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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight I am broadcasting from Hartford, Connecticut,  
 the insurance & capital of America. Today Hartford was taken  
 by storm, captured by troops, veterans of the World War. The  
 famous Yankee Division swooped down on ~~Hartford~~ <sup>the city</sup> and I came <sup>in</sup> with  
 them. There is no particular reason for me mentioning this over  
 the radio except to explain why I happen to be ~~Hartford~~  
 broadcasting the news from here. # The reason is, that our  
 notorious ball team, the Nine Old Men was invited to come and  
 play for the Yankee Division and their families, to play  
 against a team led by <sup>Connecticut's</sup> Commissioner of Motor Vehicles ~~for~~  
~~Connecticut~~, Mike Connor.

And, if my news sounds <sup>a</sup> little bit scrambled tonight  
 the reason is that I stayed at the game ~~little~~ longer than I  
 should <sup>have,</sup> and haven't worked more than half <sup>my usual time in</sup> ~~the~~ time as usual in  
 getting the news in shape for this broadcast. # After taking two

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beatings so far this season, the first at Madison Square Garden when Bob Ripley's Believe It Or Not team licked us, and the second on Memorial Day when Ford Frick's Furies took us ~~into~~ into camp, our Nine Old Men threw away their crutches this afternoon, and really tried to play ball. <sup>FF</sup> Our battery consisted of Heywood Broun, pitching, and your Sunoco News Commentator catching. ~~By~~ But Heywood had marvelous support. Humorist Ted Shane, Graham McNamee, Lanny Ross, Cartoonist Paul Webb, Novelist Homer Croy, ex-football star Carl Ray, <sup>Publisher</sup> Bob Johnson, <sup>and Artists</sup> Eddie McGrath and Hardy Brownell, they just couldn't miss. And at bat they didn't seem like fifty or sixty year old men at all. I left in the fourth inning with Lanny Ross pitching for <sup>Broun who had</sup> and the Nine Old men ~~leading~~ <sup>were</sup> leading by a score of twelve to two.

*glorified by just collapsed*

While we were playing ball in Hartford, here's what was going on in Washington:-

TAXES

~~We came within an inch today of having the income taxes increased~~  
~~on people with small incomes.~~ The Senate was considering the tax  
revision bill, the so-called business recovery tax act. So Senator  
Bob La Follette of Wisconsin <sup>seized</sup> ~~grabbed~~ the opportunity to slip in an  
amendment for his pet project. For years the Wisconsin <sup>statesman</sup> ~~senator~~ has  
been saying that Congress ought to broaden the base of the income taxes,  
make more people pay. <sup>Senator Bob's</sup> ~~His~~ amendment was for lowering the present tax  
exemptions, for single people, from one thousand to eight hundred.  
And the exemptions for married people, to be lowered from twenty five  
hundred to two thousand. Then he also offered an amendment to raise  
taxes in the middle brackets, start the surtaxes on incomes between  
three thousand and four thousand a year. <sup>and</sup> That one mighty nearly went  
through. At first the vote was thirty-nine to thirty-seven in favor.  
~~of it.~~ Then all of a sudden Senator Tydings of Maryland switched his  
vote from "Yes" to "No". And the result was a tie, thirty eight to  
thirty eight. That defeats an amendment.

It was a disappointment to La Follette, who told his colleagues  
"the time has come when we should face our responsibilities and have

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the courage to increase taxation." And he added: - "The country has reached the crossroad where it must choose between <sup>uncon</sup> ~~con~~trolled inflation and the hard <sup>road</sup> ~~side~~ of taxation."

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The Senators don't feel like taking the hard road at this time. Maybe they think it's too close to next year's election.

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Later, the Senate passed that so-called Business appeasement tax bill. It made a few changes, not important ones, in the act as it had come from the House. Nevertheless, the main body of the bill went through, the act to raise one billion, six hundred and forty four million, three hundred thousand in taxes and also it is hoped to bring relief to businessmen and loosen up the flow of investment money.

It isn't all <sup>that</sup> the business men have been asking for, but the Congressmen say ~~that~~ at least they've tried to meet business half way.

## SPENDING

Washington correspondents received an unexpected call today. They were summoned to the White House for an extraordinary press conference, ~~and what they heard there was enough to make their eyes~~

~~They~~ The President had sent for them to tell them about the new spending program that he proposes to urge upon Congress. (The news in one short phrase is, three billions, eight hundred and sixty million dollars! Just a hundred and forty million short of four billion. Another whopping outlay, <sup>to promote economic recovery.</sup> Of that, Mr. Roosevelt proposes to spend eight hundred and seventy millions in the nineteen forty fiscal year.) The rest is to be spread over a term of years.

But the President contends that all that money will not be an addition to the expenses of the government. Not a permanent increase of the national debt. The loans that he proposes to make will be self-liquidating, he said, and they will be financed outside the regular budget. He emphasized his declaration that he will authorize no loans except for projects that can assure the government of getting every cent back.

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Now here are some of the purposes for which he proposes to lend <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ money! - One is a three hundred and fifty million dollar <sup>item</sup> ~~program~~ spread over two years, for non-federal public works, such as hospitals, bridges, sewage disposal, <sup>&</sup> water works. Then seven hundred and fifty millions are to be devoted to the building of express, post roads, bridges, speed-highways, city by - passes, <sup>and so on.</sup> All these to be toll roads, thus assuring repayment.

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Next comes half a billion, five hundred millions, to help the railroads get equipment over a three year period. The equipment to be purchased by the government and leased to the railroads. ~~Does that sound like a step towards government ownership?~~

Then there's a seven year program for rural electrification, four hundred and sixty millions to put electric power at the disposal of one million, two hundred and fifty thousand more farm families. And that isn't the only point of consideration for the farmers. The President would lend them five hundred millions, two hundred and fifty millions in Nineteen Forty, the rest in Nineteen Forty One, for farm purchases, also to make repairs and help them ~~to~~ get machinery, seeds, water facilities, and so forth.

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And finally, the President proposes to lend five hundred millions to foreign governments in the next two years, on condition that the money be spent in the United States.

The President ~~was~~ explained that this plan represented his idea for a permanent revolving fund to help the country through hard times. He proposes to make this a permanent policy. As he phrases it; ~~he~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~suggests~~ "the development and maintenance of a revolving fund fed from the earnings of these government investments and used to finance new projects at times when there is need of extra stimulus to employment.

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And, he added: - "Such times will recur in the future, as they have in the past, and there will always be need for public facilities and improvements in our natural resources."

Three billions, eight hundred and sixty millions in loans!-

~~isn't it a bit early for Santa Claus?~~

TOWNSEND

*Is the*  
~~Maybe the~~ time ~~is~~ coming when the ~~country~~ will be ~~absolutely~~  
ruled by elderly people. *?* *seems to be* That ~~is~~ the ultimate hope of Dr. ~~Francis~~  
~~T.~~ Townsend, the two hundred a month ham-and-egg *The Doctor's* man. ~~His~~ followers  
held their national convention at Indianapolis and the old Doctor  
told them: - "I believe our most reliable talent lies under the  
white thatches of people who have gained experience through the years."  
And he added: "I look forward to the time when elderly citizens  
will guide the destiny of our nation."

His delegates were particularly delighted when he told them that  
the Townsend movement ultimately would embrace the entire citizenship  
of the United States.

And then it turned out that it *is* also *Dr. Townsend's* hope to elect a president.  
He said to his audience: *"Now"* - "Don't smile. I do not look forward to  
the time when I shall be president. But I do look forward to the time  
when we shall elect one."

Presumably a seventy year old president with a congress composed of  
people between sixty and ninety. That seems to be the new dream of  
the Townsendites *as suggested by the Doctor,*



~~SECRET~~ SQUALUS

The sinking of the submarine "Squalus" may bring one grim benefit to Uncle Sam's Navy. ~~It teaches the submarine builders a vital salutary lesson. Rather~~ Tragically late, to be sure. ~~But~~ ~~it~~ it may save the lives of <sup>many</sup> ~~countless~~ others.

All this came out at the hearing at the court of inquiry at Portsmouth <sup>today.</sup> ~~today.~~ The witness was Harold T. Preble, naval architect who himself went down in the "Squalus" on her tragic dive and was one of the thirty-three to come up again. He has been employed as a naval architect in the Portsmouth Navy Yard <sup>for some</sup> ~~no less than~~ twenty-two years. And he has taken part in the test cruises of no fewer than twenty-seven submarines. Captain Monroe asked Preble this question: "Do you believe the hull valves and other engine valves are of poor design for an emergency?"

And Preble promptly replied: - "up to the time the "Squalus" sank I thought they were pretty good. Now I know that they are not." And he added: - "I know we can improve the design of the valves."

~~And~~ Captain Monroe asked another: - "Would you recommend the changing of this type of valve on submarines in service?"

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And Preble answered: - "Without delay."

Then there was a sombre confirmation of the now accepted theory of the cause of the SQUALUS tragedy. I mean the theory that it was a faulty induction valve. Almost literally a voice from the dead, a voice from the bottom of the oceanbed outside Portsmouth, brought this confirmation. One of the witness told the court that he was stationed in the forward battery room of the submarine. Suddenly he heard what he described as a hazy voice say over the ship's telephone: - "Take her up. The induction is open." And a few seconds later another voice said: - "The engine room is flooded." A voice from the dead to corroborate the living!

## SUICIDE

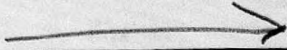
People on the streets of Pittsburgh witnessed an unexpected drama today. A handsome young woman, was driving a car over the great George Westinghouse Bridge in East Pittsburgh. When she reached the highest point of the big span she stopped, got out of her car, and made a dash for the railing. Before anybody could interfere, she jumped, plunged off the high bridge, down, down, to instant death.

Later it was discovered that she was the wife of C. Edgerton Warburton, grandson of the great John Wanamaker of Philadelphia.

KING

~~There~~ There are sore throats and ~~many~~ hoarse voices in ~~the~~  
~~South of~~ England tonight. Sore and hoarse from yelling a welcome  
to King George and Queen Elizabeth, the most vociferous and triumphant  
welcome that a returning sovereign ever had in the British Isles.

As the "Empress of Britain" streamed slowly up the Solent, the  
beautiful body of water outside Southampton, the horns and whistles  
from hundreds of ships blared a greeting. The great white "Empress"  
was promptly surrounded by fleets of excursion boats, motor boats,  
all sorts of pleasure craft. The young Princesses, Elizabeth and  
Margaret Rose, by that time were on the "Empress" with their home-  
sick father and mother. A royal navy destroyer had taken their  
little royal highnesses out to sea to board the "Empress" before  
she entered the Solent. Crack planes of the Royal Air Force flew  
overhead, dipping and diving in salute. As Their Majesties landed  
they found waiting for them the Queen Mother. Of course their first  
question was, ~~as to~~ how she felt after her recent accident. And she  
replied she was perfectly well again.

As they crossed the gang plank, the 

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young Princesses were so excited that they jumped up and down *each hanging to one of*  
~~as one of them hung on to each of~~ the King's arms.

~~It~~ It was when their train put into Waterloo Station that their welcome became really stentorian. With the little Princesses they rode in an open carriage, past Trafalgar Square, to Buckingham Palace. A report from London says that the mob in Trafalgar Square was so thick that a fish monger's delivery boy, carrying his tray, had to stand for nearly an hour with his tray balanced on his hands stretched above his head, *before he could move,* ~~which may have been good exercise for~~

~~him.~~  
*British*  
As Their Majesties drove past Old St. Stephens, members of Parliament were lined along Parliament Square, waving and cheering as loudly as any coster. Among those who welcomed the King and Queen at Waterloo, by the way, was ~~our own~~ Joe Kennedy, Amabassador to the Court of St. James

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The House of Commons passed a loyal address to ~~Their Majesties~~ which was presented to the King and Queen by Prime Minister Chamberlain. *But alas* ~~in short~~ the jubilation over the return of the sovereigns *is somewhat* ~~for the time being~~ *his* overshadowed the public dismay and fury over *the* latest news from the Far East.

JAPAN

*For* The latest stroke of the Japanese has *staggered* the British ~~government~~  
~~aghast~~; I mean *T*he ultimatum that all British and other foreign war-  
ships should get out of Swatow and stay out.

There was a hurried conference of high army and navy authorities in  
London, *today,* with members of the Cabinet. ~~and~~ *W*e learn that Prime Minister  
Chamberlain's office ~~is~~ *is now* in constant communication with our own State  
Department.

After the conference was over, the Prime Minister went into  
Parliament and told the Commons that he had ordered arrangements made  
to move all British women and children from Swatow. ~~and~~ *He* said the  
Japanese had promised to help also to respect British property.

~~INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION~~  
TIENTSIN FOLLOW YARNELL

(The reports from Tientsin ~~are~~ <sup>seem</sup> more and more pro\_vocative. The Japanese, at the concession barriers, are <sup>still</sup> doing their utmost to humiliate British subjects. The British consul told the newspaper men that again a man had been stripped naked. Another was forced to undress down to his shorts, ~~and that~~ with a crowd of Chinese staring at him.) The object, of course, ~~is~~ to make all Europeans, particularly the British, lose face as much as possible in the eyes of the Chinese. One Englishman, the Assistant Secretary of the Racing Club, even had his mouth pried open by a Japanese officer and gentleman.

8 1/2 At one barrier a Japanese sentry ordered a British woman to take all her clothes off. She declined, and as the sentry made a <sup>grab</sup> ~~grab~~ at her she slipped out of his grasp and darted into the concession.

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A tragic  
~~terrible~~

thing happened this afternoon. Commissioner  
Connor of Connecticut, figuring that I would overstay my time

— as I did —

at the ball game and that I would be in a jam for news, wrote  
out a story for me, and told me to be sure and include it in

this broadcast tonight. ~~On~~ On my way around the ~~base~~ bases in  
the third inning

I lost Mike's story. So the world will never know what important  
news it was that the ~~Connecticut~~ Connecticut Commissioner

~~Motor Vehicle~~ wanted me to include in this broadcast.

And, now, ~~back to the Nine~~ back to the Nine  
Old Men, ~~to~~ to see if they held that twelve to two lead.

And, SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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