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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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(All day the world has been waiting in fear of another international tragedy, the invasion of the gallant little Finnish republic by the armed might of the Soviet Union. The actual news up to the last minute is that it hasn't happened yet, though all day long Moscow has been rattling the sabre, growling threats and using the tactics which in the last three years we have come to associate most closely with Hitler.)

The subjects of Stalin are being fed on reports that it is the Finns who are doing the threatening, the Finns who propose to attack the enormous mass of Soviet Russia. Moscow and Leningrad resound with threats about the Finnish war clique. One mass meeting adopted a resolution that the Soviets are ready to strike three decisive blows for each provocative blow of the war mongers in Finland, *say the much abused Reds.*

The word from Moscow to the Finns is, "Withdraw your

troops from the Soviet frontier or we will throw them back!"

A note from Helsingfors submitted what sounds like a reasonable offer: Finland will withdraw her soldiers from the frontier if the Soviets will do the same.

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The Finnish Government denies categorically that any hostile act was committed. They say that some accident may have occurred on the Russian side of the frontier. No inimical act was directed against the Soviet Union by Finnish forces. And they ridicule the notion that ~~the~~ Finnish cannon have fired shots across the frontier into Soviet territory. ~~That's exactly~~ The Finnish Government also reported that Soviet soldiers had been seen firing trench mortars along the frontier. Therefore, if any Soviet soldiers were killed, they were killed by their own shells.

Here's a bulletin that came from Moscow, ~~it~~ came over the wire just ^{an}~~one~~ hour ago. It's the report of a broadcast over the Soviet radio, speaking directly to the people of Finland. It urged the Finns to overthrow their government, get rid of what the Russians call their clownish premier. And that broadcast uttered the warning that the Finnish Prime Minister is leading the

country in the disastrous path of the former Polish leaders. Such are the words of the Soviet broadcaster.

radio warning added: -
The ~~broadcast also repeated the warning that~~ "our batteries are ready to fire at any minute unless the Finnish soldiers are withdrawn!"

And That seems to be where ~~that~~^{the} quarrel stands tonight: the Finns sit tight, ~~and~~^{say} they will defend their own. But they're facing ~~the military~~^a strength of a hundred and seventy million ^{people} directed by Stalin, the man of steel, the dictator without ruth or scrupple.

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JAPAN

Rumors of an agreement between the Soviets and Japan are growing stronger. But there's one thing to be observed about that: they all appear to emanate from Tokyo. The Japanese are making a great to-do about the arrival of a Japanese diplomat in Moscow, a diplomat who used to be Director of the Commercial Affairs Bureau of the Mikado's Foreign Office.

Of course it's not impossible to detect in these inspired reports a veiled warning to Uncle Sam. It is as though the Japanese were trying to say to us, "All right, ~~for you~~ if you won't make friends, we'll pal up with the Russians." Uncle Sam, however, ~~so far~~ is standing pat on his decision that he wants some answer to his many complaints about Japanese treatment of American citizens. A spokesman of the Tokyo Foreign Office had something to say about that today. He admitted that they have on file, in the Japanese Foreign Office, no fewer than three hundred American protests. That means protests which have never been adequately treated. Our own State Department declares that the protests are not three hundred, but six hundred. The Japanese spokesman replies that so far as Japan is concerned, it is three hundred cases — and that should be more than enough!

DEUTSCHLAND

It was Hitler's pocket battleship, the DEUTSCHLAND, which sank ^a ~~that~~ British cruiser off the coast of Iceland last week.

The cruiser was a transformed merchant vessel which had been converted, turned into a ~~battleship~~ ^{sort of warship} armed with six inch guns. It

was on ^{Thursday} ~~the~~ afternoon of Thanksgiving - our ^{first} - last week - that this

^{the converted Rawalpindi} British man-o-war saw the smoke of an enemy ship appearing over the

horizon. As soon as her outlines became plainly visible, the British captain exclaimed:- "It's the DEUTSCHLAND, all right."

The Britishers fought ~~that ship~~ until every gun had been put out of action. But it was ^{a hopelessly} ~~an~~ uneven fight, ^{and} lasted only forty

minutes. ^{The whole ex-passenger ship} By that time not only were the guns out of action, but the

^{So the survivors tell today.} ~~whole ship was~~ in flames. She went down with colors flying. ^{The}

⁵⁰ ^{The} DEUTSCHLAND was accompanied by another German warship, but the

British were not able to make out her identity. The report of the

Admiralty is that more than two hundred officers and men perished

^{brief action off Iceland.} in that ~~naval battle~~

ITALY

Americans returning ~~to America~~ ^{home} from Italy ~~came back with~~ ^{bring}

news of significant sound. All American citizens still left in

~~Mussolini's land~~ ^{Mussolini's land}

~~Italy~~ are being warned to leave and go home as soon as possible.

The unofficial rumor going through ~~Mussolini's country~~ ^{Italy} is that

~~Il Duce will~~ ^{Il Duce will}

~~he will~~ be in the war up to his neck by spring.

HULL

Secretary Hull expressed himself today on that British order in council which applies the blockade to German exports.

The State Department is considering the matter and so far the

United States Government reserves all its rights, *which must be rather theoretical since our ships are not there.*

SHIP SEIZURES

The State Department has been adding up all the American ships that have been seized and held up by foreign governments since the war started. *It develops that* only one has been ~~seized~~ taken

outright, the famous old CITY OF FLINT, which the Germans grabbed but couldn't keep. Aside from that, the Nazis detained three American vessels, *and later turned them loose.*

The British, on the other hand, *have held up* ~~detained~~ thirty-four.

Ten, ~~were held up~~ by the French. On five of those detained ~~vessels~~, part of the cargoes has been seized. Aside from that, the British removed a hundred and sixty-two bags of United States mail from one steamer, eleven from another — *bound for belligerent countries.*

DIES

We may soon see the extraordinary and unprecedented sight of a President's wife appearing before a Congressional Committee. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today made public an offer to testify before the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities.. She expressed herself willing to tell what she knows about the American Youth Congress in which she ^{has been} interested, the charge having been made that this American Youth Congress is under control of Red Communists.

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The First Lady's offer was conveyed to Martin Dies, Chairman of the Committee, ~~who was ill today~~. Dies said he would take it under advisement, and ^{that} ~~said~~ they probably would ^{accept} ~~take~~ Mrs. Roosevelt's ^{offer} ~~up on the~~ offer.

POWER

One word from Washington seems to indicate warfare for the utility companies, ~~that is~~ legal warfare. ~~You may recall that~~ When Congress created the Securities and Exchange Commission, there was not much argument about the so-called "death sentence" in the enabling act, the death sentence for holding companies ~~and~~ public utilities. The act was finally passed, ~~of course~~, and since then one hasn't heard much about that death sentence clause.

But it jumped into the news today with a bang.

Representative John ~~Rankin~~ Rankin of Mississippi expressed himself in explosive terms. He's one of President Roosevelt's principal advisors on the government's policy toward the power companies. Said Representative Rankin:- "If the members of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not going to enforce the law they should resign and get out."

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This storm swept over the political horizon because of a proposed transaction between two power companies. A utility company in Michigan offered a hundred and twenty-five thousand shares of stock for sale. Commonwealth and Southern offered to buy it at a certain price. Senator Norris of Nebraska criticized the transaction

because a firm in Cleveland had offered a higher price. And said Senator Norris:- "This seems to be a case of a holding company robbing its own subsidiaries in order to enrich itself."

all this
~~so that~~ the motivation of the ~~fiery~~ challenge by Representative Rankin of Mississippi.

HEALTH INSURANCE

For several months we've been hearing a great deal from ^{the} President Roosevelt and other official sources that the Social Security Act should be expanded, ~~should~~ take in more people, ~~should be more comprehensive.~~ The latest is that it should be stretched to cover health insurance. This opinion was expressed today by Arthur Altmeyer of Washington, Chairman of the Social Security Board. He's in Havana at the head of the United States delegation to the Inter-American Labor Conference. ~~In Cuba~~ Altmeyer ^{added:-} ~~stated:-~~ "We also recognize our social insurances do not include two necessary groups, agriculturists and domestic workers."

CHRYSLER

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The Chrysler Corporation today started what looked like
a determined ^{attempt to end its labor} ~~beginning of breaking the strike at the main Dodge~~
^{trouble.} ~~plant at Detroit.~~

Some two hundred men passed through the gates
of the factory, through a picket line of thousands. They
~~strike breakers~~ were hissed and booed, but none ~~of them~~ was hurt,
not a stone flew. The two hundred men were escorted into the plant
by a heavy guard of Detroit police. Cops on foot and on horseback
formed a solid wall several blocks long, ~~through which the~~
~~strike breakers marched to work.~~

SHIPWRECK

Another American vessel in distress, this time in the Pacific Ocean. ~~Curiously enough, new stories of drama on the high seas come more frequently from the Atlantic Ocean, though the Pacific, a much mis-named ocean, has its full share of deadly storms.~~

A call for help was received at the main radio station in San Francisco. The steamships PETER KERR was in trouble somewhere off the Kurile Islands, ^{northern Japan.} The freighter was ~~leak~~ leaking and had one hold already full of water. The message ^{was} ~~had been~~ relayed by the liner PRESIDENT COOLIDGE. The S.S. MICHIGAN promptly started at full steam for the spot, ^{remote} ~~six hundred miles east of Japan, where the~~ ^{off the stormy Kuriles}.
~~PETER KERR was in distress.~~

COOK

Some forty-two years ago, a San Francisco character known as ^{the} Barney Cook, put an end to the mortal existence of another San Franciscan named Patrick Dolan, a bartender. Barney explained that he had given the quietus to Patrick with a bare bodkin, because Patrick had robbed him of two thousand dollars. That was in Eighteen Ninety-Seven.

The law looked leniently upon the act of Barney the Cook, decided he was not all there, and sent him to the State Hospital for the Insane. But ⁱⁿ Nineteen Six, the hospital authorities decided he was cured of his insanity so they sent him back to San Francisco to stand trial on ^a ~~that~~ murder charge. ^{They} ~~But~~ in the spring of Nineteen Six, ~~you may remember, there~~ occurred ^{a great} ~~that devastating~~ fire - and ~~you darn't mention the name "earthquake" in connection~~ with it ~~speaking to any Californian. Earthquake or fire,~~ ^{One result} ~~of which was that~~ so far as Barney the Cook was concerned ^{the murder} ~~was to destroy all the~~ records ^{all vanished.} ~~in the charge of murder against him.~~ ^{Whereupon he} He was set free on a writ of habeas corpus.

Barney the Cook was both relieved and frightened. When the court set him free, he took it on the run and he ran and he ran and he never came back.

Barney's in the news today because one of the things he ran away from is a fortune. Barney didn't know it, but while he was getting into trouble on the Pacific Coast, his brother in the east was getting prosperous, acquiring real estate in New York and Brooklyn. Barney's brother is dead, and if Barney is alive, all that New York and Brooklyn land belongs to him. And there's no chance of his ever being brought to trial again for the killing of Patrick Dolan. For the San Francisco earthquake, or fire, or both, made a perfect job of destroying ^{all the} ~~those~~ records.

Barney's real name, by the way, is either Owen or Eugene Kenney. — or Mac or Butch, or something.

TATTER

Out in California, a gentleman won an important contest. Something that he made was given first prize at the California State Fair. It was a bedspread, [^] a bedspread crocheted by a man named John Miller.

As a result of winning that prize, John Miller was also awarded a trip to New York, where he is to be awarded additional honors for his tatting. ^{Tatting John} ~~He~~ was much astonished upon arriving at the San Francisco Airport to take a plane for New York, to find himself surrounded by reporters and cameramen. He demanded what was so extraordinary about a man being able to crochet ^{and tat,} ~~with~~. The fact that caught the eyes of the news men most was that when he is not tatting, John ~~Miller~~ is a sawmill buckler in a lumber camp. That's the way he makes his living. He has also punched cattle, worked on ranches, been a lumberjack, a grape picker and a carpenter. And in his spare time he's ^a ~~one of the~~ [^] ~~crochet-needle-~~ All-American champion ^{and a tatter.} ~~and a tatter.~~

DANCER

One of the entertainments of the New York World's Fair was a fan dance. It wasn't Sally Rand, but it was someone who did her act, a young woman who pranced around with a couple of ostrich fans. It was ^{all} too much for the modesty of the New York ^{easily shocked} ~~cop~~ ^{police}, who pinched the young lady, said her performance was indecent.

The Fan Dancer

~~She~~ came up for ~~trial~~ today at Special Sessions Court before three justices. She was indignant about the word "indecent." Her dance, she said, was art and she offered to prove it to those three justices of Special Sessions. The court took her up on it. So then and there she took off her clothes and did her dance with the two ostrich fans in a dingy New York courtroom.

Maybe it was lack of background, lack of scenery as well as lack of clothes, for ~~that~~ dance did not click with the three justices of Special Sessions. They fined her twenty-five dollars, ^{instead of paying admission.} ~~for which price she could have bought enough clothes to dress~~

~~Mahatma Gandhi~~

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Tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House begins its fifty-fifth season, and the tenor Martinelli begins his twenty-sixth season with the company. Just a few days ago for the first time in his life he sang Tristan and [✓]Isolde -- with the Chicago Civic Opera Company. That was almost like beginning a career -- at fifty-four.

Tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House Miss Hattie Heft will be there. Twenty-six years ago, when she was a student of Columbia University, she ^{heard} ~~attended the first performance that~~ ^{the first time he} Martinelli sang at the Metropolitan. And since that time she has never missed a Martinelli performance -- save one, ~~ten years~~ ~~ago~~ when she had pneumonia. [¶] She never met the tenor personally -- until recently. She estimates she has heard ~~five hundred~~ ^{500 times.} Martinelli ~~performances~~. Today she's a professor of physiological chemistry at Columbia -- and certainly qualifies as a champion

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fan. Miss Heft has a hefty admiration for Martinelli's voice.

And now Hugh you tell of our hefty admiration -- for Mr. Blue Sunoco.

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