicago went to court asking for a divorce.

The judge wanted to know why, what had her husband done to her?

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Then she explained:- "Your Honor, every time I talked, my husband hit me."

The lady's name - and I assure you this is no gag - the lady's name is Mrs. Silence Golden Robinson.

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And now Hugh will you break
your silence golden?