

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

( Tonight we have one bit of war news that is not contradicted, the long expected surrender of Warsaw. The only marvel is that the defenders of the Polish capitol held out as long as they did.) Their food supplies were at an end. Even their hospitals were destroyed by German bombers and artillery. Starvation and disease walked the streets. The city was an inferno.

The official announcement from Berlin is that the surrender was unconditional. And shortly after that Chancellor Hitler proclaimed the appointment of a military governor and a civil administrator for the conquered Polish regions in German hands.

## CONTRADICTIONS

And here we have the principal engagements today in the war of words, the daily recriminations and contradictions between the belligerent governments. First of all, the Germans declare that their bombers attacked the British fleet, sank another aircraft carrier, badly damaged one British battleship with direct hits from heavy bombs, and also made a hit on several cruisers and destroyers. So says the German high command.

Here's the English reply. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons that twenty German aircraft had attacked a British naval squadron in the middle of the North Sea, but, added the First Lord, no British ship was hit, no British casualties. On the contrary, one German flying boat shot down, another damaged and forced to alight on the surface of the ocean. Whereupon a British destroyer was sent to collect the German plane and her crew, who were made prisoners. There is absolutely no truth to ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> official German report, added the First Lord of the ~~British~~ Admiralty.

Then there's the question of the German liner BREMEN again. A citizen of Aberdeen, <sup>Scotland, says</sup> positively saw the crew of the  
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BREMEN being marched up Walker Road in Aberdeen under an escort of Gordon Highlanders. The Aberdonian wrote this information to a friend in New York City, by way of adding artistic verisimilitude to the bald and unconvincing narrative that the British had captured the BREMEN and had her interned at Scapa Flow.

This also seems to have been strange news to First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, who ought to know. The First Lord, answering a question about the BREMEN, repeated what he had stated before, that the Admiralty believes she is in some northern Russian port.

DIPLOMACY

Diplomatic manoeuvres were almost of keener interest than the actual fighting in Europe today. The spotlight on that phase of current history is directed on the visit of Hitler's Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, to Russia. It is officially described as a visit of great importance. Ribbentrop <sup>accompanied by</sup> ~~is coming with~~ expert advisors. The grapevine interpretation is that they're going to negotiate the splitting up of Europe into spheres of influence, dividing the map ~~up~~ between Stalin and Hitler.

~~Incidentally,~~ <sup>the</sup> The threatening gestures of the Russians towards the Esthonians ~~are~~ provoking conjectures about Stalin's intentions toward the small Baltic countries.) A Soviet freighter was sunk by a submarine off the Esthonian coast and the Russians are talking as though they suspected the Esthonians of being responsible. The government of Esthonia, on its part, protested against the ~~report~~ repeated violation of Esthonian neutrality by Russian war planes.

~~Incidentally, the~~

~~It was also considered significant that Fehrer Hitler gave an audience in Berlin today to a new Ambassador from Turkey.~~

COMMUNISTS

The Paris police went ~~to town~~ today <sup>took</sup> ~~and came back with~~ the collective scalps of the Communist Party in France. They raided Red headquarters in Paris, seized a mass of literature, closed up all the meeting places and labor unions of the Reds including the Paris branches of the Third Internationale. That puts an end, for the time being at any rate, to the French Bolsheviks; ~~In other words, this~~ wipes out the most powerful branch of the Communist Party outside ~~of~~ Russia. There were half a million paid up members among the French Reds.

## BRITISH BUDGET

The British taxpayers heard news today from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He's the magnifico who decides how much income tax has to be paid. And it's plenty. The tax bills *the* British will receive on the first of January will be calculated on the basis of thirty-five per cent. And in short order the income tax will go up to thirty-seven and a half per cent, ~~that~~ with mighty small exemptions. The war will cost Britain in the neighborhood of eight billion dollars just for this year. Their daily expenses are twenty-six and a quarter millions of dollars; *every* day.

~~There's something for us to think about!~~

PANAMA

It must have been embarrassing for Nazi Representatives in Panama City today. Several ~~of them~~ are present at the Inter-American Conference, watching and trying to influence the delegates from the ~~thirty~~ twenty-one American Republics. *And* A good many of the speeches they heard today were not <sup>so</sup> ~~in the~~ friendly ~~est spirit~~ towards *Germany and Russia.* ~~the Axis powers~~

However, in general, the resolutions were aimed at both sides of the European war. For instance, the Uncle Sam delegation expanded still further the idea of having a safety belt around the Western Hemisphere. The ~~American~~ delegates proposed that any warships of a belligerent nation entering the territorial waters of any American Republic should be interned. Under-Secretary Sumner Wells also proposed that all American ports ~~should~~ be closed to the submarines of all belligerents. The Peruvian Foreign Minister recalled that *as far back as* ~~in~~ NineteenFourteen his government had proposed a safety zone around the Americas.

## NEUTRALITY

There were just two actual happenings in the neutrality arguments in the United States today. One of them was (a long conference between Senator Borah of Idaho and ~~Colonel~~ Charles A. Lindbergh. When it was over, the Idaho Senator intimated that *the Lone Eagle* ~~could~~ might go on the air a second time, repeat his plea that the arms embargo should not be lifted, the present Neutrality Law not repealed.)

At Chicago, the American Legion convention pointedly refrained from putting itself on record. The explanation was that in the present crisis world conditions may change so quickly that a pronouncement by the American Legion at this time might be wholly inadequate in the near future.

On the other hand, the Legionnaires voted, without a single dissenting voice, to withdraw from the Fedac, "The International Federation of Allied War Veterans." The convention also adopted the report of its Committee on Foreign Relations, urging Congress to stay on the job while ~~the~~ *present* crisis is going on.



NAVY

It was rumored in Washington today that the government was planning a still greater increase in the size of the Navy. It was hinted that Congress might be asked to pass still another bill for more warships. Seventy-two are now being built.

SHIP

The owner of an American ship asked permission of the Maritime Commission to lease it out on a charter to a British firm. The request was denied and the ~~Maritime~~ Commission refused to make its reasons public. However, Washington gossip interprets it as a neutrality measure, with the idea of keeping all American ships out of the danger zone.

## BANKERS

We've heard what steel magnates think about war and also the opinion of manufacturers in general. So let's see how the *financiers* ~~bankers~~ feel about it. The American Bankers Association opened their convention at Seattle, Washington, today. The Economic Policy Commission of the Association turned in a report in which it said that great wars are immense calamities which can impoverish not only the participants but all the nations of the world.

*present* The President of the Association told the members that the war threatens the economic structure of the entire world and that consequently American banks will need to be constantly strengthened.

BUDGET

A former under-Secretary of the Treasury uttered a glowing prophecy in New York today. If business in this country keeps on going/its present pace, our national income will jump to ninety billions of dollars a year. With the taxes coming from that the Government should be able at last

*said he.*  
to balance ~~all~~ the budget, The prophet of all this prosperity was A. Ballentine. "However," he added, "once the war <sup>is</sup> over, the demand for all kinds of goods will drop heavily, and <sup>then</sup> there will be ~~xx~~ what ~~Mr. Ballentine~~ <sup>he</sup> described as economic adjustments of the most adverse character.

*Danger of after-the-war panic.*

BERGDOLL

A military court on Governors Island, New York, today finally started in earnest the trial of the celebrated ~~rich~~ draft dodger, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll. Among the first witnesses was Bergdoll himself and he told the court and spectators one thing that astounded everybody. The general belief had been that the draft dodger, when he fled to Germany, remained there for nineteen years. On the contrary. For seven years of that time Bergdoll was in the United States. He came over secretly in Nineteen Twenty-Nine, and stayed until Nineteen Thirty-Three. In Nineteen Thirty-Five he came here again secretly and stayed for another three years. On each occasion he came by way of Montreal, using passports borrowed from other men.

On his first visit, Bergdoll went to the family estate at Philadelphia, and dug up a pot of gold which had been buried there.

~~There was~~ <sup>the pot.</sup> A hundred and sixty thousand dollars in it, ~~which his~~

~~mothers deposited in a Philadelphia bank.~~

DIES

The former head of the Russian Red Cross testified before the Dies Committee today. He told <sup>how</sup> ~~the Committee that~~ while he was at the Red Cross, an officer of Stalin's Ogpu, the Russian secret <sup>police</sup> ~~service~~ was sent over as his assistant. He had protested to the Soviet Embassy and the Embassy replied it could do nothing. An Ogpu agent <sup>being</sup> ~~is~~ superior even to <sup>a</sup> ~~any~~ Soviet ambassador. <sup>R</sup> He said one of the actions of that Ogpu agent was to organize the stealing of letters from the mail boxes of private individuals in America, stealing United States mail, a felony according to the federal statutes. And he said that the same Ogpu agent established contact with some obscure employees in ~~the~~ communications companies so as to get a look at the telegrams of certain individuals.

Chairman Dies asked indignantly:- "Is that sort of thing going on now?" And this Russian witness replied:- "Mr. Congressman, this is the nature of the business. It wasn't checked. You can't help it. That one agent was removed but another will come."

And he said further that Russia and Germany have <sup>more</sup> ~~the most~~ elaborate system <sup>s</sup> of espionage here <sup>than</sup> ~~of~~ any country. <sup>other</sup> ~~in the world.~~ In addition to their regular agents they had some hundred thousand members of

the Communist and Nazi Parties, getting information.

Incidentally, General Kravitsky has an article in the  
SATURDAY EVENING POST <sup>again</sup> this week, in which he relates how Stalin,  
in order to get foreign exchange to buy things he needed abroad,  
had United States currency forged and ~~uttered~~ <sup>issued</sup> on a huge scale.

CANADIAN BROADCAST

There's going to be an election soon in the Province of Quebec and the Canadian Broadcasting Company has laid down some new rules for the campaign. Political speeches delivered from a platform, whether in the open air or inside a building, - in other words political speeches <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ any public meeting, will not be broadcast in Canada. If candidates want to express their claims to the radio audience they'll have to do it from a studio and they'll have to provide the broadcast corporation with a text of their speeches plenty of time in advance. The censoring will be done not by the broadcasting corporation but by the Board of Censors.



## FLYERS

In the wild country near the Labrador Coast, two parties of flyers are missing. It is believed that they are lost in the region north of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, between Moisee and Lake Melville. Searching parties have been sent out from Montreal, trappers and mounted police.

Two of these <sup>air</sup> missing travelers have been lost for almost three months. It was on July Third that two employees of Dominion Skyways started on a survey flight. Since that time nothing has been seen of them, nothing heard. ~~from them. But only~~ yesterday their plane was found on the ground, undamaged, at a point a hundred miles up the Magpie River. They had left a note in the airplane, dated August Fourth, saying that they had started out on foot to try to find the nearest settlement.

On September Tenth, a flying transport of Quebec Airways took off from Montreal for Lake Melville. On Board <sup>a</sup> ~~were on~~ pilot and two passengers. They reached Moisee and were held up there a couple of days by the weather. But on September Twelfth they took off ~~from Moisee~~ and nothing has been heard from them. ~~since~~

The Committee investigating monopoly in Washington heard a rather unexpected statement today. *It was this:—* ~~The statement was that,~~ "when

a corporation grows too large it is going to go broke." The man who told the Committee that was J. Howard Pew, President of the Sun

Oil Company. He stated also that "there is in every corporation the seeds of its own destruction."

*Business philosophy by a great business man.*

## BASEBALL

If you hear a loud groan it probably comes from the Rhine, the Ohio Rhine -- Cincinnati. It was a most emphatic licking that the Reds took from the St. Louis Cardinals. Four to nothing. A pitcher's battle.

The observers had been commenting on the caginess of Bill McKechnie, Manager of the Reds, in holding his ace pitcher, Bucky Walters, for the crucial meeting with those fast pursuing St. Louis Cards. But it just wasn't Bucky Walter's day. The St. Louis pitcher, Fiddler Bill McGee, turned in a fine job, and shut out Powel Crosley's league-leading players. One man got as far as third base, but no further.

So there we have that hot pennant race in the National League more exciting than ever. If Powel Crosley's Reds had been able to win today, they would have the flag cinched. So now they're crossing their fingers and hoping for the best tomorrow. The game today puts the Reds only two and a half games ahead of St. Louis. So the Cardinals have a fighting chance for the right to play against the Yanks next week.

Hugh will you say S\*L-U-T for me?