

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(Young John Roosevelt did not squirt champagne on that French mayor, and he didn't smack him over the head with a bouquet.) The President's strapping youngest son returned home today on the PARIS, tanned and beaming. After he had said "Hello Mommy!" to the first Lady of the Land, he turned smiling to a young army of reporters and stood up good-naturedly before a drum fire of questions. ("I never met the Mayor of Cannes during the Battle of the Flowers," he said. "As a matter of fact, I haven't met him yet. It was just a case of mistaken identity.") "But", he added, "it certainly put me in a nice spot with father. Father heard about it before I did and sent a most pleasant cablegram to Bill Bullitt, the American Ambassador in Paris."

"Nevertheless," John admitted, "I shall be awfully glad to see father," and tapping his pockets, he explained: "I'm nearly broke."

Big young John said that he had heard three different versions of that Cannes episode and that they had just one thing in common -- they were all wrong. One version had it that there were long spikes in the bouquet which he had beamed the French mayor. "Apparently," says John Roosevelt, "I'm in the habit of carrying long spikes about with me in the pockets of my evening clothes." Was he drinking champagne, he was asked. "Of course," he replied. "It's the cheapest drink in France." "But," he added, "I didn't squirt it in the Mayor's face!"

JAMES ROOSEVELT

Burglars, who are no respecters of personages, invaded the home of Lieutenant Colonel James Roosevelt. While he was attending his august father at Hyde Park, thieves broke in and stole. According to the Washington police, they didn't find much but a gold watch, some cuff links, and shirt studs. But they helped themselves to rare wines and liquors. And, adding insult to injury, they left the empty bottles on the floor, and the place was a wreck. According to report, their taste was better than their manners.

TENNIS

There was ~~real~~ excitement on the tennis courts at Forest Hills, ^{today.} ~~New York~~ ^W where the fourth round of the National Championships were being played. A champion was dethroned and there's a background to that match which goes back many years. Shortly after the beginning of the century, there was a girl in Pasadena, California, named May Sutton, as all veteran tennis fans will remember. She was ^{and} far away ahead of all the women players on the courts. ^{of} ~~all over~~ the world. ^{And} ~~She was~~ the first American woman to win the English championship at Wimbledon.

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About the same time flourished a stocky young Californian named Tom Bundy, who was in the first ^l ~~fight~~ among the men. ~~In fact,~~ For three years Tom Bundy and Maurice McLaughlin held the doubles championship. May Sutton married Tom Bundy, ^{and} ~~and one of the results was~~ ^{they had} a daughter, ~~named~~ Dorothy May Bundy. That young lady played so well last year that at the end of the season she was rated eighth among American women players. Today, at Forest Hills, Dorothy May Bundy beat the ~~champion~~ ^{champion} champion, Alice Marble of San Francisco, defeated her in three sets. She lost the first, one-six. In the tenth game of the second set

Miss Mart~~le~~ was within one point of winning the match. Chunky little Dorothy May held that point, won the set, seven-five, and won the next set easily, six-one. According to the season's record, that's the biggest upset the tennis courts have seen this year.


NAVAL BATTLE

A naval battle raged in the Mediterranean today, three miles off the coast of Algiers. For two hours and a half a Rebel squadron and a Spanish government flotilla banged away at each other. The outcome isn't known, no details or casualty lists are available. It began when Rebel warships swooped down on a couple of Spanish freighters. These radioed frantically for help, and presently the government's men-o-war steamed on to the scene and the fight was on. We still don't know who won.

The engagement was witnessed by three French destroyers that had been sent out from the harbor of Algiers to prevent the battle from moving over into French territorial waters.

At about the same time, three British destroyers left Gibraltar in a hurry. But the admiralty said they were not going toward the scene of the battle, theirs being purely a routine movement.

Such was one dramatic episode in the wars that



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afflict the earth today. But other things happened that were far more fraught with threats to the peace of the world, including ourselves. Submarine attacks continued in the Mediterranean, shells and torpedoes were aimed at merchant vessels. Lloyds of London received word that a so-called pirate man-o-war had aimed at a British tanker off the French North African coast. Another tanker, belonging to an American oil company, flying the British flag, was stopped and searched by a submarine of indefinite nationality in the eastern Mediterranean. As a matter of fact, it happened quite close to Rhodes, in the Dodecanes^e Island^s, where Italy has a ~~naval~~ naval base.

This heightened the tension and public anger in London, where the Cabinet held not only one but two emergency meetings.

The situation in the Mediterranean is considered so serious in Washington that Uncle Sam's Navy has issued a warning to the masters of all American vessels. Secretary Hull had a conference with Chairman Kennedy of the Maritime Commission. After which the daily bulletin broadcast by the Navy's

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Hydrographic Office contained the following message: "Caution regarding attacks on merchant x ships in the Mediterranean. American ship operators in the Mediterranean Sea are warned that merchant vessels of various countries have recently been attacked in the sea by unidentified aircraft, surface vessels and submarines." *End quote.*

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In London and Paris, the Foreign Offices were anxiously preparing for Friday's international conference on the Mediterranean crisis. John Bull is using the utmost of his diplomacy to get Mussolini to take a place at the table. After the second cabinet meeting today, the report went out that Downing Street had assured the Duce that Great Britain will do all ^{possible} ~~she can~~ to prevent the Soviet representatives from repeating those accusations of piracy against Italy.

The outspoken attitude of Moscow, however, is sulphuric and threatening. The Soviet official newspaper ^{today} said that the international conference had better be more adroitly managed than the Non-Intervention Committee. Otherwise, it

will be sunk by a diplomatic torpedo just as Russian ships were sunk by Italian torpedoes in the Mediterranean.

The Soviet on the one hand accepted the invitation of Britain and France to take part in the Mediterranean conference. On the other hand, Moscow sent a fresh note to Rome, declining to accept Mussolini's curt reply to the Soviet note of protest and denouncing Italy as the author of acts of piracy on the high seas.

CHINA FOLLOW GERMANY

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The most portentous happening in the Far East itself was an act of defiance by Japan. (The Mikado's government rejects the demands of Uncle Sam, John Bull and France, the request to remove Japanese warships and troops from the neighborhood of the International Settlement in Shanghai.) The excuse offered by Tokyo is that such a withdrawal would prevent the Japanese government from protecting its nationals in that settlement.

Uncle Sam's warships and transports will continue to evacuate Americans from China. Some of them will be taken to Hongkong, but most of them to Manila. Admiral Yarnell announces that: "The American government desires to evacuate from China such nationals as are able to leave. The commander-in-chief of the third fleet ^{said he} will provide transportation to Manila. Families of marine and naval personnel will be evacuated immediately."

^{Today} Neither on land nor at sea was there any decisive action fought. The Nipponese warships, planes and artillery continued their merciless bombardment of Shanghai. Fragments

of shrapnel fell upon the U.S. cruiser AUGUSTA and other foreign men-o-war. Japanese planes also bombarded a passenger train on the Shanghai-Hangchow Line. The travelers were not only bombed but raked with machine-gun fire. Three hundred killed, four hundred injured.

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One episode, ^{occurred} in Far Eastern waters that may have

sinister consequences. The Russian fleet seized and disarmed a Japanese gunboat which the Russians say, was trespassing in Russian territorial waters.

PARAGUAY

That revolution in Paraguay didn't last long. There was some pretty hot fighting between the Government and ~~the~~ Rebel troops. But after a night of it the Government of President Paiva was in the saddle again and had everything in hand. So Ex-President Franco, the Rebel leader was out of luck. All the more so because ~~of an~~ ^{of an} erroneous report ^{that} reached Buenos Aires where Colonel Franco is in exile. He received word that everything was hunkey-dorrey and the revolution had won out. So he gayly hopped a plane for Asuncion, the capitol of Paraguay, expecting to be greeted with cheers and conducted ceremoniously to the President's chair at the palace. Instead of that he was greeted by the police the moment he stepped ~~on~~ off the plane and told to get ~~back~~ back on it and leave, no matter where so long as it wasn't any where in Paraguay.

BREVITIES

Now for some snapshots from the four corners of the earth. A bottle, thrown into the ocean, traveled across the Atlantic at the rate of fifty miles a day. It was thrown by a New York cop aboard a steamer just two days outside of Sandy Hook, and exactly a month later it was found off the Cornish coast.

You mustn't laugh at grandma, when under a clear sky, she announces that it is going to rain because her corns hurt. Grandma is usually right. Such was the message heard by the National Association of chiropodists in convention at Columbus, Ohio. There are scientific reasons why corns hurt when rain is coming.

There's a comet on its way. Discovered by star gazer Encke in Seventeen Eighty-Six. Encke's comet has just been sighted by the Lincoln Observatory in California.

The American farmer should have a larger share of the nation's income. He represents thirty per cent of the nation's population and twenty per cent of its wealth. But he gets only

ten per cent of our total income." That's what the New York farmers heard at the State Fair in Syracuse from the head of The National Grange.

British heavyweight champion Tommy Farr is disgusted. Tommy is at outs with his manager and doesn't care who knows it. His manager isn't pleased with Tommy either. He says that last Friday Tommy offered to punch him in the nose.

It seems funny to hear of a race lasting more than ten days winding up with a camera finish. But that's what happened in the contest of square rigged yachts from Newport, Rhode Island, to Bermuda. The yacht JOSEPH CONRAD sailed across the line at Hamilton, Bermuda, just fifty-five seconds ahead of her nearest rival, SEVEN SEAS. The time was ten days, one hour, and fifty-two seconds. The race also ended in a row. The skipper of SEVEN SEAS protested that the JOSEPH CONRAD had crossed the line under auxiliary power. But everything was peaceful today when the protest was withdrawn.

Compare that with what happened on the salt flats at Bonneville, Utah, this afternoon. Ab Jenkins, who set a lot of

new world's records there last year, was at it again. In less than two hours' driving, he established fourteen new records. That's too numerous to describe in detail. But in one hour he drove a hundred and seventy-seven miles, and for an hour and forty minutes he kept up an average of a hundred and seventy-five miles an hour. One twelve mile lap he did at a hundred and eighty miles an hour, three miles a minute, going nowhere.

In New Jersey, Senator Powell wants the Republicans to nominate him for governor in the primaries. He has appointed his wife as his campaign manager. Mrs. Powell's first slogan for her candidate is that "he's the grandest kind of husband and father and therefore he would make a grand governor." That's one way of getting a good word from the little woman -- run for office, make her your campaign manager, ^{then} and she's got to give you a pat on the back. And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.