

Good Evening, Everybody:

There's considerable confusion in ~~the~~ ^{today's} news from Germany.

There also seems to be some confusion about the interpretation of this news in the U. S. A.

On the one hand Secretary of State ~~Howell~~ ^{Hull}, ~~this~~

~~morning~~ announced that investigation by Uncle Sam's State Department ~~had shown~~ ^{should} that persecutions had ceased in Germany. To this Jewish organizations in the U. S. A. Reply: "We don't believe it."

Well, their skepticism seems to be somewhat justified by an announcement from Chancellor Adolf Hitler's celebrated "Brown House" in Munich. This Brown House is the headquarters of the Nazi party. It issued a statement that the party will take retaliation on Jews in Germany for the atrocity stories that are being circulated in other countries.

~~started to oppress the Jews~~ ^{In other words they haven't} but are going to start ^{doing so now.}

This statement, it should be emphasized, comes not from

the German Government, ^{it does emanate} but from the headquarters of the dominant party in the ~~German~~ government. Anti-Hitlerites maintain that while it is not official, it has all the effect and importance of an official statement.

Yesterday's, and ^{this morning} ~~this morning~~ newspapers were full of denials of the persecution stories, saying that they were either entirely fabricated, or at ~~the~~ least grossly exaggerated.

These denials came not only from officials of the present government, but from leaders of other parties, including one or two anti-Hitlerites.

The statement from the Hitler party headquarters in Munich announces that the Nazis will ^{now} carry on a boycott of all Jewish business houses. Furthermore, they will take steps to reduce the number of Jews in all the professions and Jewish students in all the universities, to one percent of the present number. This, ~~xxxxxxx~~ say the Nazis, is intended as a counter move against Jewish propaganda abroad.

American correspondents interpret this as a challenge to foreign governments. In other words, they say to ^{other} ~~Foreign~~ countries:

~~governments~~: "As soon as you suppress anti-German propaganda we will stop the anti-Jewish movement." In short, Jews living in

Germany are to be treated as hostages for the good behavior of

Jews ~~in other countries~~ elsewhere, principally in America where they are most numerous.

This, as indicated before, is not ~~an official~~ ^a government announcement, but ~~an official~~ declaration of the policy and intentions of the Nazi party, the party that controls the government.

Here, on the other hand, is an actual official statement made in Berlin. Its spokesman is Dr. Hanfstaengl^{Hanfstaengel}, chief of the Foreign Press section of the Hitler Government. And Dr.

Hanfstaengl~~x~~ said: "Jews will be turned out of influential positions in Germany until the the house is cleansed. ^{" at the same} ~~On the other~~ ^{time,} ~~hand,~~ Dr. Hanfstaengl denies that there is or will be any pogrom.

Said he: "If we wanted to conduct a pogrom against the Jews, it would all have been over ^{by} now."

Dr. Hanfstaengle, in characteristic ~~and~~ Hitlerite vein, blames all of Germany's misfortune on Jews who have risen to prosperity and influence in Germany.

Such pronouncements as these are simultaneous with communications from Germany's Foreign Minister declaring *that* persecution of Jews in Germany is a myth.

News from ~~Germany~~ ^{over there} is having further repercussions in Washington, D. C. It provoked ~~a~~ resolution in the House ^{today} offered by Representative Strovich of New York. This resolution calls for the breaking off of all ~~dipomatic~~ ^{diplomatic} relations between Uncle Sam and Germany unless the German ~~g~~overnment uses all the powers at its disposal to stop the persecution of Jews.

JAPAN

(The breach between the Empire of Japan and the League of Nations is now definite and official. The Mikado's Government today issued a proclamation giving formal notice of its withdrawal.)

Although official, ~~the~~ the process is not complete, ~~because~~ because any member-nation that resigns has to give two years' notice, and has in those two years to fulfil its obligations. The proclamation was signed

by his Majesty, the Mikado, and the Foreign Minister cabled ~~his~~

notification of the fact
formal ~~notice~~ to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary General of the League.

A curious explanation is expressed in the document. It states that ~~the~~ *the* purpose ~~is to~~ *of Japan's withdrawal from the League is to* aid the peace of the world, ~~The~~

~~statement goes on to say that Japan's leaving the League and~~

~~embarking on a course of her own~~ *and that it* "does not mean the Empire will

stand aloof in the Far East or isolate herself from the fraternity

of nations." Japan then adds: "It is our desire to promote mutual

confidence between our country and all other Powers and to ~~xxx~~

help the cause of justice throughout the world."

Correspondents point out that the importance of this

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act, which, to be sure, has long been anticipated, is that Japan was one of the so-called Big Five in the League ever since it was formed.

On this subject the New York World Telegram publishes ^a~~the~~ timely and extraordinary interview with Mr. Matsuoka, head of the Japanese Delegation to the meeting held by the League of Nations on the Manchurian question. The extraordinary feature of the interview is Mr. Matsuoka's departure from diplomatic evasion and pussy-footing. He expressed straight-from-the-shoulder sentiments in straight-from-the-shoulder words. He not only expressed himself, but asked questions, and one of them was: "Does the United States mean to harm Japan?"

Mr. Matsuoka is well equipped to speak to American newspaper men in not merely intelligible but colloquial language, having gone to school in Oregon. One of his picturesque phrases was: "Up to now the Powers in the Far East have been playing a diplomatic poker game." ^{also} "Now," he says, "the game has shifted to contract."

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Manchuria. To explain this statement he asked the question: "Why was the Great Wall of China built?" And he answered it, saying: "It was built by the Chinese to keep out what they call the Barbarians, which include ^d people in Manchuria." He wanted to know why we in the ~~tax~~ United States seem to be more concerned with the moral welfare of Manchuria than with that of Chicago.

Mr. Matsuoka then answered the oft repeated stories about the "yellow peril". "For years", he said, "Japan ^{has} been held up to your people as the greatest danger among the Powers to American interests." And he continued: "Japan has never been a menace to American interests because we are neither strong enough nor rich enough."

Another of the important things said by Mr. Matsuoka was: "There are two sides to the suspicions that Japanese and Americans have held against each other. We Japanese have always known that we had no capacity to wage war successfully against the richest and the most secure ~~maxim~~ country in the

world ~~is~~ as you still are." He characterized "the notion that Japan is plotting to organize the man power of China's four hundred and fifty million people into an effective military machine, and also to exploit the buying power of four hundred and fifty million Chinese" as a myth that has been trumped up. The great majority of the Chinese people, he points out, cannot properly feed and clothe themselves. Japan, on the other hand, is one of Uncle Sam's best customers. Mr. ~~Matsuoka~~ Matsuoka ^{reminds us} ~~pointed out~~ that the Mikado's country buys annually more of our raw materials and manufactured goods than all the rest of Eastern Asia combined, including our own Asiatic possessions. So then, he wants to know, why should the United States be afraid of Japan's closing the open door of China.

ROOSEVELT

Several more ~~steps~~^{steps} in President Roosevelt's economy and relief program were in evidence in Washington. For one thing, Senators Wagner, Costigan, and LaFollette offered a bill to authorize direct grants up to five hundred million dollars of Uncle Sam's money to various states. This money would be doled out by a new relief administrator out of funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The bill was presented by the Senators I mentioned because they were chiefly responsible for drafting it. At the same time, the measure known as President Roosevelt's Reforestation Camp bill was reported favorably by the Senate's Committee on Education and Labor. The Democrats asked unanimous consent to take up the bill today, but Senator McNary, the Republican leader, objected. So it will ~~xxxx~~ be ~~probably~~ discussed by the Senate tomorrow.

About the same time Congress received another ~~spe~~^{spe}cial message from the President. In this he notified the Congress ^{of} the details of his plan to unify all farm credit agencies of the

government. Hitherto there have been eight of these, but in future ~~there~~ their work will all be done by a new body called the Farm Credit Administration. It is estimated that this will effect a saving in Uncle Sam's pocketbook of two million dollars a year. These consolidations were made by an executive order under the authority vested in the President by Congress in the recently passed economy bill.

ECONOMY

Before the end of the week the United States will learn what use President Roosevelt's aides have made of the extraordinary powers given to him by Congress in the ~~in that bill~~ ^{bill} ~~recently enacted economy~~ bill.

~~bill~~. Lewis Douglas, Director of the Budget, and Representatives of the Veterans Bureau, have been hard at work slashing, slashing, slashing, making economies, and preparing orders for the President to sign. Their job is before the end of the week to cut more than half a billion dollars from Uncle Sam's yearly expenses.

CLAUDEL

A significant visit to the White House today was that of Paul Claudel, poet and French ambassador at Washington. One purpose of this visit was to introduce the vice chairman of the Finance Committee of the French Chamber of Deputies who recently arrived in the United States.

Incidentally, the visiting deputy is one of those who are in favor of France ~~is~~ paying ~~the~~ December instalment on the debt to Uncle Sam. After they left the White House the Frenchmen told the reporters that they had discussed with the President no war debts, but the coming world economic conference. They say it can't come too soon for them.

GARBO

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Here's one for the cinema fans -- I don't mean to sound Anglo-maniac, but I don't know how else to refer accurately to the movies. At any rate, the news is Greta Garbo is on her way back to the U. S. A. She left Gothenburg in Sweden last Friday. She embarked secretly it seems, on a ship bound for San Francisco. So secretly, that ~~we are keeping it~~ *everybody knows about it.*
~~secret from everybody this way.~~

One dispatch has it that Miss Garbo sailed from her native country disguised as a man. She was registered, so says the report, as John Emmerson. She was dressed as a man, talking with a rich baritone voice. Nobody suspected what had happened until the ship had been two days at sea.

WHAT YOUNG MEN THINK ABOUT

In these days when all the world is talking about problems of economics, banking, currency, war in Asia, disarmament, and so on, what are young college men thinkⁱⁿg about?

Well, a copy of the Penn State Collegian landed on my desk; ~~this morning~~ and it seems that ^{at Penn State} they are investigating this very question. They canvassed the college and the result was almost unanimous. The most popular subject at Penn State is: "What shall I expect in the girl I marry?" As for economics, politics, wars, and so on, ph-o-o-eeey.

PROSPERITY

Now for an interesting illustration of the notion that the well known ~~and much talked about~~ tide has turned. One of the cagiest and most pessimistic -- perhaps I had better not ~~be~~ pessimistic, but realistic -- men I've heard of, writes me as follows. "We are ~~bank~~ banking our judgment that things have turned, by doing a little advertising."

What makes this statement significant to my mind is that the man who writes it is about the last to take an artificially optimistic view of anything. He's a scientist, an expert in research, and calls himself a scientific consultant. His specialty is to apply the ~~acid~~ acid test to everything, business methods, processes, products, operation, and so forth. And here is what he says: "The banking crisis marked the end of the depression. Now comes the slow climb back to prosperity. Each business ~~man~~ must find every possible opportunity for profits and economies." ~~But~~ For this, he believes, science and research will be essential.

MOTORS

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Evidently the motor industry is going strong again.

The Automotive Daily News ^{has it from} ~~learns in~~ Detroit that all car manufacturing plants in that area are again in active production.

~~this week~~. Those that had suspended work ^{have} resumed. Some ~~of them~~ ^{didn't} ~~had not~~ even stopped during the bank holiday.

The Automotive Daily News points out that this condition shows the confidence that leading executives in this industry ~~may~~ have ^{in the} ~~for an~~ immediate future. Even during the bank holiday people were ordering cars, and it is obvious, they say, that manufacturing would not be going on at such a pace unless a substantial lot of orders were in hand. Similar reports come from South Bend and other automobile manufacturing centers.

BASKET BALL

It's been a long time since we've had anything about basketball. Considering how popular the game is, considering it's one of the most widely played games in America, that rather indicates a mistake on my part. At any rate, here's an interesting basketball incident I found in old Bill McGeehan's column in this morning's New York Herald Tribune. It seems that the team of Ravenna, Ohio, went to Niles, Ohio, to play the local club. It was a hot and close game ending in the score of twenty-four to twenty-two, Ravenna being the victor. After the game the Ravenna team hurried to the railroad station to go home.

It was not until after they left that the gentleman who played center for Niles called upon his team mates as well as the janitor of the premises where the game was played to find something he had lost. The missing item was one of his front teeth. A diligent search failed to find that front tooth, and its disappearance was a mystery for three weeks.

Three weeks later the man who played center on the Niles

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team received a letter from a gentleman on the Ravenna team.

This letter said: "I would have written to you before, but I've been in the hospital ^{ever since that game} ~~three weeks~~ suffering from blood ~~by~~ poisoning.

Enclosed please find ~~part of~~ one of your teeth. I found it in my right arm." *And s-l-u-t-m.*

~~Nice gentle game, basket ball!~~