

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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The oil streaked waters off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are still the scene of ^{that} a tense ^{of the undersea} drama ~~as we've ever heard of~~ ^{both tragic, and glorious.} ~~in human experience.~~ In one respect, the work of rescue is beyond human experience. (The rescue chamber that has already brought fifteen survivors from the bed of the ocean has ^d never before been used ^{in actual rescue.} ~~under such conditions~~ In fact, it astonishes even the men who designed and constructed that diving bell. ^{It had been} ~~it was supposed to~~ ^{tested only a hundred feet. Today,} ~~raise only four men at a time,~~ On the first trip from the SQUALUS, ^{the surface} two hundred and forty feet below ^{men.} ~~to the side of the rescue ship~~ ~~FALCON,~~ the diving bell brought up seven. Three hours later, eight were hauled to the surface, making a total of fifteen. ^{(Twenty three in all were saved. Twenty six lost.) group} At any moment I may be interrupted by the news that another ~~batch~~ of survivors is out of danger.

A great godsend is that the weather continues fair.

Only a long slow swell ~~comes to shore~~ undulating^{ed} the water
above the SQUALUS with ~~its~~^{and the} film of oil above the Squalus.

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Seven large ships of Uncle Sam's navy with coast guard cutters and several smaller craft, form a circle about the rescue ship FALCON, from which that diving bell is slowly but Overhead airplanes are circling, around carrying reporters, photographers, newsreel cameramen. steadily lowered and raised. Some people have wondered why it takes so long for a powerful derrick to hoist that diving bell a distance of two hundred and forty feet. The answer is, of course, that it has to be done gradually for fear of giving the men inside it the bends, that dread disease that afflicts divers and sandhogs. Also, it has to be hoisted with care for fear of its banging against the keel of the vessel as it comes up. That one side of the FALCON is covered with thick matting to cushion any shock. So although the rescue is being done with all possible speed, that speed has to be tempered with the utmost caution.

Even at this moment there appears to be a faint hope that the number of casualties on the SQUALUS is not as large as we heard earlier this afternoon. All day the bulletins have been conflicting. As late as noon, the Navy Department announced

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that, so far as it knew, there were no casualties, officers and ~~the~~ crew still alive and sound. It was not until the first batch of survivors came up in the diving bell that we heard the tragic news, twenty-seven dead. But later on that had to be revised. At ten minutes to five the second group of eight survivors were lifted aboard the FALCON. And then it became known that one seaman, previously reported dead, was among the living.

The rescue chamber that is saving the men of the SQUALUS is a metal ^{bell}~~chamber~~ shaped like a cylinder, weighing ten tons. It is ten feet high and contains a decompression chamber to save the men from the bends. This bell is lowered by a winch and guided by divers who go down with it. At the bottom of the bell there's a ~~rubber~~ suction gasket. This fits against a ridge on the hatch of the submarine. The divers guide the bell into position and bolt it to the escape-hatch of the submarine. Pumps inside the bell force out the water, enabling the hatch to be opened and the men from the submarine to be squeezed into the decompression chamber at the bottom of the bell. They have to stay in that decompression chamber four at a

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time to become accustomed to the difference of pressure. After that is done, the hatch of the submarine is closed once more, also the chamber at the bottom of the bell. Then the signal is given and the winch starts raising the bell to the surface.

~~As the men reached the deck of the FALCON, they~~
Incidentally, ^{TP} The diving bell on each trip down carried hot soup and blankets. ^{TP} As the men reached the deck of the FALCON, they were taken to another decompression chamber. After which they were taken to the cruiser BROOKLYN, which serves as a hospital ship. It's from the BROOKLYN that Rear Admiral ^{is} Cole ^{ing} supervises the rescue work.

All these details are the more worth telling and the more worth remembering, because this was in every way an historical event; ~~It was~~ the first time in the annals of the Navy that men had been saved from the ^{floor of the sea} ~~deep~~ by means of the diving bell.

At the present moment the diving bell is again perched on the hatch of the Squalus. It brought up ^{the} a second

group of survivors
~~lot~~ at ten minutes to five and was lowered ~~up~~ again as soon

as its cargo of eight men, literally returned from the grave, ~~and glad of it,~~ had been helped out on the deck of the Falcon.

The first direct contact with the submarine ~~the~~ ^{and} its imperiled crew was made by Frank Miller one of the divers. He confirmed the report he heard faint tappings from the inside of the Squalus. But he couldn't make out whether they were intended to be a message in morse code or not. He described the submarine ~~was~~ as perched on the oozy bottom of the ocean. Fortunately she was tilted only slightly, at an angle of five or six degrees. Down there it was pitch dark, the water muddy and frightfully cold.

Here is another piece of good news. All of themen who have been rescued are apparently in good shape. Just one of the first seven was suffering when he reached the surface. That was Harold C. Preble, the naval architect. He was weak and shivering, so cold he couldn't even speak, but in a few moments

even he recovered.

But perhaps the most poignant of all people affected by that disaster was the group of women who waited, waited, waited around the Navy headquarters at Portsmouth. ~~They were~~ The wives and mothers of the officers and men of the Squalus, torn with fear and anxiety, and feeling ravished by ominous and conflicting reports. For some of them the worst turned out to be true. For others doubt and anxiety must prevail until the Falcon's diving bell brings to the surface its last cargo of survivors. As things are going that ~~it~~ will probably be about ten o'clock tonight, ~~Eastern Daylight Time.~~

ALTERNATE CUES

First cue:-

Such is
That's [^] the story that has been flashing on the wires --
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but how about going ^x to the scene of the rescue thrill. How
about switching to a microphone there for a minute or two to
find out what's going on ~~there~~ at this ^{very} moment? Now for the
latest news from Portsmouth.

Second cue:-

Such is
That's [^] the story that has been flashing on the
= direct
wires but how about going ^x to the scene of the rescue thrill.
Right now the survivors are landing, and they're being interviewed
for radio. So let's listen in for a moment, and hear what the
rescued men have to say.

That's the latest ^{+ from} _^ on the scene of one of the greatest

rescues in history. There's no terror worse than the entombment

of men in a living coffin at the bottom of the sea, nothing so

tense as the suspense of rescue -- nothing so thrilling as the

saving of human beings from the grimmest ^{of} _^ fate. But now let's see

what other news there is in the world.

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BERGDOLL

This time tomorrow we shall have Grover Cleveland Bergdoll with us once more. It was officially announced today that he is aboard the German liner BREMEN which will dock in New York before many hours have passed.

For all these years, a vast deal of time and effort has been spent, even laws broken, to get Bergdoll back here and make him serve his sentence as a fugitive from justice. The draft dodger himself has been trying to avoid serving that sentence. But when he returns, the efforts of his counsel will be to have him serve it, although one branch of the government will try to prevent him - which offers a nice paradox. The War Department has ordered that he be arrested as soon as he lands and sent to Governors Island. The Department of Labor, on the other hand, will try to deport him on the ground that he is not a citizen. That's because of the law recently passed by the House. His lawyer protests that this law is ex post facto, discriminatory, and unconstitutional. It is directed against only one man, he says.

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The latest is that Bergdoll won't go to Governors Island. He will be taken off the ship at quarantine by immigration officers and ^{kept at} ~~taken to~~ Ellis Island.

Later still came an announcement from the War Department.

Specifically, from the office of the Judge Advocate General.

The Army doesn't want to let the immigration department have

Bergdoll. It ~~would~~ ^{will} insist that he be surrendered to the military

at Governor's Island. ~~Won't it be fun if the arrival of the BREMEN~~

~~is colored up with a fight~~ ^{Looks like a squabble} between the ~~soldiers~~ ^{army} and the immigration

~~authorities.~~
~~sp-inspectorst~~

DIES

The Dies Committee on Un-American activities had the pleasure today of listening to ~~another Fascist leader in America~~ George Deatheridge, the husky six foot chief of the Knights of the White Camellia, ~~appeared to tell the congressmen a few things.~~ There's ^{some information about} ~~quite a bit about the~~ Grand Commander Deatheridge in a piece called, "Star Spangled Fascists", by Stanley High, in the current SATURDAY EVENING POST. Stanley High says that the White Camellia Commander is proud of the fact that his wife's mother is a cousin of President Roosevelt. He makes no bones about being pro-Fascist, and says, "Fascism is America's only solution." Incidentally, Stanley High observes that all of these American Fascist Nazi fuehrers, such as Deatheridge, Silver Shirt Pelley, and Fritz Kuhn, speak vehemently against mob rule. But ^{that} it depends on whose mob is ruling. In other words, ^{that} mob rule is all right if it's your own particular mob.

White Camellia Commander Deatheridge told the congressmen that he had a conference with an official of the German Embassy. That official told him that there is now more anti-Jewish feeling in the United States than there was in Germany

before Hitler mounted the throne. Chairman Dies asked Deatheridge whether this German Embassy official had encouraged him. Deatheridge replied: "He made no expression."

Deatheridge said he had received a two hundred dollar contribution from one Howland Spencer, the man who owned property on the Hundson River opposite the Roosevelt Home at Hyde Park, and later sold to Father Divine.

MANTON

In a courtroom at New York, a grave story was unfolded today at the trial of Ex-Judge Martin Manton. On the witness stand was a former banker, a disbarred lawyer named John Lotsch, who appeared as state's witness. He had pleaded guilty. And this state's witness told how he had paid ten thousand dollars to Martin T. Manton, then senior judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals. The witness had paid that money over because he had been indicted for bribery. And Manton told Lotsch shortly before the trial that he had seen Judge Edwin S. Thomas of Connecticut, who would try the case. Lotsch went on to say that Manton assured him that Judge Thomas would take care of him, but it would cost ten thousand ~~dollars~~ cash down.

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The United States Attorney then introduced part of the record showing that Manton, the senior judge, had assigned Judge Thomas to sit in that bribery case.

Then Lotsch continued his tale. He had paid the money to Manton, he said, in two instalments. After the second instalment, Judge Thomas directed the jury to acquit Lotsch. ~~Later on, however,~~ he was ~~indicted all over again on the same charge.~~ Altogether,

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KING

King George in Winnipeg today gave the world another surprise. It was from there that he delivered his Empire Day broadcast. ~~There was~~ ^{It was} no surprise in that, ~~but~~ [^] in what he said.

Not for many years has a British sovereign spoken so plainly about international politics. [^] "For a long period in history it was the mind of Europe which led the march and fixed the aims of progress in the world," the King said. "But that tide of inspiration is no longer running as it did in times gone by.

The Christian civilization of Europe is now profoundly troubled and challenged from within. We are striving ^{he continued,} ["] to restore its standards but the task is long and hard. Asia too is changing

fast, and its mind is deeply disturbed. Is this not a moment ^{he}

^{asked,} ["] when the old world in its turn might look for hope and guidance to the achievements of the new?"

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Political observers consider these remarks as exceedingly significant, coming from the ruler of a country whose ministers have always hitherto kept his public utterances down to generalities. They seem to indicate, it is said, that the British government today is ~~pre~~ broadening the functions of the

crown, whereas the policy of past governments has been to restrict them more to the ornamental and the symbolic.

And the King also said:—" Canada and the United States have had to dispose of searching differences during the past hundred years. Never has one of these differences been resolved by force or by threat." Then he added in ringing tones:- "No man, thank God, will ever again conceive of such arbitrament between the peoples of my empire and the peoples of the United States."

DIONNE

The feud between Dr. ~~Allan Ray~~ Dafoe and Papa ~~and~~ Dionne

appears to be on

~~Dionne blew up~~ again. ~~It's~~ a feud that has been going on almost every since it became definite that the Doctor had saved the lives of the famous little quints. Most of the time it was just simmering. ~~It flared up again today because of a joke.~~ Last

April Dr. Dafoe came to New York and was initiated into the New York tent of Freddy Benham ^{and Harold Hoffman's} "Circus Saints and Sinners."

When a celebrated public figure is initiated into that organization of circus fans, he is called a "Fall Guy." The object of the initiation is like that of most initiations, ^{to} poke a little bit of humor at the Fall Guy. On Dr. Dafoe's day he was clothed

in a white apron on which was inscribed the words:- "Doctor of ^{And, the Doctor, bewildered and not knowing} Litters." ~~He~~ was made to carry a medicine bag labelled:- "A.R. Dafoe, Mass Deliveries."

(All of that sounds harmless enough. ~~to most of us.~~)

But evidently it didn't sound harmless to the sensitive father of the famous five. ^{For he has} ~~He~~ filed suit in the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario, asking damages from Dr. Dafoe. ^{Papa Dionne} ~~He~~ charges

^{the Country Doctor} that ~~Dr. R. Dafoe~~ held him and the entire Dionne family up to

just what they were doing to him,

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ridicule in that initiation ceremony.

The news was telephoned to Harold G. Hoffman, former Governor New Jersey, ^{and now} President of the Circus Saints and Sinners.

Said ^{he:-} ~~Harold Hoffman~~ ^{Dr.} "Why, Dafoe didn't have anything to do with it. He had no hand in planning what happened there." And he

went on to explain:- ^{Dr.} "Dafoe was the goat. How can he be blamed?"

Then came a further explanation for the wounded feelings of Papa ~~Dafoe~~ Dionne. A figure representing Papa Dionne was labelled:- "The forgotten man."

It turns out that that lawsuit was ready for filing two weeks ago. But Dionne postponed serving the papers on Dr. Dafoe until after his ^{Prints} ~~daughters~~ had been presented to King George and Queen Elizabeth.

And now I'm hurrying on my way to work on the Movietone ^{newsreel} pictures of the rescue from Squalus & s-l-u-t-m.

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