

Good Evening, Everybody:

(Of course, the principal thing ^{the whole world is} ~~everybody is~~ talking about today, ~~and~~ I might almost say the only thing, is the attempted assassination of ~~President-elect~~ ^{Mr.} Roosevelt, ^{the} ~~second~~ ^{second} ~~hearer~~ ^{hearer} of the Roosevelt name ^{to undergo this experience.} And naturally everybody wants to know how is Mayor Cermak of Chicago, who got one of the bullets intended for our next President.) Well, the latest ^{from the hospital in} ~~news on Mayor Tony~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{surgeons} ~~pronounce~~ ^{Tony} ~~Mayor Cermak~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{decidedly} ~~better.~~ He is resting comfortably and though the surgeons have not yet operated to remove the bullet, they are confident ^{Chicago's} ~~Chief Magistrate~~ ^{will survive.} ~~They~~ ^{mayor} sent a message from his bed in the hospital saying: "I know all Chicago is pulling for me and I'm going to pull through for Chicago." ^{That's the spirit Tony!}

Mr. Roosevelt is on his way north. Before he left, he visited Mayor Cermak in the hospital at Miami, ^{all} ~~and~~ the other ~~people~~ who were wounded: Mrs. Joseph Gill, wife of the

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President of the Florida Power and Light Company, Miss Margaret Kruis of Newark, William Sinnott, a police detective of the New York force, and Russell Caldwell, of Florida. The last three are not seriously injured, but Mrs. Gill, who was shot in the stomach, is ^{still} ~~reported to be~~ in a critical condition. When the President-elect reached the bedside of Chicago's mayor, he looked down, smiled, and said: "Why, Tony, you look fine. You'll be back on your feet soon." To which Mayor Tony ~~replied~~ replied in a faint voice: "I hope so! In time for your inauguration, at any rate."

(An eye-witness reports that Mayor Cermak's first thought as he fell wounded to the ground, was for the President-elect.

As he lay there he gasped: "The President! Get him away!"

The chauffeur driving the President-elect's car, immediately put his motor in gear and started off. Mayor Cermak rode to the hospital supported by Mr. ~~Roosevelt~~ Roosevelt.

It was only a few moments before his train left

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Miami that the President-elect learned how much he owed to Mrs. W. L. Cross of Miami. She was the plucky little woman -- they say she weighs only a hundred pounds -- who grabbed the assassin's wrist while he was firing, ^{She it was who} ~~and~~ deflected the bullets from the President-elect, ~~at whom he was aiming~~. Miami police this afternoon were giving her credit for having prevent^{ed} ~~the~~ injury ^{or} ~~and~~ perhaps the death of the next President.

The calmness and presence of mind with which Mr. Roosevelt took this attempt on his life was exceeded only by the composure and dignity of his wife. Mrs. Roosevelt was just returning home to her house in New York City last night when her daughter, Mrs. Curtis Dall, broke the news to her. Mrs. Roosevelt's ^{principal} ~~only~~ comment was: "Well, this is what happens to you if you're in public life." She then put in a long distance call for her husband, learned that he was all right, ~~and~~ took the information to his mother.

Two hours later Mrs. Roosevelt boarded a train for

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Ithaca, New York, where she ~~was~~^{was} scheduled to make a speech today at Cornell University. She took this as a matter of course, saying: "Franklin's all right, for which I am very, very thankful. I see no reason why I should not go to Ithaca. There's nothing I can do by staying here. There's no point in joining him because he is on his way north. Furthermore, I have the habit of doing the things I have said I will do."

So saying, Mrs. Roosevelt boarded the train and retired for the night. She ~~xxxxxxx~~ delivered her address today at Cornell as though nothing had happened.

Then, of course, there is inevitably a lot of curiosity about the man, Guisepp^{eh}e Zangara, who made this mad attempt on the life of the President-elect. The first reports this morning ~~indicated~~^{hinted} that he was a Chicago gangster ~~who had~~ ~~been~~ employed to assassinate not Mr. Roosevelt, but Mayor Cermak, whose strong rule in Chicago has made him exceedingly unpopular with the mobs of criminals who used to infest the city. But

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today's investigations have shown that it was the President-elect he aimed at. (The things he says and his symptoms indicate that this would-be assassin is a deranged ^{fellow,} ~~fellow,~~ probably not responsible for his actions. He is ~~of Italian birth,~~ a bricklayer by trade, known ^{slightly} ~~somewhat~~ in Patterson and Hackensack, New Jersey, ^{as} ~~All of his adult years he's been~~ a professional hater of the rich and powerful, a lone wolf soapbox orator.) The police say he belongs to no gangs, and that apparently he's not the tool of a conspiracy. He told the police that his first idea was to get President Hoover, but found that the President was too closely guarded. He wanted, in fact, to murder both the President and the President-elect. He seems to have talked freely to the Miami police and the U. S. Secret Service about his hatred for all rulers, kings and presidents alike. He suffers at times, he claims, from pains in the stomach, and when those pains are most acute his hatred of rulers becomes more bitter. Friends of mine in the medical profession tell me that these things together with the

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bulging eyes that are described as ~~almost~~ popping out of his face, are the symptoms of a man who is a chronic sufferer from a disturbance of his whole glandular system.

Incidentally, (the Miami police and Mr. Roosevelt's bodyguard had a hard time rescuing Zangara from the mob of onlookers ~~who~~ not only wanted to lynch him but were starting to do so. By the time he was dragged off ~~into~~ the jail there was hardly a shred of clothing left on his body, and the officers intervened barely in time to save him from being choked to death.)

The news was conveyed to President Hoover at the White House after he had retired for the night. He hastily dictated the following telegram to his successor: "Together with every citizen I rejoice that you have not been injured. Stop. I shall be grateful to you for news of Mayor Cermak's condition. Signed - Herbert Hoover."

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The bodyguard of the President at the White House was doubled today.

And another consequence will be that in future Mr. Roosevelt will not be allowed to go anywhere ^{except within a hollow square} ~~without an absolute~~ ^{proof} ~~bodyguard~~ ^{of assassin protectors.} Hitherto he ^{has} been the source of considerable worry to both his friends and ~~of~~ secret service officers who ~~was~~ ^{have} the duty of ^{safeguarding} ~~protecting~~ him. They've had a tough job because his inclination has been to ignore any suggestion of danger and minimize its reality. He has several times deliberately dodged his bodyguard and not only gone for walks in the country unprotected, but appeared alone in public. He seemed to get a lot of fun, say the correspondents, out of slipping away from the Secret Service men. However, they now believe that he has been made to realize that in this respect presidents, strange as it may seem, cannot do as they please.

Of course, I've only been able to give you a bare skeleton of the most important facts of this alarming and sensational ~~say~~ ^{drama.} ~~text/~~ ^λ You'll find enough interesting and thrilling reading in your favorite newspaper tonight and tomorrow to keep you busy.

Above all, in your paper tonight, don't miss Mr. Roosevelt's own story of the attempt on his life, in which he tells reporters how at first he thought the shooting was the noise of firecrackers.

Never before in the history of the world have we heard the experience of an attempt to assassinate a nation's leader told in his own words. So, that is indeed a tremendous story.

EUROPE

There was as much excitement in other countries as in the U.S.A. over this attempted ~~assassination~~ ^{assassination.} In all the capitals of Europe and in other places such as Mexico City and Buenos Aires, the drama at Miami took first place in all the newspapers. In London, Rome, Berlin, Paris, Vienna and Brussels, the information aroused the interest not only of officials but of the general public. Huge multitudes thronged the streets around the principal newspaper offices.

BANKS

Now for a bit of good news, from Detroit this time.

All over the State of Michigan banks reopened in spite of the eight-day moratorium ordered by Governor Comstock. Bankers, business men, industrialists, State and Federal officials worked unison in ~~mission~~ to strengthen the financial structure of the State. So that situation obviously is clearing up.

Governor Comstock wrote a little piece for the newspapers in which he sets forth his opinion that this bank holiday will bring about some radical reforms in the banking system of the U.S.A. The measures are already being prepared in the Michigan Legislature and Governor Comstock believes similar steps will be taken by Congress.

ADD MICHIGAN

Here's an interesting item from Michigan.

Frederick Koch, one of the best-known men in the American chemical industry, informs me that his company out in Michigan is issuing script during the bank moratorium. But their form of script is something different. They are making up twenty-five cent pieces out of magnesium, which is lighter than aluminum. Where do they get the magnesium? Why, it comes out of the ground in the form of a brine. There's a well of it near Midland, Michigan.

REPEAL

5) Now for a bulletin that on any ordinary day would be the big news. (The United States Senate adopted the resolution of Senator Blaine of Wisconsin for repeal of the prohibition amendment. The vote was sixty-three to twenty-three,) an astounding record. This exceeds all the anticipations of the most optimistic Wets. None of the opponents of the 18th

Amendment expected to have that many Senators on their side.

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It was preceded by a debate both fast and furious. There was taken, ~~and~~ ¹ equally tremendous rejoicing on the part of all the

Wets in Washington when the result was announced. ~~At the same time they call this "a compromise repeal" because~~ ¹ the resolution as adopted provides for repeal

with provisions to protect dry states against the importation of liquor from wet states. ~~and~~ One of the most important things about it is that it calls for ratification by state conventions and not by state legislatures.

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And here's something from Germany. Chancellor Hitler is running afoul of the Roman Catholic party. In the Fatherland, as you know, the Catholics in addition to their religious *loyalty,* ~~adherence~~ form a strongly united political party. They polled more than six million votes in the last election, and hitherto ~~all~~ Cabinets have found it difficult, if not impossible, to rule the Republic without conciliating or at least considering the Catholic *party.*

Der schoener Adolf is plainly taking another tack. Instead of conciliating the *Catholic's*, his attitude is one of open defiance. He made a speech last night in which he berated the ~~Catholics~~ for combining with what he called *"the"* atheistic followers of Marx in politics.

The Catholics hit back today upraiding the Chancellor for his gag rule, his policy of repressing all who are opposed to him. The Catholic Societies issued a statement saying - We reject a dictatorship which allows the people nothing but to be ruled. The statement further predicted civil war if Hitler persists with these tactics.

JAPAN

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Then a warning note came from Japan. The Mikado's delegation to the League of Nations issued a statement at Geneva saying: "The Japanese government ~~and the~~ cannot conceal its apprehension that the decision taken by the League's Committee of Nineteen, will make extremely difficult the task of restoring peace and tranquility in the Far East." And the Japs added - such a course cannot fail to have serious repercussions in that part of the world.

This, translated from diplomatic language into English, means: "You'd better watch your step. There's trouble ahead in Asia."

And that we may well believe.

HOLD-UP

A thrilling battle between four bank robbers and a squad of policemen occurred in Philadelphia today. The bandits capturing of a bank after ~~the~~ the cashier ~~had looted the bank~~ in the suburbs of Philly, looted it, getting away with ~~them~~ some fifty thousand dollars. They caught the cashier in his home early this morning, took him to the bank, and forced him to open the vaults, having meanwhile beaten the watchman unconscious.

One hour ~~later~~ the Philadelphia Police trapped ~~them~~ the robbers and opened fire with sub-machine guns. They killed one of the band, arrested three others, and pinched three women on a charge of being accomplices. They also recovered the ^{\$50,000} loot. And

that's what you might call pretty nifty work on the part of the police.

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A few weeks ago I related to you the gist of some remarks made by the Chief Medical Officer of the London School Board on the subject of spanking the young. This Medical Officer, as reported by Dr. E. E. Free, ~~advised~~ voiced the opinion that new fangled ideas about education which eliminated spanking from the curriculum, were mistaken. That the old-fashioned method of being turned over papa's knee and treated firmly with the palm of the hand or a slipper, was the most sensible and most effective way of disciplining the little rays of sunshine in your house.

Since then I've received scores of letters on the subject. Some of them agree, some of them emphatically, even somewhat rudely, disagree with that London physician. From time to time during the next few days I'm going to read a few of these letters, ~~and~~ here is one of ~~these~~ which voices a dissenting opinion:

~~"Dear Mr. Thomas"~~ "What you said about spanking is not right and it won't make us any better. When you get to be

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eleven or twelve years old it isn't dignified to be turned over
your father's knee. Spanking only makes us mean. I know,
because I am - (Signed) Just another Kid."

Then there's a postscript which reads: "PLEASE read
this over the radio because I listen in every night, and ask
the other kids to write in and tell you what they think about it."

All right, Just Another Kid, there you are.