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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Two anniversaries were celebrated today - and they made an interesting pair to reflect upon. Thirty years ago a white man, a negro, and a party of Eskimo stood on a frozen waste of seemingly endless ice. And the white man's reckoning showed - they were at the North Pole. Peary's great discovery - there at the top of the earth, with his negro assistant ^{who was honored} Mat Henson and with their Eskimo helpers. So was achieved the goal for which so many explorers toiled and suffered and died in vain, ~~a goal of~~ ~~discoveries~~

And, Twenty-two years ^{today} ago, the President of the United States signed a document, hurling this country into the World War. *And the anniversary is celebrated as Army Day.* Memory is still fresh of how millions of Americans became soldiers and of how tens of thousands were casualties of battle in France. Graves with their crosses, row upon row, tell how the youth of

America sacrificed itself to make the world safe for democracy -
~~and~~ that ^{same} safety of democracy ^{which} is a bitter thought now.

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We know what Admiral Peary discovered on this day
— the North Pole
thirty years ago. But what did America discover in the war we
entered on this day twenty-two years ago. Let's leave it to the
American people to decide - especially the veterans who served
in the trenches of mud and blood in France. And then, ~~none too~~
~~cheaply~~ let's look at the events in Europe today.

BRITAIN

The war crisis becomes clear on two focal points - Poland and Albania.

(Great Britain's rush to the defense of Poland is explained explained by the revelation that Hitler's Germany made a set of proposals to Poland. Berlin suggested to Warsaw a settlement of disputes between the two nations. The chief item of the settlement - that Germany should take Danzig, that Great Baltic port.)

A second point of the German proposal was - that the Hitler Reich should be allowed to build an automobile highway across what is called the Polish Corridor, a highway to connect West Prussia and East Prussia. These are now separated by that Corridor which the Versailles Treaty created. Such an automobile highway German owned and German controlled, would of course mean a lot

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more than a convenience for pleasure touring - it would have all sorts of military significance. The road-building suggestion evoked memories of a previous Hitler highway project. The Nazi Fuehrer got from the Republic of Czechoslovakia the right to build a German highway across its territories. And that was soon followed by the destruction of the Czechoslovak Republic and ~~the~~ ~~creation~~ the creation of a German protectorate.

~~Other items in the plan that Berlin handed to Warsaw concerned national minorities.~~

~~What was Warsaw's response to the German demands?~~

What ~~did~~ ^The Warsaw Foreign Minister, Colonel Josef Beck, ~~is~~ ~~to say about it all?~~ He said - "No!" Or, as German Nazi officials bitterly expressed it today - "Beck's answer was to go to London." ~~The Polish chieftain went to London and~~ ^{There he} put the German demands up to the British government - and Britain promptly issued a guarantee to Poland, a guarantee of Polish territory against Germany. That was temporary. Today the guarantee was made permanent by a formal military alliance. Today Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons that Great Britain and Poland have agreed

19 to a two-way alliance, according to which each will fight if the other fights.

Berlin is uttering dramatic warnings to Poland.

Now about the second focus of trouble - Albania. (That

{ Albanian crisis developed as a sudden surprise, and left the world rather bewildered.) Why should Mussolini so abruptly start making

war ^{like} gestures ^{at} the little Balkan country right across from the heel of Italy? Albania right along has been in Italian control,

almost a protectorate. Rome has advanced a series of loans to King Zog, money which His Majesty, Zog, is quite unable to pay back. Mussolini playing the old imperialistic game of ^{loans} ~~money~~

which made him the virtual boss of Albania. So why the sudden fireworks? ^{That's} answered by the revelation that negotiations

have been going on between the Duce and King Zog for a renewal of the treaty between them, an extension of the arrangement

that put Italy in control. But the renewal of negotiations ran into difficulties. We are not told what these difficulties

were, but apparently Mussolini wanted better terms than ever - and Albania balked. Hence the sudden warlike gestures and

military moves - a menacing demonstration to bring Albania

to terms and make King Zog sign on the dotted line. That sort of thing ~~has been~~^{was} done before. The original Italian-Albanian treaty a few years ago was made under the influence of a Mussolini naval demonstration off the Albanian coast. ~~and now this has happened all over again.~~

(Today Italian warships were in Albanian ports, cruisers anchored and guns pointed, and destroyers rushing about. Rome sent a formal notification to Jugoslavia, the neighbor most concerned about Albania. Mussolini informed the Yugoslav government that Italy ~~will have to~~^{would} take action against Albania, if King Zog doesn't accept the Italian terms - within a reasonable time.)

~~Jugoslavia doesn't seem to be especially concerned about this, so long as its own frontiers are not bothered. There were reports that Italian troops have landed in Albania, but this is denied.~~

Now here's the latest, a dispatch right off the wires from Rome. A settlement is believed to be at hand. In high Fascist quarters⁵ it was stated that a compromise ~~is believed to be~~ ~~arranged~~ between Italy and Albania is nearly arranged, and will probably be signed by Easter Sunday. ~~P~~ This late news from Rome

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relates that King Zog informed Mussolini that if there were any arrangement infringing the independence of Albania, the Albanian mountaineers would fight ~~in~~ a guerrilla warfare and the King himself would probably be overthrown. Such indeed has been indicated by the news all day, reports from Albania that the people would fight for independence. ^R Mussolini is said to have taken King Zog's message to heart, and that the agreement under way will not be ~~anything~~ so drastic as an out-and-out protectorate. It will give Italy all kinds of control over King Zog's kingdom, but outward independence ^{is to} ~~would~~ be maintained. This dispatch from Rome would seem to indicate that the Albanian flare-up will soon die out.

BRITISH NAZI

London provides a headline concerning Nazi agents in England. The British government is expelling three of them.-

So the House of Commons was informed today. The Nazi agents are accused of intimidating German refugees in England - threatening them with retaliation on their relatives in Germany. This the British government will not tolerate. There ^{is to be} ~~has been~~ no official protest to Berlin - the Nazi agents will just be kicked out.

WALL STREET

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The Stock Market took another tumble today - a result of the war scare. An alarmist rumor ran around Wall Street ~~today~~ saying that ~~the~~ Lloyds of London were betting three or four to one that war would break out within twenty-four hours. This reminds us of the news during the last presidential campaign that Lloyds was quoting ^{alf} Landon at two or three to one over Roosevelt.

There's a lot of misconception about the quotations issued by that great British insurance organization - all because people misinterpret the rates that are made by Lloyds. ^{These are} ~~They're~~ assumed to be betting odds, but that's all wrong. It may be substantially true that Lloyds does bet - but it's in the shape of insurance. Not betting odds but actuarial ^{ial rates -} ~~rates~~ - something very different. So while the figures given out at Lloyds may seem to be three or four to one that war will break out, they may really be the other way round - three or four to one that war ^{will} ~~does~~ not break out.

CANADA WAR

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Today at London, Ontario, there was a thrill of excitement when a newsboy peddled his papers with an alarming shout. The lad took a look at the big headline - "Italians Seize Albania." And down the line he went, shouting:-
"Extra, extra! Italians Seize Alabama! Italians Seize Alabama!"

That must have astonished our Canadian cousins. ~~In~~
~~New York it would have sounded like~~ ~~Malberry Street advancing~~
~~into the southland, waving sheaves of spaghetti.~~

BUSINESS

Here is a bit about business. A sort of thumb-nail

~~bit of~~ business editorial.

There is heavy pressure at Washington for transportation legislation, but prospects ^{it at} for this session are bad. ~~There are~~

Indications of a battle of ~~the~~ giants. ~~The giants are the~~

Railroads on one side; ~~and~~ the highway-using public on the other.

The Highway Users Conference, whose chairman is Alfred P. Sloan,

head of General Motors, ~~company,~~ charges the railroads with a propaganda campaign, ^{The Highway Users} against highway transportation. ~~any~~ Conference

is ~~going to~~ ^{ing} fight back. It announces that it will ^{quote} "expose all railroad schemes to restrict use of the ~~the~~ highways," ~~the effect~~

~~of which would be to increase transportation costs to the~~

~~public.~~ The Conference says that the excessive taxes and

restrictions that the ~~railroads~~ railroads are demanding would

handicap all highway use. The oil industry and the great

farmers' organizations are associated with the motor

manufacturers in the ~~Highway Users~~ Conference. So it looks

^{like a battle of the giants.}
~~as if the struggle would be what the sports writers call~~

~~"a battle of the century"~~

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LIONS

Circus time always brings its crop of sawdust stories from under the big tent. And here's one they're telling as the Ringling Brothers' show opens in New York. It's about lions and tigers and a wild animal trainer.

Some years ago, while the circus was in winter quarters, a lion broke loose one night and went on the rampage - killing sheep. There was a lion hunt all over the countryside, and several small boys joined in the ^{hot} ~~exciting~~ pursuit of the big game.

~~There was~~ a flurry of excitement, and one of the lads went scrambling through a hedge of thorns. He was in such a hurry that he jammed his face in the tangle of thorns and injured one eye - ~~he~~ lost the sight of that eye.

What's that lad doing today? Why, he's Terrell Jacobs, the big lion and tiger man of the Ringling Brothers show. The boy who lost one eye, because of a lion, grew up to become a lion-tamer -- a one-eyed wild animal man. And that certainly was a novelty - only one eye to keep on the big cats doing their act in the big cage - when two eyes would be none too many.

Now it's revealed that something of a miracle is occurring.

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Of late Terrell Jacobs, the lion and tiger trainer, has been getting back the sight of that blind eye, can see out of it once again. Old time circus men explain it with a bit of big tent philosophy - by reverting to the old story of the dog and the rabbit. The dog chased the rabbit, and the rabbit climbed a tree. But how could a rabbit climb a tree? Well, he had to. Wild Animal Man Terrell Jacobs has just increased the number of lions and tigers in his act to make it the biggest ever. And he is learning to see out of his blind eye - because he'd better. He needs all of two eyes - if not three.

YEARLING

At Uniontown, Pennsylvania, ~~today Farmer Robert Sweeney~~
~~was debating whether or not he would have to tear his house down~~
~~last~~ fall Farmer Sweeney had a yearling bull, so frail that it
needed extra care. So the farmer kept the yearling in the cellar
of his house, and nursed it along. He took such good care of the
critter that it grew healthy and strong - also big.

Today when Farmer Sweeney decided the bull was in good
enough shape to go out to pasture, he found he couldn't get ~~it~~
out - the bull had grown too big to get through the cellar door.

And He has grown too fond of his pet Ferdinand to ~~tear in an extra~~ *take that through*
that door in the form of beefsteaks.
~~supply of beef~~ So it looks as if ~~he'll~~ have to tear ~~his~~ house
down to get ~~his~~ bull out.

Sweeney will

KING

Word from London tells us - the King and Queen will get the
x ticker-tape. (Meaning - Their Majesties King George and Queen
{ Elizabeth will spend a few hours in Manhattan.) Their plan had been
to visit the New York World's Fair, and then go straight to a
train bound for President Roosevelt's home at Hyde Park. But
that's been changed, says the writer of a London gossip column.
Their Majesties will take a few hours to see New York - and get a
ticker-tape welcome.

Who achieved this momentous alteration of the royal
itinerary? The gossip writer answers - Roy Howard. The chief of
the Scripps-Howard ~~newspapers~~ ^{papers has been} in Europe, and has been sending
his newspapers a series of striking articles about the war crisis,
acute observations and comment. (Last night Roy Howard made a
radio speech from Paris to the United States - and gave this
nation some salutary warning^s about the peril of being drawn
into the European turmoil.) ^{Now -} ~~But~~ all this pales into insignificance,
beside the Roy Howard exploit of selling New York to British
royalty. It is said that the head of Scripps-Howard had a
conference with Prime Minister Chamberlain and said that

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New York would be greatly offended if Manhattan didn't get a

look at the King and Queen. ~~Now nobody wants to offend~~ New York -

willingly

*And who would
or Los Angeles or San Francisco,*

except maybe Chicago or Philadelphia or Hoboken. So now it's

arranged for the canyons of Manhattan to shower ticker-tape and

torn-up telephone books on Their Majesties of the British Empire.

*But remember folks tear those
telephone books up.*

or Omaha or etc etc.

QUEEN

There are all sorts of unions in the world, and it might seem difficult to invent a new kind of unionization. Here it is, though - a proposal to form a union of ex-sovereigns, kings and queens in exile. That would be interesting, dethroned royalty exercising the right of collective bargaining;- and, picketing?

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Kings and queens in the picket lines, carrying sandwich signs saying, "This place is unfair to ^{organized} ~~kicked-out~~ royalty!" ^{That} would be something.

The proposal is made in Paris by former Queen Salimba Machimba. In case you haven't heard of Her Ex-Majesty

Salimba Machimba, she used to be monarch of the Island of Moheli.

And in case you never heard of the Island of Moheli - it's a speck of land with some coconut groves ^{was} ~~along~~ ⁱⁿ down the Indian Ocean, off Madagascar.

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Queen Salimba Machimba complains that kings and queens in exile are not being treated fairly - unfair practices as ^{Mr Wagner} ~~the~~ Labor Act puts it. I suppose they're ^{also} not getting enough royal salutes and regal entertainment, but, as usual, ^{really} it's a case of wages. When Queen Salimba Machimba transferred her coconut sovereignty of the Island of Moheli to France, she was guaranteed a royal

— many French coconuts.

pension. She's still getting it, but inflated currency has

cut its value so much that the pension is not royal any more -

— the French coconuts have shrunk,
it's quite plebian. So Salimba Machimba has issued a call for

exiled royalty to unionize - and protect their pensions and

perquisites - if any. The news relates that Union Organizer

Salimba Machimba is backed by the former Sultan of Turkestan

and the Ex-mir of Afghanistan. They ^{all} want union cards, ^{so} says Her

Ex-Coconut Majesty

Queen Salimba Machimba,

and e-l-u-t-m.

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