

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This is a dark, dramatic day in the news. There are tidings of broad importance, tidings of pity and terror. These, in a singular way, are combined and unified like episodes tied to a single theme. You'd think that some powerful novelist had arranged today's news in a pattern of logic and theatrical effect. *- but much too dark and sombre to suit any Opus.*  
~~but~~ where shall we begin this sequence of the dark and dramatic? Let's start - with the reorganization of government. Yes, that sounds ponderous and dry, hardly a thing of feeling, hardly the human side. But in reality the new plan of the reorganization of government stands tonight in strange juxtaposition to the other events in the news.

The powers and duties of the President are expanding - that's a leading theme in the White House message to Congress today. (The President asks for almost unlimited power to accomplish the greatest reorganization since the founding of the federal government.) The plan follows the outline we had last night. It includes the combination of more than a hundred different government agencies into twelve departments. There are ten federal departments right now, State, War, Navy, etcetra. The new scheme would add two more - a Department of Social Welfare and a Department of Public Works - which would bring on to the Washington scene two additional Cabinet members.

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The New Deal, with its expansion of relief, business and agricultural activities, has brought into being all sorts of government agencies, mostly alphabetical. Right now they are distributed all over the place in Washington. So the President wants to straighten them out and combine them into regular federal departments. They are now, and will be all the more - under direct supervision of the White House. Yes, indeed, the scope of presidential powers and duties is expanding.



This is emphasized by another thing proposed in the reorganization plan - the appointment of six Executive Assistants to the President. Their job would be to help in administering the new set-up. Mr. Roosevelt would name his son James as one of them - to function as liason man between the White House and Congress. The special message today makes this observation:

"No president," it says, "can possibly give adequate supervision to the multitude of agencies which have been set up to carry on the work of the government."

This declaration brings us to a dramatic coincidence of the day - a coincidence that put sombre emphasis on the expanding scope of presidential powers and duties. <sup>Today</sup> The man in the White House appeared in still another role. Planning the reorganization of government, he also took action in the dark realm of crime.

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Last evening when they told him the ~~ex~~ tragic ~~was~~ news in the Mattson kidnaping, Mr. Roosevelt sat silent for several minutes, before he found words to say - unbelievable, ghastly. Today, he issued a statement - and that statement was an innovation. Hitherto presidents may have spoken their opinions ~~an~~ horrifying

crimes that have stirred the nation. But it could have been only an opinion. Because hitherto presidents have had no power in such cases, which came only under state laws. Now, however, the Lindbergh Kidnap Act and other statutes have put kidnapping and some other crimes under federal law. The obvious result has been - the G-men. We all know about J. Edgar Hoover and his hundreds of "public enemies." But, one thing that we haven't thought about so much is this:- The G-men of the Attorney General's Department of Justice are, ultimately under the command of the President of the United States. That makes the chief executive also the chief of federal crime detection. In a sense it makes him - National Sleuth Number One.

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In that capacity the President for the first time today made a declaration <sup>— gave a command in</sup> ~~on the subject of crime~~ and the hunt for the criminal. "Every means at our command," he said, "must be enlisted to capture and punish the perpetrator of this ghastly crime." He declared that "the search would proceed relentlessly and would not terminate until the murderer is caught." Speaking for the Department of Justice, the President called for the



cooperation of all the law enforcement agencies in the nation.

This - ~~not only~~ from the President of the United States,  
*who is also our*  
~~but also from~~ National Sleuth Number One.

In the northwest, the manhunt is on tonight. The slogan is, "Get the ~~t~~ kidnapper at all costs!" ~~TF~~ The fiendishness of the crime adds to the belief that it was committed by a maniac. So the command is - "investigate possible suspects discharged from asylums or ex-convicts with twisted brains." <sup>10</sup>

~~TF~~ There's a widespread investigation of automobiles. That's indicated by the marks of automobile tires near where the body was found. The tire prints indicate it was a medium sized car.

Other clues are: a description of the kidnapper, footprints found near the body, ~~a description of the kidnapper~~ the possibility that he may have had a grudge against the family, ransom demands that seem to have been printed on a small hand-printing-press. ~~J~~ If the G-men have any other clues, they are

not telling it. They are keeping a tight-mouthed silence.

*have found the boy's clothing and that they*  
But it is reported that they know the identity of the murderer,  
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and that murderer tonight is the most hunted man in the world.

They seem to be so sure of making the catch, that they are already arranging what to do with the prisoner when they get him. He'll be taken directly to Portland, Oregon, and held there as a precaution against mob violence.

MURDER

The national news is dominated by the Mattson crime and manhunt, with it's poignant reminiscences of the Lindbergh kidnapping. And now we go on once more to still another brooding coincidence. For New York today has a sensational crime of its own, one that likewise is darkly reminiscent.

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An attractive young woman, wife of a hotel man, found murdered in her apartment. There's no lack of clues. One is the disappearance of the victim's platinum wedding ring. The police are watching pawn-shops for it. Another is a strand of black hair which the victim clutched in her hand as she fought with the killer. A third clue is clothing apparently discarded by the murderer. He seems to have changed from his own to a suit belonging to the young husband, and left behind a pair of trousers with a tailor's tag in them -- a tag to trace.

This ~~sin~~ crime is in a strange way a duplicate of the Titterton murder of almost a year ago. Stranger still the victim had been frightened by that former crime, the murder of a young wife last year -- and because of this she had kept



STRIKE

( The auto strike takes on a more serious aspect, with the mobilization of National Guardsmen in Michigan. Governor Frank Murphy announced the calling out of the state soldiers to stand guard in the strike beleaguered town of Flint. Troops to the number of fifteen hundred made ready for riot duty. ) The Governor has been acting as chief mediator between General Motors and the Union, and he announced that he has called the National Guard to stay on duty just in case anything happens.

It's denied that this military measure has anything to do with the strike-march into Flint, a march by auto workers from Ohio. Union officials announce that a big motor caravan is on its way, consisting of two thousand Union officials and workers in auto and allied trades. *On their way to* ~~They will~~ demonstrate Union solidarity in ~~Fr~~ Flint.

~~After a night~~  
( The situation is tense after last night's wild riot - a mad melee of swinging blows, thrown missiles and pistol shots. Today, the Fisher Body ~~es~~ plant *in Flint* was a scene of strewn wreckage. )



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The sit-down strikers were still in the plant. Last night's trouble was caused when there was a attempt to stop the families <sup>in</sup> and strike sympathizers from bringing food to them. Cutting off provisions would quickly stop any sit down strike. ) The men were hungry, and that is always enough to start a rumpus.

Tonight we hear that the sit-down strikers are in little danger of hunger. (It's announced that the Company itself, General Motors, will see that they are fed. Also - General Motors has arranged for heat to be turned on in the plants so that the men sitting down won't freeze in the bitter cold.) That sounds friendly - rather chummy.

However, peace negotiations don't seem to be getting anywhere and there's a likelihood that when the affair is straightened out - the job will be done in Washington. There has been talk of the possibility of the President taking a hand in the peace-making - thereby qualifying him as Strike Mediator Number One.

PLANE CRASH

Right now ~~nothing~~<sup>little</sup> definite can be said about the  
fate of the passengers in ~~the~~<sup>today's</sup> plane crash near Los Angeles.

Thirteen persons aboard, and thirteen apparently injured --  
though nobody could say how seriously ~~^~~<sup>— all of the unconscious.</sup> They were still being  
taken out of the wreckage at last reports.

A big transport was flying from Salt Lake City to Los  
Angeles, and the passenger list was headed by two celebrities --

Martin Johnson and his wife Osa. Yes, Martin and Osa, <sup>for years</sup>

<sup>so</sup> familiar to movie goers for their adventurous animal pictures, <sup>and</sup>

<sup>old friends of mine.</sup> They had recently returned from the wilds of Borneo where they

filmed the savage life of the jungles. I have ~~just~~<sup>long</sup> known Martin

as a fanatic for aviation. He would never ride in a train when

he could get a plane. Often he would just leave a note on his

desk, ~~in the~~<sup>at the American</sup> Museum of Natural History -- saying he was jumping

~~^~~<sup>— would be back tomorrow.</sup> in his plane bound for somewhere or other. Both he and Osa are

pilots and have taken a leading part in the wholesale use of  
aviation in exploration.

In addition to Martin and Osa Johnson there were  
aboard the plane Pilot W. W. Tevis, Co-Pilot ~~W~~ C. T. Owens,

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Stewardess Esther Conner, ~~Mrxxand~~ Mr D. E. Spencer, H. Hules,  
T. Tillinghast, J. Braden, S. Robinson, A. L. Loomis, Miss L.  
James, and R. T. Anderson.

What caused the crash is not clear, except that the  
weather was bad -- rain and snow. The plane sent its last  
radio message to the Los Angeles airfield. And ~~next~~<sup>shortly</sup> afterward,  
out in the country, a crash was heard. The big ship had been  
forced down near a sanitarium, a few miles from the city -- a  
heavy, crashing, forced landing.

The first of the injured to be taken out of the  
wreckage was Passenger Robinson. His condition is described as  
serious. All the others are said to be injured. How seriously --  
is not known.



INTERNATIONAL

The question tonight is - where can we find some bright and cheery news? The answer is unexpected; - from Europe,<sup>in</sup> the international situation. Day after day the tangled affairs of the old world have contributed a lugubrious series of horrors, perils, war and threats of war, and all sorts of gloomy prognostications. But tonight it's different - contrast and relief. The bright ray we find - is shining on the international situation.

To be sure, you can find plenty of gloomy angles in the European news if you want to. (There's savage word of more Red massacres in Spain, the merciless killing of hostages by the Anarchists of Bilbao.) And there's Russia, contributing a pessimistic note. The Soviets say they're losing faith in ~~the~~ international cooperation. They don't believe London is earnestly, fervently and completely on their side in the Spanish tangle. They're even losing faith in their ally, <sup>mildly pink</sup> France. So Red Moscow says - more guns! The Soviets have decreed a drastic increase in their already enormous military power -

making the big Red army bigger. ~~THEYTHEYTHEYTHEY~~

Then there's word about Goering, first lieutenant of Hitler. He's making a trip to Italy, where he'll meet Mussolini. Berlin explains it's just a vacation trip for Goering, but the rumor is that he is bound on a secret mission of state. What kind of mission precisely? - Nobody seems to know.

But the larger bits of news from Europe tonight are distinctly and unexpectedly optimistic. One is - Germany gives assurance that she is not trying to get control of Spanish Morocco. This has taken a lot of steam out of the excitement about <sup>the</sup> supposed presence of Nazi military units in the African colony across from Gibraltar. Emphasizing this, we hear of a pacifying action by General Franco's Spanish Rebel government.

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Franco's ~~xxx~~ regime says to France, "Come on and see if we have turned Morocco over to the Germans." The ~~xxx~~ Fascist <sup>junta</sup> ~~Junke~~

has given a safe conduct to a French military attaché, ~~so that~~ <sup>for making</sup> ~~he can make~~ an inspection tour of Spanish Morocco <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ verify the fact that German military units are not running things there.

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still larger scope is today's second international development. ~~Today~~ The French ambassador to Germany was in Paris conferring with the French Foreign Minister. He brought a proposal from Hitler - a proposal to start negotiations for a general settlement of the disputes between Germany and France. Hitler proposes to send Dr. Schacht to Paris, that same Hjalmer Schacht who is German economic dictator. The purpose is described as - a series of financial and economic conversations. Schacht is known to be a conservative, in opposition to the hot heads and wild men of the Nazis. He would go to Paris with a conservative, conciliatory attitude. At the same time, it is known that France will not welcome a Hitler representative, unless Berlin really means to talk accommodation and compromise. So, when Hitler says ~~he~~ to Paris, "I'd like to have our Dr. Schacht call on you," it seems to mean business, peaceful and friendly business.

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That's our surprise ending - with tonight's ray of hope contributed by Europe and the international situation. And -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.