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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

For the first time since the War broke out I am using a non-war story for my lead - American, and not about the War.

When a former candidate for President is indicted by a grand jury, that surely is news, and American news! (The Federal Grand Jurors in New York took little time bringing in a True Bill against Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, the same Browder who several times has run for President. He is accused of having made false applications for passports to Soviet Russia, in Nineteen Thirty-Seven and Nineteen Thirty-Eight.) The wording of the indictment is interesting. It charges that "on or about the Thirtieth day of April, Nineteen Thirty-Seven, Earl Russell Browder, alias George Morris, alias Nicholas Dozenberg, for the purpose of entering the United States, used and intended to use, a passport issued under the authority

of the United States, the issue of which he secured by a false statement."

John Cahill, United States Attorney in New York City, lost no time in bringing Browder before court to be arraigned. With angry tearful eyes he pleaded not guilty, and was held in ten thousand dollar bail. Browder then said to the judge that he wanted to get a lawyer. Whereupon the United States Attorney announced that before anything else was done, he wanted Browder arrested and fingerprinted. To that the General Secretary of the American Reds said nothing, just picked up his coat and obediently walked off towards the detention pen.

The news caused a sensation in New York, also in Washington. But it was not altogether unexpected. Several days ago Browder admitted on the stand before the Dies Committee that he had used phoney passports. So his arrest and prosecution were a foregone conclusion. It is said that, quite apart from the evidence dug up by the Dies Committee, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been quietly collecting evidence against not only Browder but other Bolsheviks in America.



Later in the afternoon, Browder's bail was reduced to seventy-five hundred dollars, and a New York woman came to the rescue with the required amount. She said she didn't even know Browder, was doing it just as a matter of principle.

## NEUTRALITY

There were stormy moments in the Senate during today's neutrality debate. Senator Nye of South Dakota was reading a statement about the profits that makers of munitions took in the World War. Senator Byrnes of South Carolina jumped to his feet and asked whether Nye was bringing up the old insinuation that munitions makers and bankers had forced the United States into the last war. "I intend to do nothing of the sort," said Nye. "But," he added, "if this country had never developed such a huge trade in munitions during its three years of neutrality, we might never have taken the step which led us into war."



## CHURCH

The church service which President Roosevelt attended yesterday morning has provoked criticism in Washington. The Anglican Rector at St. James's Church at Hyde Park used a Canadian Prayer Book because it was a special occasion. The occasion was to acknowledge a gift made by King George the Sixth of England and Queen Elizabeth, a Bible which Their Majesties presented to St. James's Church to commemorate their visit last June.

Reading from this Canadian Prayer Book, the Reverend Frank Wilson, Rector of St. James's, offered a prayer that King George the Sixth of England might be granted strength to vanquish <sup>(and overcome)</sup> all his enemies. ~~At~~ This in the presence of the

President of the United States, who is a senior warden of that

~~church~~ handsome old Hyde Park church.

The episode was <sup>taken up</sup> ~~picked up~~ by Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ spoke caustically of the fact that Mr. Roosevelt, who had urged neutrality on all the rest of us, had been present at such a service and while such a prayer was offered. Officials of the United States, declared the Missouri Senator, should avoid any such circumstance which appear to show partiality for the British army.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Majority Leader, sprang to the President's defense in the Senate. He said Mr. Roosevelt had not known that such a prayer would be said. ~~Senator Clark then also commented that Mr. Roosevelt had his picture taken with the Rector of the Church after the services.~~



CHURCHILL

An interesting statement was made in Toronto, Canada, today. Visiting the City, is an important officer of the British Parliament, Lord Marley, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords.

~~at Westminster~~ Lord Marley confirmed the rumors that Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, might succeed Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister. Said <sup>his Lordship</sup> ~~Lord Marley~~ to the Canadians:-

"There is criticism of Prime Minister Chamberlain." And he explained that a lot of people in Britain don't think the man whose name is connected with appeasement should be the one to lead the country in war.

Lord Marley also made the prophecy that if the war continued much longer, Canada would become the arsenal and storehouse of the British Empire.

## WAR

The war news today is easily boiled down. The one-hundredth communique issued by the French Military announces that there was marked activity west of the Saar River among units making contact on the Rhineland front. All of which sounds dull.

The only thing of importance that London has to say concerns German submarines in the North Sea and the Atlantic. Various U-boats were located by planes of the Royal Air Force and attacked with bombs. And, says the Air Ministry, "It is believed that the U-boats were destroyed." On the other hand the subs got two more German merchant ships.

The Air Ministry adds that a total of sixteen German bombers were shot down last week.



CLERGY

A curious bit of information from France is that a number of churches have been forced to close. The reason is that their pastors have gone to war. What is more, they have not gone as chaplains but as fighting soldiers. The heads of the French Army have encouraged priests to join up and become commissioned officers. They are valuable because of the great moral respect that the men have for them. More than one-third of the Catholic clergy in Paris is <sup>now</sup> mobilized. They include one colonel of aviation, three commanders, twelve captains, a hundred and four lieutenants, <sup>and</sup> ninety-nine sargeants, <sup>all</sup> in the front line, ~~to say nothing of privates and corporals.~~

DIPLOMATIC

~~There was a rumor in Paris which might be the outcome of wishful reporting.~~ French newspaper men claim to have grapevine knowledge that Dictator Stalin had <sup>S</sup> turned down the latest request from Hitler, a request for military help. The Kremlin is supposed to have replied to Berlin that the only help the Bolsheviki would give the Nazis, would be economic, no soldiers, no fighting on the German side. ~~But, it must be remembered, that all this is grapevine.~~

The fate of the Finnish people is still in doubt. They have resumed negotiations with <sup>Moscow</sup> ~~the Kremlin~~, hoping for a peaceful outcome. ~~At the same time they have their fingers crossed and are standing by, ready for anything.~~ The report was that the Soviet demands on Finland were becoming quite moderate, amounting to not much more than a request for control of islands owned by Finland in the Gulf of Finland, islands which are important ~~from~~ <sup>for</sup> the point of view of the defense of Leningrad.

The principal news from Germany is that Hitler is drawing in the German belt. Food restrictions have been made still ~~more restricted, regulations more severe.~~ <sup>stricter.</sup> The intimation is that



the German stomach is already feeling the pinch of the blockade  
in spite of supplies from Russia. But that is an inference;

not <sup>an</sup> ~~a~~ definitely established fact.

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SWEDEN

Espionage excitement in Sweden. Two men arrested for acting suspiciously, with a camera, - Americans. Two students, graduates of Princeton, who are in Sweden on traveling scholarships. They were taking photographs at a railroad tunnel near Stockholm. And that made them liable to the new espionage law.



CHINA

For weeks the war in Europe has overshadowed the conflict in Asia. ~~So it's interesting to~~ <sup>But tonight we</sup> hear that ~~the~~ Chinese troops have won a victory over the Japanese invaders. That is - let's be correct; headquarters of the Chinese Army claim<sup>s</sup> that the Chinese troops have won a victory; ~~It's~~ their second ~~with~~in a few days. they have They say ~~the~~ Japanese surrounded in a strong position on the northeastern bank of Lake Tungting.

Then here's a dispatch that comes from Tokyo. Soviet Russia is advancing into northwestern China. ~~That's what~~ <sup>So</sup> the Japanese say. Political agents of the Reds are penetrating the Province of Sinkiang. ~~And that's not all.~~ They are supported by Bolshevik troops. The City of Lanchow, capital of the Province of Kansu, is now a typical Red town with an air force six times what it was two years ago. All foreigners, except Russians, are leaving ~~northwestern China~~ because of this <sup>west China</sup> ~~northwest~~ invasion.

## SUPREME COURT

The American Medical Association has won a final victory in the courts. In the prosecution brought against the A.M.A. by the Department of Justice on the ground that it was in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, a conspiracy in restraint of trade, the District Court ruled that the medical profession could not reasonably be considered a trade. So it threw out the government's case.

The Department of Justice appealed, and asked the Supreme Court of the United States to review the decision.

The Supreme Court today declined.

LOUISIANA

Another dramatic departure in Louisiana! Six uniformed patrolmen of the State Police, headed by the Superintendent, marched into the office of the Attorney General at Baton Rouge today. To the astounded Attorney General and his assistants, the Superintendent of the Police announced:- "We are taking over this office on the orders of the Governor of the State."

~~So heretofore~~ another step in the long, complicated *among the Political* fighting of the ~~political~~ big-wigs of the Bayou State.

Governor Earl Long, brother of the late Huey, explained that David M. Ellison, ~~isxholding~~ his enemy, is holding the office of Attorney General illegally. Ellison was formerly Secretary to Governor Leche, who resigned, ~~just before Dr. James Monroe Smith,~~ President of Louisiana University, ran away, ~~accused of having~~ got away with huge sums of state funds.

~~The mess becomes more and more complicated down at the mouth of the Father of Waters.~~



A curious vehicle was on display at Chicago this afternoon. It's a huge land cruiser twelve feet high, fifty-five feet long with huge wheels twenty feet apart. Inside it are a machine shop completely equipped, a plant to generate electricity, a sending and receiving radio apparatus, gadgets for meteorological <sup>studio,</sup> ~~beams,~~ and living quarters large enough to accommodate comfortably a crew of five people. In the control cabin alone there's room for a crew of three.

<sup>What is it</sup>  
~~You may ask what this is~~ all about? <sup>Why?</sup>

This gigantic vehicle is the snow cruiser that Admiral Richard E. Byrd will take with him to the Antarctic next month. Highly skilled

mechanics were making the final adjustments all day. <sup>The Land Cruiser</sup> ~~It's being~~

<sup>was</sup> built at the Armor Institute of Technology in Chicago. ~~When it's~~

~~completely finished~~ It will be taken to Boston ~~across~~ Indiana

under its own power. The length of the snow cruiser will enable

it to jump a fifteen foot gap in the ice, with ~~complete~~ safety.

## SEARCH

Excitement and anxiety in the shadow of Mount Washington! Yesterday morning a party of eight started upon the mountain from Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire, climbing up to the top of the six thousand, two hundred and eighty-eight foot mountain. It was a perfect day, with bright sunshine and bright prospects. But at half past one in the afternoon came a sudden storm. Sleet, snow and ice. The storm was so fierce that a bolt of lightning struck the forest observation tower on Carter Dome on the other side of the valley from Mount Washington, burned out the apparatus in that town, put the phone out of commission, and knocked the lookout senseless.

Meanwhile, those eight hikers were on their way down, through the blizzard. Five of the party decided discretion was the better part of valor, and took <sup>the</sup> toll road - easy to follow. But two men and a girl, roped themselves together and tried to take a short cut, straight, down. The wind grew fiercer - eighty miles an hour, ~~and it then increased~~ The latest report has it that the gale increased to a speed of ninety-six miles an hour - during the night. The two men and a girl carried no food, no water.

When day dawned searched parties were organized.

Twenty-eight men set out.

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Late this afternoon a couple of forest rangers found the lost climbers. They had had the good luck to find a huge boulder in the Dry River valley, some thirty miles from Pinkham Notch. There they took shelter.

When daybreak broke they kept on their way until they were found.



POLICEMAN

Everybody on the Pacific Coast is excited over something that happened at the beautiful modern opera house of San Francisco. A new tenor made his debut. And the role he had was that of the clown in "Pagliacci", the role made famous all over the world by the great ~~Emilio~~ Caruso. It was a tough assignment for a new tenor. <sup>and</sup> The interest was all the keener because this ~~new tenor~~ <sup>one</sup> used to be a policeman, a motor <sup>cycle</sup> cop. He used to hand out tickets to motorists speeding across the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Sitting in the audience were many who had received those tickets at his hands. In other words, a tough audience.

But he was equal to it. He's a powerful fellow, named George Stinson, with a chest measurement of forty-five inches. In spite of his lack of experience, the word from San Francisco is that ex-copper George Stinson made a <sup>resounding</sup> ~~whaling big~~ success in "Pagliacci". Gaetano Merola, boss of the San Francisco Opera, says this former motor <sup>cycle</sup> cop has the greatest tenor voice since Caruso.

## TENNIS

There's a new professional tennis champion. Ellsworth Vines of America. Vines today took the title away from Fred Perry of England. The championship match was played at Beverly Hills, California, and it took the two top-ranking pros two and a half hours to play it out.

The scores show what a battle it was:- The first set was eight-six; the second, six-eight; the third, six-one; and in the last, twenty to eighteen. Thirty-eight games in one set!

A new streamlined champion. And now Hugh tell us your streamlined story before I sign off.

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