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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was a hot time in the old town - the old town being Washington. The hot time was the reception to King George and Queen Elizabeth - and also the weather. It was one of those Washington broilers, for which the capital of the United States is renowned. The vast throngs lining the streets made it still hotter. ^{for the} ~~There were~~ hundreds of thousands who got a glimpse of Their Majesties of Great Britain. A couple of hundred people were overcome by the temperature and had to be carried away.

Among those who felt the heat aplenty were the British sovereigns themselves. Over in London, with its coolness, if not fog, they consider ^{it} a heat wave of major proportions if the temperature hits eighty. Queen Elizabeth showed the effect of the Washington sunshine by keeping her white silk parasol open most of the time. But she didn't seem to feel the heat as much as King George - she was better dressed for it. It's an old story of

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how much better women dress for the summer heat than we men do. His Majesty looked majestic, and exceedingly warm, in the full dressed uniform and paraphernalia of a British admiral, heavy gold ~~lace~~ ^{braid} and everything. What the ~~best~~ ^{well} dressed admiral wears is hardly the thing for a summer day in Washington.

(The weather was warm, and so was the welcome. President Roosevelt began it when he greeted the King-Emperor with friendly informality.) At the railroad station, when His Majesty George the Sixth stepped down from the train, the President of the United States ~~just~~ put out his hand and said:- "How are you? I'm glad to see you." Whereupon the King and President shook hands in the same sort of friendly whole-hearted way.

~~Tonight's fashion~~

Tonight's fashion note puts accent on - blue. The Queen wore a gown of "Queen's blue", with a "V" shaped neck. The fashion experts speak of "broderie anglaise" from neck to hem-line. And of the same color of blue was Her Majesty's full length coat. The First Lady of our own Land was dressed in azure blue. The fashion expert calls it a light weight "thermos", with a sharp "V" at the yoke and a notched open-throat collar. I suppose I

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should have our Movietone Newsreel fashion editor, Helen Claire,
— *but she's in Alabama.*
here to tell us more about it. Anyway, ~~the~~ *both* dresses were
blue and made of wool, presented by American and Canadian woolen
industries - something special for the First Ladies of the
British Empire and the United States, respectively.

(At the Union Station, military bands played "The
Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King", "Hail to the Chief",
and "Anchors Aweigh." (The field artillery provided a thundering
punctuation with a twenty-one ^{gun} salute for the British monarch .

There was another uproar - an uproar of motors, as great squadrons
of planes flew across overhead - among them several of those giant
flying fortresses of the army.)

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on three of his subjects. He made Sir Ronald Lindsay, the
retiring British Ambassador to the United States, a Knight Grand
Cross of the Order of the Bath. Two others, his own assistant
private secretary and the chief press liason officer attached to
the royal suite, were made knight commanders of the Royal Victorian

(And there was an incessant pandemonium of cheers as the royal and presidential procession in sleek automobiles rolled slowly along Pennsylvania Avenue, the Avenue of the Presidents.)
~~On~~ On to the White House, and then after a while a touring sight-seeing trip around Washington. And everywhere those massed tens of thousands along the streets - and the thunder of cheers.

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Order. ~~That's~~ The first time a British sovereign has ever conferred honors in the United States. Naturally enough, because it's the first time a British sovereign has ever been in the United States. But it's also the first time that royal honors have been conferred aboard a moving railroad train.

In England, the grave and venerable LONDON TIMES today put out a special American issue, in honor of the arrival of the monarchs in Washington. The LONDON TIMES as published today included a history of the United States, and extensive accounts of this country, all the way from science and art to sports.

At Sandy Hook, New Jersey, where the royal visitors will land on their way to New York, special precautions were taken today - precautions in the form of heavy head-nets. No, the King and Queen won't wear them. The protection is for Sandy Hook soldiers who have been ordered to search through miles of scrub woods and brush to see that no unauthorized person is lurking there. The Sandy Hook country is overrun right now with mosquitoes and poison ivy. So the soldiers

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who search to protect Their Majesties are themselves being protected from mosquitoes and poison ivy.

Now, the inevitable sour note. A telegram was sent to King George the Sixth today by Congressman Martin Sweeney of Ohio. Congressman Sweeney is of Irish descent and the theme of his telegram is not exactly loyalty. It's much less polite than that - it mentions the war debts. Congressman Sweeney asks the King to see if he can't do something to have Great Britain pay the war debt due the United States. Congressman Sweeney is also one of those lawmakers who have been raising ructions about the arrest of Sean Russell, Chief-of-Staff of the Irish Republican Army, one of the undercover extremist organizations of old Erin.

RUSSELL

At Detroit, Sean Russell was turned loose today. The United States immigration authorities released him on bail.

~~Sean Russell, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army,~~

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He was locked up in Detroit just as King George and Queen Elizabeth arrived at Windsor, across the river. The apprehension of some sort of Irish move against Their Majesties, that's the inevitable surmise, although the immigration authorities insisted that Russell was arrested only because he overstayed his permitted ^{of leave} entry in the United States.

Last evening we heard how Irish members of Congress threatened some sort of congressional boycott of the British royal reception in Washington - and made protests to the President. Today, the order was wired from the national capital - release Sean Russell, and this was done.

GOLF

It was warm in Philadelphia today, as the golfers went slugging around the course in the forty-third national open golf championship. Who came in first in today's play? Why, the slashing Sammy Snead made the lowest score -- a sixty-eight. And that's low for the tough Philadelphia course; -- below par. Late word flashes that Lawson Little has come in with a sixty-nine, ^{and} that ties him for second place with Marvin Ward -- an unknown from Spokane, Washington. Three of those golfing wizards are in third place, with each a seventy. What about champion Ralph Guldahl. He scored seventy-one ^{along} with a whole list of others.

That's the way things stand at the end of the first round at Philadelphia.

FAIR

(They're having some more trouble at the New York World's Fair - union trouble. The Commissioners of the Foreign Exhibitions are up in their arms about the demands made by union labor.) The Foreign Commissioners held a meeting today and voiced their complaints, their spokesman being Dr. Van Aken of the Netherlands. He says the union demands are unreasonable, and explains that the foreign exhibitions were compelled to hire American union workers to do nothing. Skilled foreign workmen ^{do} ~~do~~ the necessary tasks, while the American union men got paid ^{for} standing around and watching - just as a matter of form.

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(Today the sovereign state of Nevada announced its withdrawal from the ~~New York World's~~ Fair - largely because of the unions.) For example, Nevada proposed to exhibit a five ton working model of Boulder Dam, with power houses, diversion tunnels and water. It took three years to build the model in Nevada, complete with elaborate electric wiring. When the wiring was all done, an expensive job - the Nevada people learned that the New York electrical unions demand that all wiring on the World's Fair exhibits must be done in New York - done by New York

union men. Maybe the Nevada wiring ^{would} ~~will~~ have to be ripped out and put in again as New York wiring. Or maybe they could just employ New York union men for the time it would take. Nevada would do neither. The state, moreover, is irked by the amount of rent the Fair is charging. ~~They understood they'd get their space for ten thousand dollars, minus a discount of two thousand.~~ ~~Later they learned that this discount would be only four hundred.~~

Today, ^{the} a Nevada architect declared:- "We are careful with money in Nevada. We're the sound state," said he, "and ^{our} ~~the~~ taxes are low. We are entirely solvent. We're solvent," he explained, "because we watch ~~XXXXXXXX~~ expenses - and at the Fair our appropriation would not meet the costs."

So Nevada is pulling out.

SUPERINTENDENTS

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In New York the convention of the Sidewalk Superintendents Club is over -- the construction kibitzers have completed their deliberation. It was here at Rockefeller Center that the benevolent plan was formed for providing ~~some~~ suitable accommodations for the crowds of idlers who always stand watching when workmen are excavating for a building. ~~The idea spread far and wide, and the Sidewalk Superintendents Club became a nation-wide thing.~~

which adjourned today

At the convention, it was revealed that the Sidewalk Superintendents of the state of Texas are hopeful of having the biggest show of all. Well, Texas is the biggest state, so why shouldn't they? There's a proposal to have Fort Worth turned into a seaport. Fort Worth is in northern Texas, hundreds of miles inland, but they hope to have Uncle Sam perform a miracle -- a government project to turn Fort Worth's Trinity River into a great waterway. The construction kibitzers are the most enthusiastic advocates of the plan. They say if it goes through they'll get themselves a dredge on which *to seat* ~~to sit~~ the Sidewalk Superintendents -- and they'll follow the mighty dredging operation all the way from Fort Worth right down to the Gulf of Mexico.

The convection likewise revealed that the Sidewalk Superintendents' Club has formed a new chapter called -- The Sunday Morning Quarterbacks. They do the kibitzing at the football practice, and tell the coach how to run the team, also criticize the plays and the players. They're very helpful, because they make the team so mad ~~that~~ the team ^{is} ready to tear the other team to pieces ~~for~~ ~~the~~ in the big game.

BABCOCKS

At Watertown, New York, the Babcock family reports a banner day. ^{A new} daughter arrived in the family, the household cat had ~~three~~ kittens, the mare had a colt, and seventy-nine turkey eggs hatched. Well, ~~it~~ doesn't the Bible say, "Multiply and replenish the earth?"

MEXICO

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There were anti-American riots in Mexico today -- and for the strangest reason, almost incredible. A mob of four hundred ~~hundred~~ students stormed against the American Embassy with shouts against what they called - "the murder of Sarabia."

Yesterday, at Washington, Sarabia was killed, the brilliant young Mexican aviator who had established a non-stop Mexican flight from Mexico City to New York. He was taking off for a return flight when his plane crashed in the Potomac. And now, down in Mexico, some people somehow got the idea that the Sarabia crash was because of - American sabotage.

Today, four hundred students staged a disorderly meeting, with soap box speakers haranguing. "We know Sarabia was assassinated," howled the infuriated ~~audience~~ orators. "We must hand down from generation to generation our hatred of Americans", they shrieked. They whipped up the ^{crowd} ~~cry~~ to such an extent that the mob of students staged a rowdy march to the American Embassy. It took two hundred police to suppress the demonstration, after lively fighting.

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Tonight the American Embassy in Mexico City is under heavy guard of police, armed with tear gas and riot guns.

Tonight the authorities are denying the Mexican school boy charge of sabotage with a lie.

CZECH

The news from what used to be Czechoslovakia tonight is hardly surprising. At the time when Hitler seized the greater part of that small nation, all reports indicated that the Czechs were resentful and embittered - although they couldn't do anything about it. The provinces of Bohemia and Moravia, as a German protectorate, are governed by what they call a Reichs-protector, a representative of Hitler. He's Dr. von Neurath, who used to be the Nazi Foreign Minister, ~~in Berlin~~. Recently, Reichs-protector von Neurath has been in Berlin, confabulating with Hitler on the subject of passive resistance of the people of Bohemia and Moravia. The Czechs are not subdued. They are opposing the Nazi German protectorate in every way they can - secretly for the most part. Last night in the town of Kladno, a German policeman was killed, and the Germans call it deliberate murder.

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Today, Reichs-protector von Neurath returned to the land of the Czechs, and there he instantly ordered repressive measures. He clamped down on that town of Kladno - the Czech police disarmed, the mayor and the town council tossed out of office, all open air meetings banned, theatres and motion picture

houses closed. Even schools - closed. The explanation is that the Czech school teachers have been agitating against the Nazi regime. And the Reichs-protector announces that the killer of the German policeman must be found. Apparently he intends to make the Czech population give him up - because the word is that more repressive measures will be put into effect unless the killer is in custody by eight o'clock tomorrow evening.

All this may be just an isolated incident, but it's a symptom of what's going on beneath the surface in what used to be Czechoslovakia.

SPAIN

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In Italy some figures were published today - revealing the extent of Fascist Italian intervention in Spain. A Fascist magazine declares that a hundred and forty-nine Italian ships were lent to Franco - warships and troop transports. During the Spanish Civil War, seventeen convoys of vessels navigated between Italy and Spain, convoys which made fifty-five trips and carried a hundred thousand troops. So that's the number of soldiers that Mussolini sent to Spain to help Franco - a hundred thousand, although probably there were never that many in Spain at one time.

DUEL

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In France when a notable person becomes a member of the Academy, he's called an immortal. And today that distinguished French veteran of letters, Charles Maurras, became an immortal. *Morah'*

At the same time, he was challenged to a duel - which might make him not so immortal after all. Maurras is the fiery editor of the number one royalist newspaper in France, *and a famous duelist in the past,* He printed a vitriolic attack on the editor of another Paris paper. So today, just as Maurras was being received as a member of the Academy of France, the other editor challenged him to mortal combat on the field of honor. Maurras refused, though that's considered contrary to the code of honor. The seventy-one year old editor explained that he was too old to fight a duel. Well, I don't blame him for refusing. What's the use of becoming an immortal, if you get killed right away? *And s-l-u-t-m.*

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