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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

Tonight the Nazis are ~~literally~~ hammering at the gates of Paris. They have it <sup>almost</sup> ~~almost~~ surrounded -- cut off on the North, on the West, and at the latest report also on the East.

An army expert who gave the news from Berlin tonight intimated that Hitler's armies may go right on past Paris -- leave it beleaguered, while their spearhead juggernaut rolls around it.

The Nazi advance is already beyond the point reached by the Uhlans of Von Kluck in Nineteen Fourteen, just before Joffre hurled back the invaders at the Marne. But there is little use holding on to any delusion ~~that~~ there can be another such miracle of the Marne.

Paris is already worthless as a fortification, say the Nazis. Indeed, they profess to be astonished that the French did not just evacuate it as the Belgians <sup>did</sup> ~~left~~ Brussels. ~~They~~ <sup>And they</sup> repeat <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ phrase they've been harping on for days, the meaning of which is, "it ~~is~~ <sup>will</sup> be your own fault if your beautiful capital is destroyed."

German advance divisions are <sup>now</sup> at Beaumont, a suburb <sup>the northwest suburb of St. Denis,</sup> only eleven miles from ~~Paris itself,~~ battering at the outer fortifications <sup>of Paris.</sup> That's the latest in a bulletin <sup>just in --</sup> ~~that came in~~ <sup>a bulletin</sup> ~~less than an hour ago~~ from the French <sup>To make it clearer?</sup> ~~side of the lines.~~

It's as though an enemy army, driving on New York, were already south of Yonkers, or attacking Chicago had passed Englewood.

On their own admission, Hitler's generals are now crushing down on France with no fewer than a hundred divisions.

~~That means literally, divisions. Counting twenty thousand to~~

~~a division,~~ ~~Weygand~~ The forces of General Weygand, not so long ago, <sup>(are)</sup> rated the finest army in the world, fighting back inch by inch,

<sup>batling an oncoming</sup> against <sup>a</sup> horde of two million men, five thousand tanks, and only the Germans know how many thousand planes.

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To the west of the now beleaguered capital, an army of twenty thousand British and French were completely cut off; *(and taken prisoner)* ~~and~~ surrounded near the seaside resort of Dieppe. *Such is* ~~That's~~ the claim in the communique from the German High Command, and there ~~is~~ *is* no denial *of this by the Allies,* ~~from Allied sources.~~

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But ~~Even~~ though Paris is as good as lost, the French and British have ~~not yet~~ *by no means* lost the war. Military experts ~~ever~~ *here* are pointing out that even though the capital of a ~~country~~ is captured, ~~it~~ *that* does not mean collapse! In Spain, General Franco failed to capture Madrid right up to the last. But he won the war. In Eighteen Twelve, the British took Washington, but America won ~~it~~ in the end.

Paris tonight is a city almost empty except for soldiers. The French High Command ~~say they'll~~ *repeat that they will* defend it to the end, suburb by suburb, street by street, house by house. ~~But~~ *TP* if the Nazis decide to sweep around it, Paris will be a besieged city, ~~with no~~ *cut* communications ~~possible~~ *off* except by air. And ~~even that will be highly~~ ~~improbable~~ ~~if~~ ~~considering~~ that the Germans are in overwhelming command of the air.

The last civilians left in Paris, were being rushed out tonight under the heavy pall of <sup>only</sup> ~~early~~ fog that hangs over the barricades. But all men of military age were forbidden to leave, pressed into service in a <sup>frantic</sup> ~~desperate~~ last hour attempt at defense.

~~As we have seen,~~ <sup>TP</sup> the defenders of the capital are cut off from both <sup>Le Havre</sup> ~~Le Havre~~ and Cherbourg on the west. <sup>and</sup> The Nazi attack on the Marne to the east has cut rail communications with Nancy.

In the face of <sup>all</sup> this, General Weygand was compelled to draw his armies back to avoid being caught in a trap. But it was pointed out that the defending armies are still intact, fighting back as they withdraw.

A bulletin from Tours reports that the supreme council of the Allies met somewhere in France. Premier Reynaud, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, General Weygand, Marshal Petain, British War Minister Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the British Imperial <sup>General</sup> Staff. It was the first meeting of the Council since the French Government left Paris. What happened at the meeting nobody knows but those who took part. But it's a fair guess that they are organizing desperate measures to cope with the emergency. The only thing announced was that the

Allied chiefs took decisions" of the greatest importance."

The French Government is scattered over a wide stretch of France along the River Loire. Some departments are carrying on in the ancient castles of Touraine, others in municipal buildings. The staff of our own Embassy is in the same Chateau Conde where the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were married three years ago. The staff there is in charge of First Secretary Robert Murphy. Ambassador Bullitt is not with them. He says he's going to stay in Paris no matter what happens.

Here's a still later bulletin, sent in by the German wirelss from Berlin. The Nazis have crossed the Marne at Chateau Thierry, a name of brave histroic import to all Americans. They cross ed the river in rubber rafts after hours of preliminary bombardment by dive bombers and heavy artillery. Later still the French admitted that "masses of enemy" had crossed the Marne forty miles east of Paris.

Meanwhile, what of the Italians? What are Mussolini's armies up to? We don't know. A strange but dramatic silence covers the operations of the Fascist forces. British and French heavy planes have been bombing Turin and Milan particularly the big factories at Turin. And British planes continue their raids

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on an Italian naval base in Libya and claim to have bagged an Italian battleship, but one of ancient vintage, as well as less important warships. The R.A.F. also bombed Massawa, Mussolini's port on the Red Sea.

EGYPT

51 Yes, and There was plenty of tension in old Egypt today. The kingdom on the Nile, the land of the ~~old~~ Pharaohs, is in a mighty ticklish situation. In fact, the Egyptian Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha, told his Chamber of Deputies that their <sup>position</sup> ~~situation~~ is one of the most delicate in history. He told them that, after they had gone through a long debate and ended it with a resolution to break off diplomatic relations with Fascist Italy.

And That was coupled with the request to the Government of King Farouk to do all in its power to help what they called "the democracies fighting for liberty and justice."

Now Egypt was one of the countries that Duce Mussolini tried to reassure last Monday. He told the descendants of the Ptolemies, mentioning their country specifically by name, that he did not want to drag them into it. But he added that it would depend upon their own actions. Since then there have been air raids on Libya. British planes dropped their loads of bombs on the coast of Cyrenaica<sup>via</sup>. That's right next door to Egypt, <sup>Sirene</sup> where the ancient rich City of Cyrene used to be. Big league Fascisti in Rome grew suspicious that those British bombs might

have been operating from air bases in Egypt. The Fascisti say they're investigating, and if they find out that this is <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ fact, that will make a different story of Mussolini's assurances to the Egyptians.

The last word from Egypt is that the issue of lending ~~it~~ aid to France and Britain will now be up to young King Farouk, and at any moment there may be a statement from him, <sup>setting forth</sup>~~stating in round~~ terms, the exact position of the Egyptian Government. We still have to hear from Rome what the Fascist war lords have to say about that resolution in the Egyptian Parliament.



There was a somewhat ironic situation in Moscow today.

Two Ambassadors arrived in the Soviet capital, Sir Stafford Cripps from England, and Erik LaBonne from France. At the same time, almost on the same hour, came Augusto Rosso from Rome. Rosso is no newcomer, he has just been on what is called diplomatically "a vacation", during the long period when Mussolini and Stalin were frowning at each other. It was Rosso who got the big reception, because the staffs of both the Italian and the German embassies turned out with hurrahs to welcome the <sup>return of the</sup> Italian envoy back.

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RUMANIA

The tension in the Balkans grew tighter today. The best evidence of that was <sup>an item</sup> ~~a bit of news~~ from Bucharest, a new order issued by King Carol's Government. All Rumanian ships are ordered home at once. That means Rumanian vessels not only in the Mediterranean but in the Black Sea.

Then there's a bit of Rumanian news from the diplomatic front. For three years the relations between Moscow and Bucharest have been more or less of icy politeness, more icy than polite. But today it is reported that King Carol is ~~in~~ about to send a new minister to Moscow and that Stalin is to send an envoy ~~of his~~ to Bucharest.

All of which complicates the picture and oils the machinery of the conjecture factories.

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SIAM

Here may be one of the big stories of the year! —

A peaceful gesture from Japan! It concerns particularly southeastern Asia, ~~but~~ a spokesman in Tokyo describes it as a symptom of the <sup>generally</sup> peaceful intentions of the Mikado's Government.

The announcement was made first in the House of Commons in the British Parliament. The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs told the Commons that agreements have been signed at Singapore whereby Britain, France and Japan agree to respect the integrity of the ancient Kingdom of Thailand, better known to us as the Kingdom of Siam.

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And a dispatch from Singapore relates that one clause in this treaty provides that if anyone of the powers <sup>who</sup> ~~therein~~ sign it becomes involved in war against any third power, none of the others will assist that third power. That's the diplomatic jargon. It would seem to mean in a left-handed way that Japan promises to lend no help to Germany or Italy against Britain and France.

The news was confirmed in Tokyo with the announcement that it will be good for five years.

Obviously, that Singapore treaty must be a big relief to Britain and France. For one thing, it means that Singapore will

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likewise French Indo China and the Dutch East Indies.  
be safe from Japanese attack; In short ~~that~~ there'll be nothing to

fear from the men of Nippon, ~~in the Far East~~. In fact, the Foreign Under-Secretary said as much to the House of Commons. And it is only reasonable to assume that Britain made concessions to obtain those assurances from Japan and that the tension between London and Tokyo, that has lasted so long, over the Tientsin situation, has now been dissolved.

U.S. - BERLIN

Hitler's men expressed themselves today about our American reactions to Mussolini's entry into the war. It was not an official expression but a statement by an authorized Nazi spokesman, presumably somebody in the Propaganda Ministry.

That spokesman declared that the press of the United States has become a battlefield for rumors and agitation. Then he admitted that all this was being censored out of German newspapers. "This unpleasant development is being ~~internationally~~ intentionally withheld from the German public," <sup>he said.</sup> And the reason he gives is that America should be left to decide its own internal affairs and solve its own problems; ~~it~~ should be left alone to decide the question of in what form it wants to hold its presidential elections. But, he added, "it is high time that Americans should get used to the idea of America for Americans, and Europe for Europeans."

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WASHINGTON

*The American liner*  
Our ~~liner, the~~ WASHINGTON, is safe at Galway, in ~~Ireland~~, <sup>Ireland,</sup>

Eire, safe and full of excitement. Naturally, everybody was full ~~of~~ <sup>ing</sup> talk about the narrow escape ~~they had from a~~ <sup>from the</sup> German submarine.

Berlin today acknowledges that it was a Nazi undersea boat that came within ~~ten~~ minutes of torpedoing the WASHINGTON. The Nazis ~~explain~~ claim that they had not been notified of the course that the WASHINGTON was to sail from Lisbon. The commanding officer of the U-boat mistook her, he said, for a Greek ship which had been overhauled previously, had been ordered to sail on a certain course, but had not obeyed orders.

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The chief excitement in Congress today was not over defense, but over an advertisement. It was that full page "Ad" entitled "Stop Hitler Now", signed by a long list of professional men and women of so-called liberal attitude, headed by William Allen White, the old sage of Emporia, Kansas. That full page "Ad", as you perhaps know, was written by the celebrated playwright, Bob Sherwood. It aroused a particular fury in Senator Rush Holt of Virginia. He called Bill White and his committee, a bunch of fifth column war mongers, objected that all of them were over the maximum draft age, and then added that "any man who calls on American boys to go over there and fight without being willing to go over to fight himself is a cowardly traitor to his country."

Then up jumped Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho, crying that the advertisement was English propaganda.

Then Senator Wheeler of Montana leapt into the dialogue and announced that "all the senators know that every possible move is being made to lead us down the road to war." To which Wheeler added: "I will not support any candidate for

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President, no matter who he is, who is going to lead us down  
that road." Then he said further that he did not want to break  
with either the Democratic Party or the administration but if he  
does, it will be because the Democratic Party has become a war  
party.



DERBY

Oh yes, I almost passed this up.  
Here's one more item. And it's from England.  
~~And here's a bit of news from England.~~ The One Hundred

and Sixty-First Derby ~~race~~ was run today. All through the last war, from Nineteen Fifteen to Nineteen Eighteen, they ran off that blue ribbon event of the turf world though in what was called <sup>a</sup> "curtailed condition on account of the war." ~~It~~ <sup>Today it</sup> was run not at Epsom Downs, but at New Market, and of course there was not the usual crowd of half a million people which usually throngs to Epsom.

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The Earl of Derby, whose ancestor founded the race, had a horse in ~~it~~ <sup>the Derby today</sup> Lighthouse the Second; ~~which~~ <sup>and he</sup> was the favorite. But it was not the favorite ~~today~~ <sup>today</sup>. He finished third, and the

One Hundred and Sixty-First Derby was won by a horse named Pont L'ève  
Pont L'Eveque, a rank outsider, ~~owned by Fred Darling~~. The

horse who ran second, was owned by that famous religious potentate, from Hindustan, the Aga Khan, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> man who is so holy to his followers that even his bath water is sacred.

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Yes, I almost forgot all about the Derby. And I mustn't forget Hugh!

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