

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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A Cabinet shake-up in Tokyo, the retirement of Japan's Prime Minister, a radical change in Japanese policy. That's the report ^{which} ~~that~~ came from the Mikado's capital just a few minutes ago. ^{And it's} ~~That's the~~ latest consequence reported from the destruction of our gunboat PANAY.

The news isn't official, but it's generally believed throughout Tokyo. ^{They say} ~~Incidentally~~ Prime Minister Prince Konoye retires of his own volition. In his shoes will step Admiral Suegetsu. He's described, by those who know Nippon, as the "strong man" of the Japanese Navy. ^{And,} He's functioning at present as Minister of Home Affairs; ~~that's~~ a bald, ruddy faced man, fifty-seven years old. Up to now he has kept entirely out of the hurly-burly of politics. His own people know him as a naval technician rather than as a statesman. The result is he is popular not only among sailors but among the Japanese public at large.

But the change in the Cabinet means more than a new Prime Minister. Political weather prophets in the China Seas are predicting that the structure of the Mikado's government is going to be substantially different. There will be a smaller cabinet and the War Advisory Council will be more powerful than ever.

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The purpose and the hope behind this shake-up is to consolidate all the home forces behind the imperial policy, the policy outlined by the Emperor Hirohito in his imperial rescript to Parliament yesterday.

But this new Cabinet, instead of being more aggressive, will try to placate foreign powers, particularly Uncle Sam. And, by the way, there's great relief throughout Japan today over the fact that ^{Washington} ~~London~~ has accepted Japan's apologies and promises of good behavior in future. ~~Early today we learned that several more of the young officers' clique have been recalled from the front.~~

NAVY

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All the world is building greater navies and Uncle Sam is ^{it} going to be left out in the cold. Some time ago Congress authorized the building of two big new capital ships. The shipyards are already at work on them. But in the last few days the tycoons of the Navy Department have been studying the figures allowed them in the Navy budget, trying to find out whether the navy appropriation will permit of the squeezing out of two more capital ships. That news was made public ~~today~~ by Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who had fifteen minutes with President Roosevelt at the White House today. He said he was there to discuss routine construction problems. But after he left it became known that next year's budget will ~~probably~~ include ~~maybe~~ enough money to build two more fighting monsters for Uncle Sam.

FISH

There's one of our national legislators who doesn't seem to realize that it's holiday time. Republican ~~Mr.~~ Hamilton Fish of New York ^{hangs} ~~sits~~ around ~~in~~ Washington, even if it is between sessions.

Normally, the favorite occupation of Representative Fish is being a thorn in the side of the administration. Today, by way of a change, he had kind words for his opponent and switched the target of his criticism. Instead of picking on the government, he found fault with the leader of his ^{own} party, former Governor Landon.

^{Congressman} ~~Representative~~ Fish said he thought the White House and the State Department have most ably handled the gunboat PANAY incident. But he looked askance at the statement Governor Landon made last week. Said Mr. Fish: "I am puzzled at the inspired statement that the foreign policies of the administration are above criticism."

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Then he added these caustic words: "Governor Landon, who knows less than nothing about international issues and amply demonstrated that fact in the last campaign, rushed to the defense of the President, slamming members of Congress without the faintest knowledge of the situation." Then ^{Ham} ~~Mr.~~ Fish continued:- "The fact

is that every Republican member of Congress supported Mr. Hull's firm note to the Japanese government demanding apologies, compensation, and guarantee."

Well, my neighbor Ham Fish is always being a thorn in the side of someone.

TRUSTS

Business men were asking today whether the administration was on the verge of a trust-busting campaign. ^{That trust-denouncing} ~~That~~ speech by Robert Jackson, Assistant to the Attorney-General, has caused a good deal of worry. It is the belief in Washington that the government is getting ready to move against monopolies on two fronts, in the courts and in Congress. Observers were discussing the possibility of a federal licensing system for corporations. As a matter of fact, there's a bill pending in Congress now to establish such a system. The sponsors of this measure are Senators Borah of Idaho and ^(O'Mahoney) ~~O'Mahoney~~ of Wyoming. Hitherto, the White House has looked askance at it. But that speech by Assistant Attorney General Jackson is taken to indicate that maybe the administration will look more favorably on the licensing system. At any rate, monopolies, trusts, or whatever you ~~may~~ call them, are going to be a live topic ~~at~~ at Washington the next month or so. Senator Hatch of New Mexico is clamoring for a trust investigation.

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SILVER

The silver question is ^{about} ~~going~~ to poke its head into the limelight ^{again.} ~~before many days.~~ A lot of people, particularly those in the western states, are ~~might~~ anxious to know what ~~is going on~~ ~~to be done~~ about it. For there are only four days left during which the Treasury will continue to pay seventy-seven and a half cents an ounce for such of the precious white metal as is produced in the ~~se~~ United States. The presidential proclamation by which that price was fixed will expire at the end of this week.

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However, the silver people are hoping that President Roosevelt will issue another proclamation continuing that price, or at any rate fixing another one which will be favorable. Mr. Roosevelt told the press conference the other day that ~~he~~ will have something to say on the subject before the end of the year.

Elsewhere throughout the world silver is worth only forty-five cents an ounce. — here 77.

STRIKE

More strike trouble in Kansas City, shots fired, beatings, violence of different sorts. It ~~was~~ ^{has} all to do with the walkout of automobile workers at the Ford plant. One man said he was attacked and battered by four pickets. The cops arrested them and are investigating. And while a caravan of workers was passing a vacant building, shots rang out. It happened that nobody was hit ~~and~~ ^{and} the snipers escaped. Other ~~men~~ ^{workers} complained that they were stopped by men armed with shotguns.

CASE

For forty years a lady in Cleveland fought a law suit .
Today her long battle came to an end. And her reward for that
forty-year fight was fifty-one thousand, four hundred and ninety-eight
dollars, working out ^{at} a little more than a thousand a year.

It all had to do with the park which the late John D.
Rockefeller, Sr., gave to the City of Cleveland. Adjacent ~~to~~ the land
which ~~he~~ Rockefeller gave ~~Cleveland~~, was a homestead that a pioneer
Clevelander named Jesse Nichols had cleared and developed for years.
Having made that land his by the sweat of his brow and the muscles
of his arms, Pioneer Nichols did not feel like giving it up to the
city as a park ^{to}. In fact, for many years he resisted invasion with a
shotgun. However, as the years passed, Cleveland crowded more and more
into that section and Pioneer Nichols was carrying on a losing fight.
He died in Nineteen Seven, still battling against the City of
Cleveland. After his death, his daughter Viola took up the ~~fight~~ ^{war} in
his place. She even attended the law school of Western Reserve
University so as to ^{understand} ~~accredit herself~~ thoroughly ~~with~~ her rights.
After she had started suit, Cleveland offered her fifty thousand
dollars. Miss Nichols said: "That isn't enough, you've got to pay

rent from Eighteen Ninety-Five when you first invaded our property."

That's the case that was settled today in the federal court in

Cleveland by a compromise. — *settled for just over
50,000.*

MOVIES

It's a mean month when somebody doesn't pick on the movies.

The latest charge is against the language that they propogate.

"It's tawdry, vulgar and illiterate." So says the editor of a magazine which makes a specialty of those things, since it calls itself "Better English."

It's editor has written a letter to Will H. Hays, head of the Producers Association, wherein he complains that the cinema encourages vicious speech habits, especially in impressionable youth, and he asks: "Do you believe with us that vicious speech habits, especially in impressionable youths, often lead to crime?"

~~That's a serious thought. Evidently the editor would~~

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Sure we do. We believe

~~have us believe that~~ it's only a short jump from splitting an

infinitive to ^splitting your neighbor's weasand. And that the man

who indulges in suspended particles today will end his days suspended

from a rope by the public executioner! Boy, page ~~Dr. Viscetelli~~
Lew Lehr.

ATHLETES

From time to time we hear acid remarks about lady athletes. Most of them come from the medical profession, scientists, and so forth. So it becomes news when a scientific body hears a word in defense of the athletic sisterhood. It happened today at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science of Indianapolis. A Dr. Janney of Oxford, Ohio, was the champion who spoke up for the ladies. In spite of their big biceps and shiny noses, they are just as popular with men as their more slender and less virile sisters.

At his college they've been making a survey of the lady students. And the result was, he said, to convince them that the athletic type has been vastly misrepresented. Says Dr. Janney: "Contrary to popular belief, women athletes are neither ignorant nor socially clumsy."

From Washington, D.C., came Dr. Johnson of the Highway Research Board. His body has been studying highway accidents in Connecticut for the last five years. And as a result, Dr. Johnson says that the most dangerous drivers on the highways today are boys and girls, young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty.

CAMPBELL

Tragedy in front of a Christmas tree -- nothing could be sadder or more poignant than that. Such a bitter tale comes from Warren, Ohio. One of the foremost families of the town is that of the late Louis J. Campbell, a founder of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, a sturdy pioneer of the steel industry in Ohio.

Louis Campbell's widow, with her sister and a friend, were happily trimming the tree. Into the room rushed the attractive twenty-eight year old daughter of the family, Louise Campbell, returning from a merry party -- where there were drinks. In her bag she carried a revolver, the revolver she customarily had in her car for protection. Seeing the tree with its ornaments, the young lady thought she would have a little fun. So she took the revolver and started target practice on the Christmas tree bulbs. "Stop! Don't do that," shouted her mother, and she tried to take the revolver out of her daughter's hand. In the struggle the gun went off again. Mrs. Campbell fell to the floor, severely wounded. The ambulance rushed her to the hospital, but it was in vain, she died.

That was the pitiful tale that the daughter, sobbing bitterly had to tell the police authorities of Warren, Ohio this afternoon.

SPAIN

The old City of Teruel today was the scene of a street battle, fiercer even than when the Spanish insurgents captured Toledo. Today it was the government soldiers chasing the Rebels from street corner to street corner, from house to house. In the words of an eye-witness:- "In some sections of the business district the Rebels were giving way slowly through a labyrinth of cellars."

But all General Franco's troops have not yet been driven out of Teruel. The street fighting has been so confused and so desperate that it has been impossible as yet to tell how much of the city is still in the insurgents' hands.

The drama is that the officer in command of the Rebels trapped in Teruel is the same commander who defended the Alcazar of Toledo in its extraordinary resistance. And the leader of the insurgent forces fighting to relieve Teruel is the general who commanded the army that relieved the Alcazar.

EARTHQUAKE

Part of America lying south of the Rio Grande has been celebrating Christmas ^{with the shakes.} ~~by shaking itself.~~ An earthquake in Mexico, the second in five days, and a far more violent one than that which shook the country last week. The Tacubaya Observatory near Mexico City said it was a very severe one. As the scientists call it, a six or seven degree shock; ^{that means} ~~which makes it~~ destructive. This one was not felt in Mexico City itself, but reports of casualties came from the outlying districts. The worst part of the shock ^{occurred} ~~came~~ while people were hearing mass at a ^{provincial} cathedral. Houses were cracked, clocks stopped, electric cables broke, and many people were injured in ^{the panic.} ~~in panic running away.~~

At about the same time seven towns near the western frontier of ^{El} ~~San~~ Salvador felt the violence of a quake. Only ^a ~~few~~ details are available at present but at least one person was killed, many injured, and considerable damage ^{done} to houses and public buildings. In fact the government had to ~~send~~ out relief parties to restore communications, which had been interrupted ~~with~~ when telegraph and power lines were shaken down.

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Strange words from the futurist Marinetti. Not in the so long ago, his name landed frequently on page one, the Marinetti who complained that Italy was living too much in the past. He wanted to close up or do away with Italy's "museum cities" as he called the places where all the beautiful churches and palaces and paintings are. When Fascism mounted the throne, Marinetti became a member of the Italian Academy.

The "father of futurism" has a new idea for the decoration of the female face. Words of love, he say, should be spoken through lips painted in three colors. red, white and green. And he explains:- "In such fashion will our Italian women best express their country. To carmine lips and fingernails must be added light touches of white alpine snows and the green of our beautiful Lombard plains."

Dolled up like that, says Marinetti, "Our women will be harmoniously perfect." Then he adds:- "Tri colored lips will perfect the spoken words of love and tri-colored fingernails will inspire the kisses of hardy soldiers returning from the wars."

One thing he wants to do away with is bobbed hair. He described it as "a slimy fashion from the Nordic seas, mortified by sexless fogs which baffle the sexes." And S L U T M.