

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest from Europe is ~~quite~~ a dramatic bulletin from Berlin. (The Gestapo, Hitler's dreaded secret police, has made three arrests as a sequel to the beer hall bombing in Munich. Heinrich Himmler, chief bogeyman of the Gestapo, declares that two of the men in Nazi custody are high officers of the British Secret Service. The third is described as a German native, thirty-six years old, ^{He's said to be} the man who actually placed the bomb in ~~that~~ ^{the} beer cellar, ^{and missed Hitler by} the bomb which killed eight people and injured thirty, ^{ten} minutes.)

~~after the Fuehrer had finished his speech and left.~~

~~Chief Himmler, who comes more to the fore every week in Nazi news, made another announcement in that connection. He~~ ^{Himmler} declared that the source of the money for the undertaking ~~and the instructions~~ ^{for the plot} was the British Intelligence Department. He ~~added that~~ several other people are ~~under arrest as accomplices.~~

~~The announcement does not stop short there. It is only natural that the Nazis should want to implicate as many anti Hitlerites as possible.~~ ^{adds} Himmler ~~declares~~ ^{declares} further that the man who organized ^{however was one} this plot ~~against the Fuehrer's life was~~ Otto Strasser, once an early Hitler adherent. He was one of the first charter members of the Nazi Party to break away. He broke away even before his brother, Gregor Strasser, who was one of those executed in the blood purge of Nineteen^{thirty}-Four. Otto Strasser was in Prague at one time but escaped just ~~about the time~~ ^{as} the Nazis were march^{ing} in. Since then his headquarters have been in Switzerland. He was in Paris on Sunday and prophesied that Hitler would be overthrown by a revolution probably in the spring of Nineteen Forty. Strasser echoes the common accusation, voiced by the British, that the Munich bombing was done by the Nazis themselves.

The two men whom Himmler declares to be high officers of the British Intelligence Bureau, were arrested on the frontier between Holland and Germany the day after the bombing. They ^{are} ~~was~~ identified as "Mr. West", presumably a lieutenant, and "Captain Stevens."

~~Chief Himmler does not intend neglect to give his Gestapo~~

Presumably, the charge is, that they conspired with the much disputed Nazi black front, followers of Strasser. Now Himmler himself proclaims to the world that the black front exists and is operating.

The whole thing is curious and, most intriguing. In one respect it clears up the mystery of what is going on among the masses of the German people. In another respect it deepens the mystery.

Elser, the German who they say placed the bomb, was crossing from Germany into Switzerland and was arrested on the night of the explosion.

He placed the explosive in the time-bomb seven days before the meeting at which Hitler was to speak. But it was not until two nights before the meeting that he finally was able to place the bomb. He put it, so they say, in one of the pillars supporting the ceiling of the beer cellar. Any skilled artisan who can hide a bomb in a pillar, presumably a concrete pillar, without anybody seeing him, must be almost a magician. However, this is only the first report. Maybe subsequent details will make it a trifle less incredible.

- At any rate, I have given you the gist of the story as told by Himmler and the Nazi Gestapo.

SHIPS

The sinking of ships in European waters has reached a ^{new} crisis.

The wrecking of a big Japanese liner off the British coast ~~seems to have been the signal for drastic British retaliation, what the boys on Broadway would call "the pay off", for the destruction of the TERUKUNI MARU, was the fourteenth ship sunk in those waters since Saturday,~~

~~that~~ ^{was} ~~it became~~ the subject of a ~~rather~~ dramatic debate in the British House of Commons ^{today.} The leader of the Labor ^{party} ~~members,~~ in ~~peace-time the opposition,~~ ^{ed} got up to ask the Prime Minister what he was going to do about it. ^{Whereupon} ~~That was~~ Chamberlain's ^{said England} ~~cue.~~ ~~His Majesty's~~ ~~government~~ ~~said he~~ cannot permit such sea warfare to continue without retaliation. ~~For it means, he said, that the Nazis have resorted to unrestricted war.~~ He pointed out that the Hague Convention, at which the German government had signed, provided that if mines are used, every precaution must be taken to assure the safety of peaceful neutral ships. British mines, ^{added} ~~said~~ the Prime Minister, are placed so that if they do break loose from their moorings, they become automatically harmless.

So what's going to be the British retaliation?

They will in ^{the} future seize any goods they find on the high seas which are of German origin or ownership.

The first howl of complaint in answer to the Prime Minister's statement came from Holland. For the Dutch ^{say} ~~complain~~ ~~loudly that it is~~ ^{its} bad enough to have lost the Dutch liner, the SIMON BOLIVAR, and now these British reprisals against Germany will work ^{further} hardships ^{for they} ~~on the people of the Netherlands as neutrals. For~~ ~~it means~~ further restrictions ^{on} ~~for all~~ neutral shipping, and ~~damage~~ ~~to the economical position of neutrals.~~

~~And don't forget to join the Red Cross.~~

SIRDHANA

At Singapore, Great Britain's Gibraltar of the East, a Naval Board of Inquiry is sitting, ~~inquiring~~^{delving} into a disaster: ~~It was~~ the sinking of the British steamship, the SIRDHANA, which ran into a mine-field off Singapore and went down with the loss of eleven lives.

One of the witnesses, was an artillery captain, commander of a battery that overlooks the port of Singapore. He testified that he saw the SIRDHANA approaching, steaming directly into what he knew was a mine-field.

The President of the Board of Inquiry asked him whether he had done anything to warn the master of the steamer. The artillery captain replied "No", he had not the authority to do it. What then did he do? He telephoned to his superior officer. And what did the superior officer say? ~~He should~~^{Said he would} ask the port war station for orders.

By that time the unfortunate steamer had gone smack into the mine-field and was blown out of the water in plain sight of the soldiers stationed there to defend the harbor.

SOVIET

Soviet Russia ^{again} rattles the sabre at the Finns. The Commander-in-Chief of Stalin's Baltic fleet, published an article today in the official newspaper, PRAVDA. The Admiral warns the Finns that the Red Baltic fleet is ready and rarin' to go. He uses these words:- "The peace-loving Soviet government is patiently attempting to explain the mutual advantages ~~advantages~~ of its proposals for Soviet bases in Finland and to establish friendly relations." Then says this peaceful Admiral:- "It is the Finns who are war-like. Finland," he declares, "answers by brandishing arms and calling for war against the Soviet Union." And he concludes by saying that no obstacles will break Soviet determination to establish a firm ~~mutual~~ peace in the ~~Gulf~~ Gulf of Finland.

Plenty of irony in that!

EMBARGO

It looks as though the Japanese are beginning to take heed about their relations with Uncle Sam. The present trade treaty, which President Roosevelt denounced, comes to an end in January. Unless some substitute agreement is arranged, trade relations ~~with~~ between us and the Japanese will come to an abrupt interruption, if not conclusion.

His Excellency, the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, made a public announcement today that his government is ready to begin discussions with ^{us.} ~~the government of the United States.~~ Meanwhile, however, there's a resolution pending before Congress, a resolution offered by Senator Key Pitman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, for an embargo on trade with Japan. And some of Pitman's colleagues have been making investigations at the State Department concerning that embargo question. When Mr. Roosevelt denounced the treaty, the State Department notified Japan that this action was taken because of the discrimination against Americans by Japanese military authorities in China. Since then, provoking incidents have not been lessened, but, as Acting Secretary Sumner Welles said yesterday, ^{they} have increased. The Japanese on the mainland have become more arrogant, aggressive and insulting towards Americans.

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And here's a later dispatch on the same subject.

The Japanese Government made overtures not only in Washington but in Tokyo. And in both places what they got from Uncle Sam's representatives was nothing but the cold shoulder. The State Department intimated that it is less interested in promises than in performance. There's nothing to indicate that the Japanese Government will, or even can, control the behavior of its soldiers on the Asiatic manland.

ROOSEVELT

The late Theodore Roosevelt once declared at a public dinner in New York, he thanked God that not one drop of Anglo-Saxon blood flowed in his veins.

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It ~~was~~ ^a rather ~~a~~ sensational ^{statement.} episode. It occurred just after Grover Cleveland had sent his famous message about Venezuela to Congress, and ^{had} figuratively shaken the American fist under the nose of the British Lion. Although the Venezuelan message ^{was} from the great Democratic President, it appealed even to the Republican soul of T.R., who was then President of the Board of Police Commissioners in New York City. He made ^{his} ~~that spread eagle~~ statement standing right next to the British actor, Sir John Hare, who was the principal guest on that occasion. Sir John told friends later that he wished his chair would sink through the floor and carry him with it.

I've referred to this fragment from American history because today the ^{second} ~~third~~ son of T.R., announced that he was going to become a British subject. Kermit, ~~Roosevelt~~, already a second lieutenant in the British Army, and an Acting Major, made that announcement to American newspaper correspondents in London.

In the last war he also served with distinction in the British Army, joining up in Nineteen Sixteen. He attained the rank of a Captain in that affair, and saw much in Mesopotamia where he was decorated for bravery in action.

So the son of the man who thanked God he had not a drop of Anglo-Saxon blood becomes a subject of King George the Sixth; all simply because an American automatically loses his citizenship when he joins a foreign army. Aside from that Kermit of course is every whit as loyal an American now as he was before he sailed for Europe.

BROWDER

Earl Browder, Secretary-General of the Red Communists in America, has beenⁿ invited to speak at Yale. Indictment or no

indictment, the Civil Liberties Committee at Yale has asked the

American Tovarish to address an open meeting at New Haven. *Probably because he was turned down by Harvard.* But the Civil Liberties Committee at Yale has not asked the

faculty for the use of any of the halls of the University.

MARITIME

A union official takes a crack at the United States Maritime Commission. Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, is the man who threw the brickbat. He declared that the Maritime Commission is little more than a lobby for the ship-owners. He said this in retaliation to a letter from a member of the Commission, United States Admiral Wiley, Retired. Wiley accused Curran of trying to victimize seamen who lost their jobs as a result of the neutrality proclamation, and also claimed that Curran is motivated by powers outside himself and his organization, meaning of course Communism.

Before the Dies Committee, the National Maritime Union was openly accused of being controlled by the Reds.

NATIONAL GUARD

Two months ago, ^{the} President ~~Roosevelt~~, as Commander-in-Chief, authorized an increase in the man-power of the National Guard, forty thousand ~~men~~ to be added to the rank and file.

~~This increase would have been accomplished by the first of the~~
~~month~~ ^{Tonight we hear that in} ~~months~~ Throughout the nine Army Corps areas, applications for enlistment in the Guard ha^{ve} been received at the rate of about five thousand a week.

FOOD STAMPS

For several days there has been a great to-do in Rochester, New York; ~~It was~~ over the relief food stamps. ~~You may~~ ~~recall that~~ ^{first tried} It was in Rochester this experiment was ^{begun} as a method of distributing surplus foods among relief customers. The plan caught on so successfully and created so much new business that the banks complained it was making extra work for them, and unprofitable. ~~work at that.~~ In the future, therefore, the Rochester banks proposed ^{to put} ~~to impose~~ a charge of five cents for every five dollars' worth of stamps. The grocers of Rochester thereupon set up a howl that this would cut their small margin of profit fifty per cent.

Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, sent word to the Rochester bankers that if they enforced that charge, he would withdraw the food stamp plan from Rochester. The bankers today informed the Department of Agriculture that they would postpone ^{the} ~~that~~ assessment for the time being.

ECONOMIES

The New Deal comes to bat today with a new watchword.

"Economies" is the slogan put out by the White House, ^{by secretary} ~~today in the~~

~~mouth of Steve Early, Secretary to the President.~~ Mr. Roosevelt is contemplating a budget message to the next session of Congress which

will call for strict economies in all government departments except

national defense. ^{Also} ~~strict economies,~~ no new taxes, no radical change

in our schedule of taxation. ~~for Nineteen Forty.~~

TWO-GUN GIRL

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Corinne Maddox, the ~~celebrated~~ two-gun girl of Dallas, Texas, is at liberty, on seventy-five hundred dollars bail. She appeared today ~~of her own accord~~ before the grand jury, ~~didn't even wait to be called, but~~ was standing at the door of the ~~grand~~ jury room, eagerly awaiting her turn. She was accompanied by her father, ~~who is~~ an officer of the National Bank of Commerce in Dallas. She said she was anxious to tell her side of the story, why she stalked lawyer Coffman through the streets ~~of Dallas~~ and shot him down with a thirty-two and a thirty-eight calibre pistol — 2 guns,

NAPOLEON

A curious document is being published today by a French monthly, the REVIEW OF TWO WORLDS. The manuscript - and it is literally a manuscript, is the beginning of a novel. The author got only as far as the first thirteen pages, for good and sufficient reasons. What interrupted him was that he had a little job of history-making to attend to, and ^{the} re-making ^{of} the map of Europe.

For, that budding author was a young artillery officer named

Napoleon Bonaparte. He was only twenty-six when he wrote it.

He started ~~work on it~~ ^{when he began his novel} and at a time when he was in the throes of disappointment

in love. The girl he had been engaged to switched her affections to an officer named Bernadotte, who subsequently became one of Napoleon's marshals and King of Sweden. So the girl who jilted Napoleon became Queen of Sweden.

Though he never got beyond those first thirteen pages, Napoleon never lost his manuscript. He carried it with him everywhere and finally took it with him to St. Helena, where the British exiled him. And now it becomes public for anybody to ^{enjoy} ~~read~~ who can read French.

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What have you in French or English, Hugh?