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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On this birthday of George Washington, the large headline is only indirectly connected with the great capital that bears the name of - Washington. The dominating date-line is -- London. Well, on Washington's Birthday it's only natural that governmental affairs in our own land should be ~~mostly~~ on a holiday. And, it's inevitable that London should be in the world spotlight - with the British Cabinet crisis looming so large in the affairs of the nations, and with this motion entered in the House of Commons today, ~~It is~~ ^{reading as follows:-} a motion of censure, ~~and reads like this:-~~ "That this House deplores the circumstances in which the late Foreign Secretary has been obliged to resign his office and has no confidence in His Majesty's present advisors in their conduct of foreign affairs."

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That, in the parliamentary language of the House of

Commons, calls for the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Chamberlain, to resign.

All day today the debate was on, Great Britain in the oratorical throes of deciding its international policy. The Prime Minister - defending himself against the demand for a vote of censure. The Labor opposition - raging to the attack, with the support of such fiery war horses as Winston Churchill and Lloyd

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Prime Minister

Chamberlain, the formidable Conservative, struck straight at the heart of the affair - the League of Nations.

In the duel between himself and the resigning Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, the clash of personalities was basically a question of Geneva and the League. Anthony Eden, ^{a League} ~~a late~~ champion, a shining Gallahad, battling for Geneva. And today Chamberlain told what he thought about the League. It was with unheard of audacity that the British Prime Minister for the first time pronounced Geneva to be powerless, helpless.)

"If the League cannot afford collective security,"

he said, "we must not delude ourselves. Still less must we delude small, weak nations that it can."

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He declared that he hoped some day the League of Nations would be able to do better, and then he came to a "but". He followed that word "but" with some exceedingly plain language for a British Prime Minister, language that included the word - "shams." "But," said he, "I would like the League to throw off shams, and declare what it is prepared to do and what it can do."

He virtually proposed to put the League on the shelf, on ice - expressed in parliamentary language. He said the League Covenant should be preserved, with everyone of its articles - punitive, sanctions, and all that. "But," he declared, "I would have it clearly understood that the League cannot use them and cannot even be expected to use them." *Put them on the shelf.*

So there you have the fundamental point in the clash between Chamberlain and Eden. To which you can add things the Prime Minister said today about the peril of war. He warned the House of Commons that something must be done to keep Europe from

drifting hopelessly into two camps, Fascist and Democratic. For that would inevitably lead to war, with possible destruction of western civilization. To which some Conservative opinion will add - that Anthony Eden with his League of Nations prepossessions, was a war peril in the British Cabinet.

The Prime Minister today made a statement of the policy to which he has committed the British government - an agreement with Italy and Mussolini. He put it this way, "The government long ago was committed to the principle of talks with Italy. If we're to have conversations, the sooner the better."

There's added word to reenforce that - the British Ambassador to Rome has been called home to London to receive instructions - to be told how to go about ~~even~~ opening those conversations between the British Cabinet and Mussolini. There have been rumors of a British loan to Italy for the exploitation of Ethiopia. These are strengthened by a British-Italian commercial meeting in London today. No sooner had the resignation of Eden brought the Cabinet crisis to a head, than the British Board of Trade went into a huddle with Italian representatives - "to facilitate a

mutual increase in trade between Italy and the United Kingdom," was the formal explanation given. But London buzzed with a swift rumor that they were talking about ^{that} a loan of a hundred and twenty-five million dollars to Italy.

~~The~~ British recognition of the Ethiopian conquest is admitted to be one of the objectives of the London-Rome negotiations. And today the chief of the Labor opposition brought in a pointed reference to the United States. "Recognition of Italy's position in Abyssinia," said he, "would hamstring the President of the United States, and drive him into a policy of isolation."

There's talk to that effect in Washington. "England has let us down again," said partisans of American policy of enforcing international morality - along the line of the President's Chicago speech about quarantine, blockade aggressors. Others are saying - "Why blame England? If a war were to break out, we're on this side of the ocean, far from the bombing planes. London isn't." That's the attitude of those who don't want us to get mixed up in foreign troubles, and who on Washington's

Birthday point to the Washingtonian ^{warning} remark about - "entangling alliances."

In today's House of Commons debate, the opposition couldn't miss singling out Anthony Eden's feud with Mussolini.

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Sharp tongued Winston Churchill took that up. He said that Eden and the Duce had been at dagger's points for a long time.

"However," he commented acidly, "there can be no doubt as to who

won. ^{"(1)} ~~he added~~ ^{"(1)} ~~we are told that Italian propaganda from the Bari station~~

~~has already been toned down. I am glad to hear that.~~ ^{he went on adding} ~~But if~~

~~the station had gone to sleep for the last six months, it could~~

~~have given no propaganda so effective as the story of recent~~

~~events."~~

And that's the place where it must hurt every Englishman. Mussolini is so conscious of his victory, that he is not gloating over it - for fear of impeding the Rome-London negotiations. It must pain Italian journalists to restrain from shouts of triumph over the downfall of their ^{arch} ~~own~~ enemy, Anthony Eden. But restrain ~~this they must~~ themselves they must. Today, a fiery Fascist paper, of Cremona, made some comment about the

Eden resignation. The edition was immediately confiscated.

The statesman who succeeds Eden came in for some hard remarks today in the Commons debate - Lord Halifax, ~~who~~ ^{today} ~~becomes~~ temporary Foreign Secretary. ~~He made his reputation several years ago in dealing with Mahatma Gandhi's sedition in India. His Lordship sponsored a liberal solution, but now he is supposed to represent British Conservative opinion which wants to come to terms with Hitler.~~

~~Today,~~ The leader of the Labor opposition inquired of Prime Minister Chamberlain:- "May I ask whether Hitler has informed the British government who he wishes to be appointed Foreign Secretary?" That was answered not by the Prime Minister but by a Communist member, who shouted: "Hitler has got his nominee appointed already."

~~And that was rather hard on the stately nobleman,~~

~~Lord Halifax.~~

The Prime Minister rounded out his defense by ^{assuring} ~~showing~~

the Commons that he is standing by France. "It is not the case," said he, "that we are entering into conversations behind the

backs of our friends."

Similar ~~to~~ assurance is being given by the British government directly to Paris. France is worried! But, the French government comes out with a reassuring statement - that France and Britain are still hand in hand. However, it is to be observed ^{that} today ~~that~~ France announced a heavy increase in armament. Hand in hand, but let's arm!

We can aptly close all this international wrangling with a note from Hyde Park, where President Roosevelt is taking a rest for a few days. He had lunch today with Joseph P. Kennedy, soon to sail as American Ambassador to London - a rather exciting job at this exciting moment. Discussing what conversation ^{he} may have had with Joe Kennedy, a reporter mentioned the resignation of Anthony Eden and asked the President:

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"Will these developments of the past forty-eight hours change your foreign policy?" The President rather blinked at that and replied that he thought the question was not "subtle." Nor was it, while ^{all this} ~~that~~ international complication is excessively subtle.

Here's a late flash that tells the whole story.

All that London ~~parley~~ parliamentary proceeding might have been summarized in this:- the result, the culmination, ~~of it~~

~~it~~

(It was night in London, when the House of Commons took a vote. Here are the figures ^{just in:} overwhelming majority -- five hundred and thirty to a hundred and sixty-two. In who's favor? The Prime Minister's. The Conservative majority backed Chamberlain solidly. So he won out, ~~by that top head~~ ~~majority~~. The House of Commons supports Prime Minister Chamberlain in the Cabinet crisis over the resignation of Anthony Eden and the peace talks with Fascist Italy.)

SPAIN

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(Teruel has been captured - we've heard this more than once. For weeks Franco's men have been battling desperately to take that Spanish stronghold - with reports that they had done it. This evening the news is official - ~~that is~~ ^{as is} proved ^M by the source whence it emanates. It is announced by Barcelona that the enemy has captured Teruel.)

The Franco lines had the city almost surrounded, and the Left Wing forces were barely able to escape. Rebel headquarters announces that many of them failed to escape - and surrendered ⁱⁿ the flaming city. The Franco reports declare the Rebels are driving ahead, with ^a ~~the~~ series of successes on the Teruel front.

STUDENTS

Red flags were waving today on the campus of the University of Kansas, flags of red revolution. And students greeted each other as - "Comrade", the Communist way. That was the campus response to the charge in the state legislature that the University of Kansas is a hot-bed of Communist propaganda.

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The lower House has voted for an investigation, and the state senators are considering the proposal. Some of the students say "Okay, go ahead and investigate." But others are trying to ridicule it to death - with the waving of red flags, and salutations of "Comrade."

WRECK

At Worth, Illinois, a passenger train was speeding along, the crack flyer of the Wabash. ^{We all} ~~You~~ know the tremendous impetus of a whizzing passenger train; ~~you~~ also ~~know~~ how ponderous some ^{auto} trucks can be, especially a paper truck - huge and loaded with ponderous bales of paper, ~~Paper can be as~~ heavy as lead.

Right in the middle of the town of Worth, the Wabash ^{flyer} ~~train~~ hit the ~~paper~~ truck at ^a ~~it was~~ crossing ^a ~~the tracks~~ a collision ~~at~~ full ~~tilt~~. The impact was so terrific that it knocked the motor of the truck ~~clear~~ out of its frame and sent it smashing against a freight car on another track. ^{And} the flying motor knocked one end of ^{that} ~~the~~ car right off the rails. ~~The truck driver was killed.~~

What about the passenger train? The collision with the truck knocked it off the tracks, the locomotive and cars went plowing along the roadbed for many yards. Then the train turned ^{Truck driver killed.} over on its side with a grinding crash. Fifty passengers injured, some seriously.

A lot of presidential boom-boom is sounding for Paul V. McNutt, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

He has long been mentioned as a White House possibility, and his trip home ^{from} the Philippines has steamed up the Indiana hurrah for ^a ~~the~~ favorite son. So no wonder headlines were woven around the report that a high-ranking army aviator has been disciplined - because he flew the Governor-General from San Francisco to Denver.

~~He did it without permission, says the rumor. and so the old army discipline has descended on his head. He was transferred, ordered from his post to another one. That does sound as if it might have political implications of one sort or another just what sort it's hard to tell.~~

All day long a chorus of denials came over the wires. Governor-General McNutt says he doesn't even know the aviator who flew him. ~~explains that he merely asked the army for air transportation from San Francisco to Denver, and that was granted. Just routine and he doesn't know the name of the officer who flew him.~~ Well, we can inform the Governor-General it was Lieutenant-Colonel Davenport Johnson.

The War Department puts its denial in this form -

Lieutenant-Colonel Johnson wasn't disciplined, he was transferred as a mere routine matter.

PERSHING

We have a doctor's report tonight, and it says - serious.

~~and~~ report on General Pershing, who has been ill of rheumatism, and whose condition today took a turn for the worse - serious.

To the rheumatism has been added complications, and the doctor says "the outcome cannot be predicted at the present time."

The best wishes of the nation will go to the great soldier who commanded the American Expeditionary Force in the World War. He is full of honors and years, seventy-seven, *and ill.*

RACES

Eight radio stations have been suppressed in various parts of New York. Four others shut down before the federal authorities cracked down. ~~on them~~ And several more were raided and smashed up during the past week. A lot of radio stations put out of business! - ~~That~~ ^That was revealed today by the federal authorities.

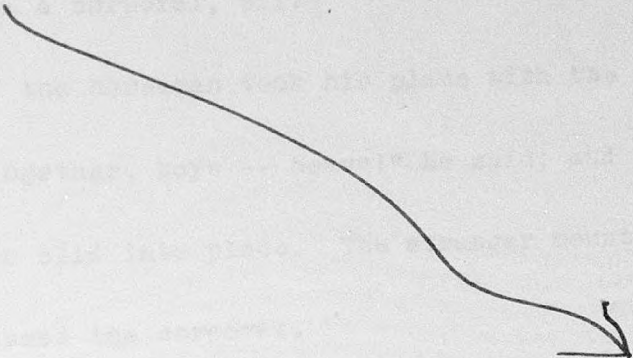
What's the trouble on the ether waves? Swindling and crookery, it seems - an ingenious way of winning on the horses, beat the races, ~~gyp~~ ^{gyp} the book-makers. The game went ~~this way~~ ^{like} at the race track there'd be members of the racket with small portable radio sets. The moment a race was won, they'd flash the ~~winner~~ ^{winner} results by wire to the bootleg stations. These would have the news before the bookmakers would get ~~it~~ in the routine way. And that would enable them to place hurry-up bets on horses that had already won - the surest kind of a sure thing.

So ~~now~~ the Federal Communications authorities have made a wholesale clean-up of ~~the~~ bootleg radio stations. ~~of the crooked racket for beating the races.~~

BOB SLED

There's a lot of difference between a steam shovel and a bob sled, but today at Lake Placid the bob sled event was won by a steam shovel operator. Aubrey Welles of Keene Valley, New York, manipulates the swinging mechanical scoop that does excavating at Keene Valley, New York. But don't imagine it was his steam shovel that ~~took~~ he took down the bob sled run ~~at~~ Mount Van Hovenburg ~~Lake Placid~~ today. That would be too much excitement - just fancy the long derrick with the swinging scoop whizzing around those swift icy turns ^{of Shady and Zig Zag!} The steam shovel operator. ~~did~~ did it on a regular bob sled, a four-man team, which he piloted to so speedy a victory that he clipped five seconds from the previous record. That's his glory on Washington's Birthday. Tomorrow - the champion of the bob sled will go back to the steam shovel.

I celebrated Washington's birthday in rather a curious fashion. As you may recall, at the time of the Revolutionary War many Tories fled to Canada and settled in the Maritime Provinces, particularly in New Brunswick. They called themselves "Loyalists". Today, I ate cherry pie made by la New Brunswicks guide, George Allen, a descendent of one of these "Loyalists", ate ~~xxx~~ it in a log cabin. The man who made the ^{Washington} cherry pie ~~was~~ also served me salmon a la Mirimichi with Restigouche Sauce and Venison with Nipisiguit Salad. All this happened at ~~The~~ National Sportsman's Show at Grand Central Palace, where New Brunswick has its display. A Washington's Birthday celebration arranged by ~~me~~ D. W. Griffiths of the New Brunswick Government.



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~~So far as I can recall~~ ^{IF} It has never been my custom on Washington's birthday to tell a George Washington anecdote. But, I ^{we} ~~have~~ just run across one in a Canadian newspaper, the Tribune of Sackville, New Brunswick.

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Time, the Revolutionary War. Here is the way the Canadian paper tells it:-

A rider on horseback, ~~many years ago~~, came across a squad of soldiers who were trying to move a heavy piece of timber. A corporal stood by giving lordly orders to 'heave', but the piece of timber was a trifle too heavy for the squad.

"Why don't you help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse, addressing the important corporal.

"Me? Why, I'm a corporal, sir!"

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Dismounting, the horseman took his place with the soldiers. "Now, all together, boys -- heave!" he said; and the big piece of timber slid into place. The stranger mounted ~~on~~ his horse and addressed the corporal.

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"The next time you have a piece of timber too large for your men to handle, send for the commander-in-chief". The horseman was George Washington. *And a-l-u-t-m.*