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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Lord Mayor of London gave a spread today, a luncheon at the famous old Mansion House. And many an item of history-making news has been revealed to the world at just such a function as that. The Lord Mayor's principal guest today was Prime Minister Churchill, *who uttered some words,*

~~There on the premises where the legended Dick Whittington had been thrice Lord Mayor of London, Churchill broke out with some utterances~~ calculated to electrify the world.

One of these was a warning to the Japanese that in case they tangle with the United States, then they will have a declaration of war from Great Britain within the hour! Nor did the Prime Minister mince words in his warning. Said he:- "We do not know whether the efforts of the United States to preserve peace in the Pacific will be successful, but if they fail, it is my duty to say that should the United States be involved in a war with Japan, a British declaration

will follow within the hour."

There will be no haggling, and no strings tied to the declaration, no stipulation about which side is the aggressor.

Churchill then served notice that the help of Great Britain against Japan would be no empty gesture in spite of the British involvements in Europe and in the ~~Mid~~ Middle East. He declared that his country was now strong enough to provide powerful naval forces and heavy ships not only in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, but in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and he added: "It would seem a very hazardous adventure indeed for the Japanese people to plunge quite needlessly into a world struggle in which they will find themselves opposed in the Pacific by others whose populations comprise almost three-quarters of the human race."

Churchill remarked today about the war that it may soon spread to the remaining fourth of the globe.

Last week we heard the Prime Minister of Britain telling his people that the worst of the struggle was over. Today he told them why: and he made it even stronger. The Royal Air Force, said he, is now a match for the German air arm. Or, as he put it, "at least equal in size and number not to speak of quality, to German air

power, thanks to the help of the United States. To which he added, moreover, "It is practical proof for all who have eyes to see that the forces of freedom and democracy have not by any means reached the limit of their power." And he added that his ability to send warships to the Pacific was - and here are his exact words, - "due to the effective help we are getting from the United States in the Atlantic, the sinking of the German battleship BISMARCK, our own splendid new battleships and aircraft carrier of the latest size," and finally as Churchill put it, "the crushing of the Italian navy."

"We have been told from many quarters that we must soon expect what is called a peace offensive, from Berlin," said he, and added:- "All the usual signs and symptoms are manifest, as the Foreign Secretary will confirm. All signs point in one direction. They all say that the guilty men," continued Churchill, "the guilty men who have let hell loose upon the world are hoping to escape with their fleeting triumph and ill-gotten plunder from the closing net of doom." "But," he added, "We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to our Russian allies and to the government and people of the United States, to make it absolutely clear that whether we are supported or alone, however

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long and hard the toil may be, ~~the British nation and His Majesty's~~
^{we}~~government~~ will never enter into any negotiation with Hitler or
with any party in Germany which represents the Nazi regime."

Prime Minister Churchill announced that Britain's dollar
resources were exhausted a year ago. "By very severe measures,"
he said, "we had been able to gather and send to America about
five hundred million Pounds Sterling. But the end of our financial
resources had actually been reached."

PLANES FOLLOW LEAD

That claim made by the Prime Minister at the Mansion House, the claim of air strength equal to Hitler's, astonished even the experts in London. Early this year, their guess was that Hitler's air fleet had not less than eighteen thousand first line ~~and~~ a total of thirty-six thousand. planes and eighteen thousand reserves. So the experts explain that if the Royal Air Force has achieved this parity with the Germans, *this is* ~~it is~~ due to the terrific wastage of German air strength, planes shot down, planes crashed or worn out in the Russian campaign, *and both losses and fatigue among German pilots.* However, ~~other observers remain cautious, on their guard~~ against wishful thinking.

WAR

The Soviet spokesmen are still talking in a blithe, confident tone. When the reports are analyzed, it turns out that the basis for their optimism is the failure of the Nazis to get any ^{nearer} ~~further toward~~ Moscow. The Soviet spokesmen declare that the Red army has hit back against Hitler's forces and made advances in some sectors, and that a large body of Germans have been surrounded northwest ^{of the Kremlin city,} ~~of Moscow~~. There was fighting in the streets of Kalinin today although the Nazis have been attacking it for three weeks. And in the coal regions of the Donets basin, the Reds are still fighting ~~back~~ strongly. That's the picture ~~as~~ we get ~~it~~ from Moscow.

Here's the way the British see it. Their experts believe ~~that~~ the Nazis have ~~been~~ bogged down in the north and on the Moscow front, ^{— because of} ~~by~~ blizzards, mud, ^(and) ~~sleet~~, plus the obstinacy of the Russians. ~~And~~ the British further suspect that the rumors of a fresh offensive by Hitler on Moscow may be a ruse to distract attention from the movement of large armies to the south, for a winter campaign ^{there} on a big scale.

Now for the German side of it. The Nazi spokesmen in

Berlin talk most^{ly} about the campaign around Leningrad. A place called Tikhvin, a hundred and twenty miles to the southeast of the besieged city, was captured by the Nazis today, and that brings them to a point only seventy miles ~~w~~ away from the advance guard of the Finns. It's an important railroad junction,^{hence} ~~and quite~~ a useful victory.

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About the Crimea, the Nazis are rather vague. They admit ~~that~~ the Reds are still holding out stubbornly, and they ^{tell of} ~~announce~~ fierce fighting outside Sevastopol, which is being bombed day and night.

The National Geographical Society published a bulletin showing that the situation in Moscow is as though an enemy army had invaded the eastern seaboard of the United States and driven as far as the gates of Indianapolis, with another army massed around New York City, and a third deep into east Texas. By that time, according to the bulletin, the government would probably have escaped to Kansas city, Missouri. That's analogous to the flight of the Soviet Government from Moscow to Kuibyshek.

The Italians partially acknowledged the triumphant

bulletin from London late last night about a naval victory in the Mediterranean. The Fascists admit that two Fascist destroyers were sunk and a third Italian destroyer damaged, with seven merchant vessels destroyed. The British claim to have wiped up ten Italian merchantmen, and only one Italian destroyer.

MARINE CORPS

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This is the day when we give a special cheer for the
Marines, the Leathernecks, ^{or} the Devil Dogs as the "krauts" called
them during the last war. It was on the Tenth of November,
Seventeen Seventy-Five, in a Philadelphia tavern, that the
Continental Congress adopted a resolution to raise two battalions
of that famous corps. Those two battalions numbered only twelve
hundred men. Today there are sixty thousand Leathernecks on

service in all corners of the world. The Marine Corps is today
and admittedly one of the finest fighting forces anywhere on the globe,
a hundred and sixty-six years old. (President Roosevelt led the

today with a
cheers ~~with a cordial~~ telegram to Major General Holcomb, Commandant

of the Marine Corps, using these words: "I am confident that in the

years to follow, the *Marines* ~~Corps~~ will live up to *their* ~~its~~ proud record."

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A group of labor unions today threw down the gauntlet to nothing less than the United States Navy. It was the American Federation of Labor Building Trades Council of San Diego, California. Three thousand builders working on ten projects in and around San Diego demanded a dollar a day more in the ^{in pay} envelopes. When the management of ~~them~~ didn't give in, fourteen hundred ~~of them~~ walked out last Wednesday, and today sixteen hundred more went on strike. The Navy thereupon told the union leaders that if they didn't send the men back to the jobs at once, they would finish the jobs without union labor if necessary. The Building Trades Council promptly defied the Navy and threatened a general strike.

It isn't the habit of Uncle Sam's Navy to take a dare, so the immediate action in Washington was an order telegraphed to Rear Admiral Blakely, Commandant of the San Diego Naval District, to take all necessary steps to insure the continuance of work on defense projects in San Diego County. The Navy Department added that the strike had been called in defiance of an agreement made by the American Federation of Labor covering the building trades and in defiance of the Labor Division of the Office of Production

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Management. The Navy further stated: "The Commandant has been authorized to take title to all materials and to vehicles belonging to the contractors. Under such action they become the property of the government and will be protected by government forces if necessary."

Admiral Blakely was further ordered to ask the municipal, county and state officials to keep order and protect persons and property on government reservations and to maintain a free access to government reservations. Admiral Blakely declared that the strike was "an open revolt against the United States Government. They are now defying only one contractor, the United States Government." Then he continued: "The Navy will take full constituted authority to suppress this revolt." To which he added that he intended to break the strike.

There was also quick repercussion in Congress, ~~to that~~ ~~building strike~~. Republican Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire took the initiative, introduced a bill forbidding strikes on government work unless they are voted by a majority of the actual workers after a secret vote under the supervision of government officials.

That isn't all to the proposed Bridges law. It contains a clause to compel all labor organizations to register every year and make it mandatory for all union officials to be elected once a year by secret ballot, under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board. The Bridges bill would further impose penalties on any workers who join illegal strikes. They would lose the benefits of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, also of the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which forbids the stopping of strikes by court injunctions.

COAL

Here's a quick bulletin just received from Washington.

And there'll be loud reverberations from this:~~one:~~

The National Mediation Board has just turned in its report on the dispute between ~~the~~ John Lewis's United Mine Workers of America and the steel corporations. The Board recommends that there be no closed shop in the Captive Coal Mines. In other words, the National Mediation Board flatly turns Lewis down.

LOTTERY

It has been no secret that many of the sweepstakes tickets on sale in the United States were fakes. Now the Government has run down one of the mobs operating this ^{racket.} ~~fake~~. A federal grand jury in New York has returned indictments charging eighty-three people, ^{and} ~~plus~~ one corporation, with mail-fraud and conspiracy. That ring, says the Department of Justice, sold phoney tickets for the Irish Hospital Sweeps, the Jamaica Sweeps, and the Cuban National Lottery, also two sweeps that didn't exist anywhere. And, says the Government, the mob took at least ^a ~~one~~ million and a quarter out of the public before being laid by the heels.

TRAIN WRECK

Eleven ~~people were~~ killed in the wreck of the Pennsylvania express ~~train~~ near Dunkirk, Ohio. That ~~was the official~~ ^{now} figure ~~this afternoon~~. But ~~some~~ ^S forty-two ~~people were~~ injured, and ~~at least one of them, the engineer of the ill-fated express, is~~ ~~critically injured in the hospital.~~

It was ~~one of the most freakish accidents on record.~~

A faulty valve blew off the cylinder head on the locomotive of a westbound freight ~~train~~ outside Dunkirk, ^{Ohio,} The cylinder head fell on the eastbound track just as one of the road's crack trains, the Pennsylvanian, was coming ^{along at} ~~up~~ seventy miles an hour. The engineer didn't have a chance. His locomotive and all the cars after him jumped the tracks, and there was the tragedy.

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Aboard ~~that~~ ^S train was Mrs. Bottalla of Princeton, Illinois, with five young children. The eldest ~~of them,~~ ^A fourteen year old Nino, Bottalla, was thrown clear of the wreckage and not injured. He promptly climbed back in and started to look for his young brother ^S. And this is what he had to say for himself when it was all over: "It was a mess, the chairs were turned all over and the cars were all twisted. I found Jimmy," he said. (That's his youngest brother,

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two and a half). He pulled Jimmy out and turned him over to a man who was looking on. Then he went back to look for his other

brothers. He pulled three of them out of the wreckage, and found the fourth, but ^{that brother's} ~~his~~ leg was broken so he couldn't be moved.

After he had so saved his young brothers, somebody asked him whether he was frightened, and he replied: "No, not much."

To which he added: "I guess I didn't think about it much."

The lad who did this is less than five feet tall and weighs only a hundred pounds. One of the staff at the hospital declared that fourteen year old Nino Bottalla is the biggest little hero ever heard of.

BOYS

There's a poem which runs:

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"Willie killed his little sister,
She was gone before we missed her.
Willie's always up to tricks -
Ain't he cute, he's only six."

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That comes from a book called "Ruthless Rhymes for Heartless Homes", and sometimes I think it has almost as much truth as poetry in it. Only the other day we heard of a two and a half year old boy in an outlying part of New York City, toddling through the streets with his mother, and playing gayly with a thirty-eight calibre revolver fully loaded. Mother thought it was a toy, until a neighbor pointed out ~~that~~ with loud exclamations that it was one of the deadliest of portable weapons.

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In Medford, Massachusetts, a cop saw a sedan car weaving desperately through heavy traffic. After the officer had stopped the car, he approached it and told the driver to climb out, expecting to see somebody too full of what comes out of a bottle. Instead, there were three youngsters, not one of them over ten years old. And this is how they were driving:- one ~~brat~~ knelt behind the wheel to steer. Another crouched on the floor and worked the foot pedals. The third sat on the edge of the seat and

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gave instructions to the boy working the pedal, who couldn't see the road.

P.S. They were driving a stolen car.

2/4 Hugh — have you an item about cars tonight?