

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The cliff on the California coast called Point Reyes, is only thirty miles from the Golden Gate -- that close to metropolitan San Francisco. Yet it's such a rugged and inaccessible headland that today's airplane tragedy might have occurred away in the wilderness, it was so long and difficult to get to the scene.

A passenger liner with seven aboard crashed into the sea off Point Reyes. For a long time it wasn't known what survivors may have reached the narrow bit of land at the foot of the cliff. But, two men were reported to be visible there. Boats couldn't get near the wild and boiling surf. One Coast Guard craft was driven back by the lash of the combers. The only way of rescue was from the top of the cliff, by lowering ropes to the bottom. Thus the two men were hauled up to safety -- two out of seven, the pilot and one passenger. The other five seem to have perished.

The story is one of sudden and unpredictable disaster in the air. The sky liner was flying from Seattle to San Francisco,

when off the coast it rammed into a violent squall, a thunderstorm. The pilot was flying on the radio beam, and in the blasts of thunder and lightning, the beam went out like a light - blotted out by static. Then the plane was lost in the blinding storm. The pilot, with his fuel running low, was compelled to make a landing on the sea. It was a good enough landing, the plane riding on the water. But it went drifting into the surf that beat on the rocks at the bottom of Point Reyes. There it broke to bits in the pounding of the waves. The passengers stayed on top of the plane, as long as it floated, and then one by one plunged in for a swim to shore - through the roaring surf. Only the pilot and one passenger made it. They thought the others too must have come through safely. But when they reached shore, no sign of anybody else. And there they remained until ropes from above were lowered, and they were hauled to the top of the cliff.

One strange human twist is the identity of the passenger, a man named Edelstein. He had just been released from prison where he had been serving a life sentence as a habitual criminal. They let him go on condition that he leave this country. He took the plane on his way to foreign parts - bound for South America, to start his life over again. And he's one of the two that were saved from the wreck off Point Reyes.

HUNTERS

The last rescue chapter in the story of the one hundred marooned hunters is being written right now. In Maine, the final forty-eight of them are on their way to open country, where giant snowdrifts do not clog the roads and tie everything up with blizzard white.

Today, powerful snow plows churned their way to the Nicasious Lake and Mafhias River sections. They took with them abundant supplies, not only of food, but also of gasoline. Plenty of Blue Sunoco was needed, so the hunters could get through in their cars. The snow bound nimrods were found to be okay, none ill and only a few were hungry -- this because of grub dropped to them for days by relief airplanes.

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 By this ~~out~~^{hour} it's past midnight at France, and the
 one-day general strike has begun. It was called for midnight. But,
 the critical hour will not come until four o'clock in the morning
 over there, eleven ~~PM~~^{tonight} here. That's the time assigned by the
 government for the military forces to take over the railroads and
 other public services -- soldiers to keep them going. The army
 to prevent a national tie-up. The powerful Federation of Labor
 has announced its intention ~~to~~^{to} prevent this. ~~They~~^{The labor chieftans} say they will
 not allow the army to operate the railroads and other public
 services. They are determined to make their one-day ~~general~~
~~strike~~^{strike a national} tie-up, everything stopped; -- as a political demonstration.

This is the most dangerous angle in the situation, the
 possibility of a clash between the Army and the strikers.

Violence began early, hours before the midnight general
 strike call. The trouble was chiefly in the industrial region
 of northern France the Valenciennes area, -- where Communist
 influence is strong. There strikes have been on for several
 days, and today the government put soldiers in the factories. ~~to~~
~~protect them.~~ Rioting crowds stormed through the streets and
 clashed with the mobile guards. At one place they tried to storm

the courtroom where arrested strikers were being held. ^{TF} ~~It was~~ all a forecast of the kind of trouble that may sweep through France during the next twenty-four hours.

The French Socialist Party today took a grave step -- calling ~~xxxx~~ a session of Parliament, a ~~Rx~~ Rump session. The Socialists, supporting the general strike, have been demanding of the Daladier government to call the Chamber of Deputies into session to consider the discontented ^A labor. This Premier Daladier has refused to do. So today the Socialist Party gathered on its own and issued a call to the members of the Chamber to mee^t on Friday -- in defiance of the Premier. Students of history will recall that ^{the same} ~~some such~~ sort of thing was one of the first major acts of the French Revolution -- when the Legislative Assembly, its session cancelled by the King, met in defiance of the royal order.

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Tonight Paris is an armed camp, and many other parts of France are pretty much the same thing. The Daladier Government has mobilized military power to crush the general strike tomorrow. Sixty thousand troops are massed in Paris to fight it out if necessary. Today the Premier ordered a judicial inquiry

into the conduct of two top-ranking leaders of the Labor Federation -- possible prosecution. And there's talk that the government may abolish the Communist Party, put it out of existence. ^H There would seem to be a fair chance that if the general strike is crushed and turns out to be a fizzle, ^H that may bring about the abolition of both the Federation of Labor and the Communist Party. ^{So} It may be "do or die" for the Labor and radical chieftains -- [^] which makes the struggle ~~more~~ all the more intense, the one-day general strike that has already begun in ^{France,} ~~Paris~~ [^]

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BELGIUM

The Premier of Belgium announced today that his government is going to press for a settlement of the Spanish Civil War. The Belgian plan, as outlined, calls for the end of the Non-Intervention Committee, which has been a good deal of farce. The sending of a Belgian representative to the Franco regime to make suggestions of mediation, although Franco has in the past turned down all proposals of a compromise settlement. And an International Commission to be formed for the purpose of supplying foodstuffs to Spain -- this the more important because of reports that starvation threatens in the Left Wing areas. And finally -- Great Britain, France and Belgium to get together and work out some plan for a settlement of the Spanish conflict.

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JEWS

Here's a startling late bulletin :- Das Schwarze Krops, official organ of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's elite Black Shirt guards, tonight warned that all German Jews would die in mass killings if any attempt were made to assassinate Hitler or any other Nazi leader.

ROOSEVELT

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(When the American Ambassador to Berlin was called home it looked a great deal like a break of diplomatic relations. And it looks a great deal more like it now - after what President Roosevelt said today. It was indicated then that Ambassador Hugh Wilson might not return to Germany soon, and the President today confirmed this - the Ambassador will stay here for quite a while. In fact, the United States will not resume normal diplomatic relations with Germany, so long as the Nazis continue the oppressing^{ion} of minorities - that was the gist of the President's statement today.)

KENNEDY

There seems to be an epidemic of calling ambassadors home - Kennedy is the latest. Though this doesn't mean that we're breaking relations with Great Britain or anything like that. It was announced today that Ambassador Kennedy is leaving London for the United States, to stay a while over here. This, it is explained, is merely routine.

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REPUBLICANS

The Republican National Committee today held its first meeting since the election. And all was jubilation and harmony. The jubilation was of course to be expected after the election returns registered that string of Republican successes. But the harmony was not so obviously inevitable. There was a threat of a fight between conservative and liberal factions. Two places were to be filled, and the schedule was to elect Senator Daniel O. Hastings of Delaware to a place on the Executive Committee left vacant by a retirement. But it looked as if there would be a battle to choose Kenneth Simpson of New York for the vacancy. ~~Kenneth~~ Simpson is a leader of what they call the "young liberal group" among the Republicans. So the prospect was a clash - Hastings versus Simpson.

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Washington tonight is buzzing with Republican talk, as various G.O.P. celebrities make speeches here and there - especially the newly elected ones, the victors when the votes were counted. The gist of their remarks is that the new Republican strength in Congress will not be - obstructionist. The G.O.P. victors say that their policy will be to consolidate what they consider wise reforms. They add - that there will be no White House domination of the new Congress.

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GRAFT

Waterbury, Connecticut, started its big political corruption trial today, with the Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut and twenty-six other political figures facing the court. The charges against them are what the grand jury called - rampant corruption. The judge had hardly called the court to order, when three pleas were entered. A Number One politician, former State Labor Commissioner, pleaded guilty. He was accused of taking a cut of ^{the} fifty-eight thousand dollars that was handed around for lobbying in the Legislature.

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STEER

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There's no greater glory in the life of a stock-raiser than to win the blue-ribbon for a grand champion at the Chicago International Live Stock Exhibition. The ^{pick}~~pick~~ of the professional breeders and the experts of the agricultural college^s of the nation enter their prize animals in a most expensive sort of competition for that supreme prize. Today the blue ribbon for the world's best steer was awarded to a ponderous black Aberdeen Angus, named "Mercer the Second." And who is the proud owner? That's the pleasant surprise in the story.

She's a fourteen-year-old girl of Aledo, Illinois, Irene Brown, a sophomore in high school. She got the big black steer as a pet -- it cost sixty dollars. And she fed and groomed him herself. Today that household pet of fourteen-year old Irene -- was named -- grand champion steer. — world champ.

BOWLS

The Rose Bowl having already been turned over to the University of Southern California and Duke, the latest is that the Sugar Bowl this year will be sweetened by Texas Christian and Carnegie Tech. These two teams invited to play at New Orleans on January Second. Today they accepted. Tex versus Tech.

Other Bowl news tells us that Texas Tech has accepted an invitation to play in the Cotton Bowl game. The other team has not yet been announced.

And in the Orange Bowl at Miami, the University of Oklahoma will play the University of Tennessee. Both teams have accepted.

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FOOTBALL

A new football slogan was sounded today -- ten cents a ticket. Somebody seems to have been inspired by the ten cents a dance girls. That somebody is no less an academician than the erudite and scholastic President Hutchins of the University of Chicago. He says that money, being the root of all evil, is certainly the root of all football evil. "Players," says he, "have sometimes been filled with the college spirit through caffeine tablets and strychnine." Moreover, President Hutchins contends the money lust in the variety games doesn't even bring in the money. "Last summer," he points out, "St Mary's College, home of the galloping Gaels, was sold at auction, and this," he adds, "was the country's most sensational football college."

But how can you get the money out of football? In this week's issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST, President Hutchins replies -- ten cents a ticket. He suggests that the nation's leading colleges get together and agree to reduce admission to a dime -- ten cents. Right this way to see the pigskin parade. Only a dime.

President Hutchins doesn't explain how many cops it would take to handle the crowds that would storm to see the big games if

they were ten cents a ticket.

I was talking to Chancellor Bowman of the sky-scraping University of Pittsburgh today, and he says the policy of de-emphasizing football is going through at Pitt.

ZUPPKE

One of the famous coaches resigned today, forced out.

Robert Zuppke, who for ~~years~~ twenty-five years was coach

— his greatest star Red Grange.
of the University of Illinois, Forced out is the accurate

expression. ~~Zuppke~~ Zupp said today that last week the trustees

demanding his resignation, but he refused. But more pressure was

applied. "They told me," Zuppke declares, "that there would be a

lot of fuss if I didn't sign the resignation they laid before me."

So he signed it.

— now an old man in his seventys —
The great Zupp, didn't have such a great season this year,

for the Illinois team won two games and lost three.

So it's goodbye Zupp —
and s-l-u-t m.

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