

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This was an all-America day in the news, and South America takes the lead, with the excitement of the short-lived revolt in Rio de Janeiro. Shortly after midnight three short, sharp toots of the whistle sounded from the ~~xxx~~ dock yard at Rio.

President Vargas and his police had received warning of the outbreak only a few short moments before. But those few moments had enabled the President and the chief of police to get on the telephone and organize. The rebellion started in the navy and marines. Admiral Tagares, leader of the rebels, seized the building of the Ministry of Marine. There he barricaded himself with the main force of the revolters.

It was a Fascist affair, which rings strangely in our ears since one we heard charges that the Vargas government

~~itself had become~~ ^{was of} Fascist ^{line.} ~~But~~ The cause of the uprising was the ~~act of President~~ ^{act of} Vargas ~~in~~ suppressing the GreenShirts, the "Integralistas", as they call themselves.

~~But~~, Admiral Tavares and his organized rebel force didn't last long in the Brazilian navy building. ^{The} President ~~Vargas had~~ quickly summoned a force of loyal navy men. With rifles and machine guns they battered down all resistance, in four hours.

~~Meanwhile,~~ ⁸ The majority of the personal bodyguard of President Vargas revealed themselves as rebels. ^{and} They made a fierce attempt to capture the palace including ^{the} President ~~Vargas,~~ his wife and two daughters.

Elsewhere the rebels ~~had~~ managed to seize four of the most important radio stations in Brazil. They then broadcast to the world at large the news of the rebellion, coupled with the claim that it was already successful, that Rio was in the hands of the Integralistas, ^{and} that Vargas had been taken prisoner. These broadcasts were heard in Montevideo, which was the first city to relay the news north to the United States.

~~The object of this move is obvious.~~ The rebels hoped that

the false news of the success of the rebellion would cause it to spread throughout all the provinces. ~~It was ingenious but it didn't work.~~

However, The main centers of the revolt were under government control by ~~six o'clock this morning.~~ *today.* Then followed the job for the police of cleaning up. There was street fighting for several hours in the streets of Rio de Janeiro.

According to the latest reports, only twenty people have been killed, but five hundred are under arrest and the authorities are tracking down ~~suspected~~ ⁵ people. So ~~said~~ ^{yo} Captain Mueller, the chief of police ~~himself,~~ in a telephone conversation ^{the the} with New York *United Press* late this afternoon. Said he: "The outbreak was confined to Rio de Janeiro and everything is under control." Among those arrested, by the way, is a prince, Don Pedro de Orleans y Braganza, ~~He is~~ a descendant of the one-time Emperor Don Pedro and himself second son of the Pretender to the throne of Brazil. But he says he is not a rebel, ^{claims he} ~~but~~ was on his way to the palace to defend President Vargas.

BRAZIL

The person who emerges as the most spectacular figure in the Brazilian melodrama is ~~President~~ Vargas himself. ~~He and his family were targets for the most murderous attempt of the Rebels.~~ When the curtain rose with a bang, he was alone in his palace except for his family including two young daughters. The Rebels made a desperate attempt to capture the palace and the ~~persons of the Vargas family.~~ *presidential* They ~~succeeded in getting possession of the grounds.~~ They attacked the building with hand grenades and machine guns. ~~What made everything worse for the presidential household~~ *And then it* was that a large part of his personal bodyguard joined the Rebels. Only a handful remained ^{ing} loyal. For six hours Vargas walked from window to window of the Guanabara Palace, revolver in hand, calmly and with deadly aim ~~potting~~ *shooting at* the guards who had turned traitor. *Meanwhile he* ~~he~~ had hustled his family into an inner room where they were barricaded and in ~~xx~~ fear of their lives. Eventually four loyal officers fought their way through the attacking rebels and joined their President.

All this courage and calmness was typical of

Getulio Vargas. So says Dan Campbell who was United Press manager at Rio ~~de Janeiro~~ in Nineteen Thirty-Five, ~~That was~~ the year of the Communist uprising, a ~~far~~ more serious affair than this one.

~~But Vargas squelched that also. On that occasion, Dan Campbell watched him in action. And,~~ Says Campbell: "Vargas was informed that he had been marked by the Communists for assassination.

He coolly left the palace and drove to the scene of the hottest fighting, drove through a hail of bullets from Red machine guns.

~~With the same nonchalance that he displayed today,~~ ~~He~~ stepped into the front lines, ^{and} there ~~he~~ personally directed the fire of his artillery men as they pounded the barracks which the rebels had seized." ~~There were hundreds of them but he wiped them out to a man."~~

^{TP} ~~So it can be seen that Getulio Dornelles Vargas is a man of some experience in putting down revolutions.~~

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~~He~~ was born the son of a general, and was himself a

soldier to begin with. ~~but~~ ~~He~~ dropped the army for politics,

became a lawyer, an editor, a party leader, ^{and} ~~He~~ came into prominence

as the chief of the wild riding Gauchos of the Province of Rio Grande

Do Sul. ^{He became} ~~That made him~~ President in Nineteen Thirty. ~~He hadn't been~~

Today's attempted coup d'etat had its repercussions in Washington. Senator Key Pitman, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, thought it was the work of German organizations in Brazil that had been suppressed by President Vargas. However, Captain Mueller, Rio chief of police, says "so far as can be ascertained no foreigners were involved or implicated in this uprising."

There was an amusing Washington reaction at the Brazilian Embassy. This was one time when His Excellency, Ambassador Brando, had the laugh on the correspondents. He said to them:- "For months I've been telling you gentlemen that there was nothing Fascist about the Brazilian government. Maybe now you'll believe me."

FOLLOW LEAGUE

The League of Nations is still in a dither today about Ethiopia. And the subject of Geneva brings to mind a fascinating thing that I've read lately. It concerns the President of the League -- the Ago Khan. There has been endless talk about that fabulous religious potentate of India, who gets his weight in gold each year from the believers in his sect, and who has twice won the Derby in England. There hardly seems anything new and strange to be said about the Ago Khan. So, it might be called news to find something.

Of late I've been reading a magnificent book -- "A History of the Arabs" by my friend Professor Hitti of Princeton, a most erudite scholar and Orientalist. One point struck me so vividly that I've written an article about it for LIBERTY -- and I'll tell you one point of it now. Professor Hitti writes about that terrifying secret society of medieval Islam -- the Assassins. With them murder was a fine art, and, a religious duty. They frightened the Crusaders, with their chief whom the Knights of the Middle Ages called - the Old Man of the Mountain. Well, the Assassins continued their reign of terror until their power was

overthrown by the Mongols of the time of Genghis Khan. But the sect of the Assassins continued to exist. It exists right now -- as a mild Mohammedan brotherhood. The modern successors of the Assassins are called the Koja Ismailli. They have a supreme spiritual leader. This absolute religious chief of theirs is a lineal descendant of the last grand master of the Assassins -- and he is -- the Aga Khan, President of the League of Nations.

So there is a fantastic page of history, strange as the Arabian Nights -- extending right on down into this modern world.

LOST CHILD

little blue-eyed girl who
There's still no trace of the ~~poor little girl who~~
forest,
has been lost since Sunday in Pennsylvania. The search for her
now has ~~been~~ spread out to ~~the~~ three surrounding states. The
Pennsylvania police consider it possible that ~~little~~ four year
old Margery West may have been kidnapped. ~~In Thomas~~ *In* West
Virginia, was seen a motor car with a Pennsylvania license,
a motor car with a man and a ~~little~~ child who resembled the
missing ~~little~~ girl. So the police of West Virginia and Ohio
as well, have been asked to look out for that car. ~~And~~ *And* Blood
hounds were put on the trail today but without success.

REUNION

An Extra bit

There was a touching family reunion in New Jersey today. The story begins thirty-five years ago when a brother and sister said good-bye to each other on a pier in Hoboken. The brother was sailing for a visit to the old family home in Bavaria. After that, for thirty-five years they saw nothing of each other, ^{and} lost track, ~~of each other~~ completely. The brother, who is now sixty years old, fell upon hard times. For a while he was on relief and then got a W.P.A. job, ~~He~~ saved a hundred and twelve dollars out of his ~~W.P.A.~~ earnings, ^{and} then he found himself in need of another job. He was afraid that the relief he had obtained a couple of years ago would tell against him. So he took a hundred dollars of his savings and sent it to Administrator Harry Hopkins.

The story broke in the newspapers and caught the eye of the man's sister now living in Secaucus, New Jersey. She asked the chief of police of her town to investigate. Thus she found out that it is her long lost brother.

FRANKLIN

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One wonders what good old Ben Franklin would say if he were in Philadelphia today. In the studio of an American sculptor he could see a statue, a statue seventeen feet high. It's the statue^a of good old Ben himself. ~~It's~~ Seventeen feet high, even though it represents Poor Richard sitting down. It weighs a hundred and twenty ^{tons.} ~~pounds. That's going to~~ be one of the new landmarks of the City of Brotherly Love, ^{— city of Sun Oil; city of Blue Sunoco.} It will be unveiled some day in the middle of June and will be one of the new sights to see.

RECOVERY

Republican Congressmen ^{continued their attacks today on} ~~had their crack today at~~

President Roosevelt's recovery program. They said it was a menace to the solvency of Uncle Sam. They declare that the program won't cost four and a half billion, as the President outlined. It is really only part of a broad^{er} program which in their words, "involves a new draft of six^b million dollars upon the treasury of the United States." The Representatives go as far as ^{to} asking[^] for a congressional investigation of Mr. Harry Hopkins's W.P.A.

RECESSION

We've seen the worst of the recession, ^{or have we?} ~~the~~

The Department of Commerce has been making a survey of business

5 all over the country, ^{and as} ~~is~~ a result ~~of that~~ Secretary Uncle

Dan Roper issued a statement today, ^{saying:} ~~as he put it~~ "The recession

has reached rock bottom." But there is a string to it. He

adds the ~~am~~ qualifying word "probably."

RELIEF

Relief may be in sight for people who have mortgaged their homes to Uncle Sam. The Home ^{Owners} ~~Loaners~~ Loan Association has been executing a lot of foreclosures, and there is ~~now~~ considerable distress in many parts of the country. So a group of congressmen is taking ^{up} the matter. ~~up~~ They are going to the White House to see if something can't be done about it. What they are going to ask is a moratorium on mortgages by the H. O. L. C. People who are in default they say ~~would not~~ should not be turned out of their homes, they should be allowed to stay and pay a low rent, interest on their loan and property taxes.

WHEAT

Here's an item from Canada that may interest agriculturists and others besides. The farmers ^{of the Dominion} ~~of Canada~~ are planting much less spring grains this year. That's an estimate from the Bureau of Statistics of the Dominion in Ottawa. The spring wheat acerage will be something like one million four hundred thousand acres less than at this time last year.

MOODY

A perennial question in the sporting world is, "Do they ever really come back?" It's a question to which Joe Louis will find the answer next month and which Max Schmelling is already answering without a quiver. ^R Another ex-champion is in quest of the ^{same} reply over in England: ~~That's~~ Helen Wills Moody, for years the undisputed queen of the tennis courts. She is playing in a tournament in north London and down to date is sweeping everything before her. She has ^{up} ~~got~~ to the fourth round and ^(has) ~~lost~~ only three games. The ^{betting} ~~betting~~ among the English is heavily in favor of Mrs. Moody *to win again at Wimbledon.*

HELIUM

The excitement about ~~our~~ selling Helium to Germany came to a head today in Washington. ~~Critics had been~~

~~has been agitation about it. Critics said it was wrong of Uncle Sam not to let Dr. Eekner have some of our gas that is not inflammable for his airplanes.~~

~~Both the Army and the Navy have said it was all right as far as they are concerned.~~ The chief obstacle has been Secretary Ickes of the Interior ^{who} ~~He has~~ put his foot down on the assumption that if we sold helium gas for commercial airliners it might be used for fighting dirigibles in times of war.

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BERLIN

The United States

~~Uncle Sam~~ has filed a protest with the German Government.

It's about the decree recently promulgated by General Goering

as ~~the~~ Commissar of the Four Year Plan, ^{which} ~~you may recall that~~

~~it~~ required^s all Jewish people ~~to~~ register everything they own

in Germany, that is everything worth more than five thousand marks.

The State Department instructed ~~the~~ Ambassador Wilson to complain

that this should not be applied to Jews who are American citizens.

PANTS

Once again we have a familiar story, the story of the ambassador's pants. There has been a great deal of curiosity as to what will be the costume of our new ambassador to the

court of St. James's, ^{red-haired} ~~rugged~~ Joe Kennedy of Boston. Would ^{forthright} ~~rugged~~

Joe succumb to the effete custom of wearing knee breeches? ~~That's~~ ~~part of~~ the uniform ~~that~~ all civilian^s men are supposed to wear when

they bow to ^{the} King ^{George} ~~George~~. ^{Many} ~~Some of them~~ have complied, ~~a~~ few have

stood upon their Americanism as ~~rugged~~ individualists. President

Theodore Roosevelt, for instance, when he was special ambassador

to the coronation of Edward the Seventh, declined to encase his

lower limbs in satin knickers and silk stockings. He stuck to

the costume popularly known as soup and fish, the conventional

black and white attire common to men of fashion and ^{to} head waiters.

And those are the togs that ^{Forthright} ~~rugged~~ Joe is probably wearing this

identical minute as he stands before King George and Queen Elizabeth

at Buckingham Palace. ^{For — so he} ~~He so~~ informed his august ^{Lordship the} ~~Mrs~~ Lord Chamberlain.

^{And} The Lord Chamberlain gave a ~~grudging~~ grudging consent but added ~~the note~~

that no ~~rugged~~ ^{individualism} Americanism would be tolerated in Ambassador Kennedy's

attaches. ^{So the lesser fry are} They're wearing knee breeches tonight or they're not among those present ^{at the Court tonight.} ~~at the Court tonight.~~ & now Hugh what from you?

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