

EUROPE

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The French Foreign Minister certainly upset the apple cart when he came out with a blast against John Bull at the Disarmament conference.

British Foreign Minister Sir John Simon, the immediate object of the French attack, said that it would make no difference to the feeling between England and France. To that the reply of the British newspapers is "speak for yourself, John."

As a matter of fact, John Bull and France are growling at each other. France and Germany are spitting at each other. Russia is lined up with France. The Russians at Geneva are charging England with being pro Nazi. The most serious development is the renewed friendship between France and Russia. This is perhaps the most significant fact that has developed since the war.

The dope now is that this friendship may develop into an offensive and defensive alliance, with France and Russia shoulder to shoulder, as they were in the days of the Czar.

John Bull seems to be in an isolated position. The natural consequence would be to throw England into the arms of Italy and Germany, although few people in England today have any liking for the Nazi government. Incidentally, the Nazis have just expelled another British newspaper man. If England does tie up with Italy and Germany, what of her hostility to Japan? Germany and Japan are friendly.

And here's another significant angle-concerning the Dardanelles, they are now by treaty demilitarized-unfortified. England wants to keep them that way. And now comes Turkey wanting to fortify the Dardanelles once more, and Turkey is lined up with Russia. Sir John Simon has been making the rounds of the Turkish, Greek, and Bulgarian delegations in Geneva, reminding them of their obligations under the Treaty which forbids the Dardannells to be fortified. So there are indications of two new line-ups, France, Russia, Turkey and other smaller powers on the one side. Italy, Germany, England, Japan on the other.

The question is, where will Uncle Sam stand in all this? The United States is friendly to Great Britain, and



MDVANI

Tongues are wagging with many a rumor about the American heiress to millions who became a princess. It's a rare subject for gossip, the romance of the former Barbara Hutton and her prince. The wagging tongues are saying that the princely romance is on the rocks. Love seems to have a peculiar affinity for rocks -- it's always going on them. Anyway, princess Barbara is coming home, not with her husband, but with her father. The bride going back to the parental home is a familiar spectacle in the history of love, courtship and marriage.

Prince Mdvani, so the British newspapers say, will remain in London until July. He has some pressing polo engagements to keep.

The Hutton family is said to have received some exceedingly tearful letters from the Princess. She has been in an English nursing home.

One report is that she was seriously ill, nervous breakdown. Another is that she was "merely indisposed."

Well, anyway there's romance and there are the rocks, and over yonder is a numerous chorus singing: "I told you so."

LLOYD GEORGE

Here's a bit of inside history, recently revealed, they say. It concerns that old wartime slogan, "Hang the Kaiser." Some people were rather serious about that in those days -- for example Colonel Luke Lea. That intrepid Tennessean formed a scheme after the war to kidnap the Kaiser and bring him to Paris. The Colonel didn't get very far with the plan though. And -- after a while he had troubles of his own. He is now serving a term in jail in connection with the collapse of eighteen banks he directed.

But our revelation tonight concerns Lloyd George, wartime Prime Minister of England, who had it all doped out to bring the Kaiser to London and put him on trial. So says Emil Ludwig, the German biographer, who has just got the story from what he calls an unimpeachable source -- somebody way up in British statecraft.

Lloyd George, the tale goes, wanted to bring the Kaiser to trial in Westminster Hall in London and have one of the most sensational prosecutions in history. When he proposed this scheme to King George, the king immediately responded:

"No!" As the King was a cousin of the Kaiser, that royal

"No" must have been emphatic.

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CUBA

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Baker.

June 17 1934.

INTRO TO MR. MOBURY BAKER

Whenever I visit a wonder of the world like Niagara Falls, or Mt. Everest, or the Alps, I always like to hear the comments other folks make. Dick Halliburton, who went up the Matterhorn, climbed it years ago, had a chum along. When they got to the top his pal gasped at the marvelous scene and said:

"At last I can spit a mile." (improvise)

FOR MR. BAKER

Millions of words have been printed in newspapers and books. Well, Mr. Thomas, as you know, it took nature somewhere between three million and four million years to form the Natural Bridge. Geologists argue about it. In fact they come here and argue and argue. But they usually wind up agreeing that it took either three million or four million. They get as close together as a million years.

Well, one day a lovely blonde, a very dizzy blonde, stood beneath the great arch. The stone <sup>the</sup> in/arch, experts say -- just the arch alone -- weights about thirty-six thousand tons. This blonde stood beneath it, looked up, and said: "Isn't it cute!"

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## FLEET

Millions of words have been printed in newspapers and spoken over the radio about the big Naval review yesterday, but mighty little was said about the Coast Guard. Everybody got a break -- but the Coast Guard. Which takes us to one of those little human dramas.

The Coast Guard did its biggest job yesterday. The mighty task of keeping New York Bay clear for the Presidential review of the fleet was not a Navy job. It was done by the Coast Guard. Ferry boats had to keep crossing. Ocean liners had to maintain their schedules. There were swarms of private boats to be shooed out of the way. And then the Coast Guard aviators kept the sky clear for the fleet of Naval planes.

The man in charge was Captain Benjamin Chiswell, Commander of the Eastern Area of the Coast Guard. It was the biggest job of his life. And he did it superbly yet in all the Realms of acclaim there was scarcely a mention of him and his work.

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finished his military career. All on the same day -- he did  
his biggest job, got no mention, and was retired.

The price of hay has gone up three hundred percent. There are  
hundreds of farmers who are in a state of panic and are  
selling their cattle at a loss. The price of grain is  
down to a point where it is almost impossible to make a  
profit. The price of feed is also high. The price of  
cattle is also high. The price of hogs is also high. The  
price of sheep is also high. The price of chickens is also  
high. The price of eggs is also high. The price of  
poultry is also high. The price of fish is also high.

There is a shortage of food. The price of food is  
high. The price of clothing is high. The price of  
shoes is high. The price of medicine is high. The price  
of books is high. The price of newspapers is high. The  
price of magazines is high. The price of records is high.  
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sets is high. The price of radios is high. The price of  
cars is high. The price of houses is high. The price of  
land is high. The price of stocks is high. The price of  
bonds is high. The price of gold is high. The price of  
silver is high. The price of platinum is high. The price  
of diamonds is high. The price of rubies is high. The price  
of sapphires is high. The price of emeralds is high. The  
price of pearls is high. The price of jewelry is high.

The government has a responsibility to provide for the  
welfare of its citizens. It should take steps to reduce  
the price of food and other necessities. It should also  
take steps to increase the production of these goods. It  
should also take steps to improve the distribution of these  
goods. It should also take steps to improve the quality of  
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DROUGHT:

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And now the drought, which is getting more and more serious. Already parts of the country are faced with a shortage of milk. The terrific heat following on the dry weather has burned up the pastures. To make matters worse, many ~~farmers~~ farmers have ~~got~~ to the end of their dry feed for dairy cattle. The price of hay has gone up three hundred percent. Uncle Sam wasn't any too soon to start in to sending relief to the parched country. He is buying cattle by the thousands throughout seventeen states in the Union.

Wheat is up to one dollar and eight cents a bushel, while corn is up to sixty-one cents a bushel and rising. But ~~it~~ doesn't do a farmer much good to be offered a high price for his grain if he hasn't got <sup>it</sup> to sell. Thousands of farmers ~~mm~~ have ceased to work the ground, because it's unworkable.

The drought and heat wave are achieving one thing which all the Administration have failed to do. They are compelling the A A A. the Agricultural, Adjustment Administration, to switch its policy. Instead of reducing the acreage of land cultivated in the country, the A A A will have to increase. The latest figures ~~S~~ show.

Drought #2.

that America's total spring wheat crop will not be more than a hundred and sixty million bushels. All of this means something not only to us but also to the folks down in Argentina, where they've had a tremendous crop.

STRIKE:

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It becomes evident that all the strike problems are being thrown squarely in the lap of the President. Mr. Roosevelt himself was at Groton today where his youngest son was being graduated. But I'll venture to say that not even those exercises could keep him from thinking about those nine hundred thousand men who are threatening to walk out by Monday, the men in the steel and textile industries and all the labor unions in Toledo.

The Central Labor Union of Toledo has made a direct appeal to the President to take the matter <sup>in</sup> ~~his~~ hand. Saying: "only you can settle this." In order to make it easier for him, the leaders in Toledo have postponed for twenty - four hours the decision of a general strike in northern Ohio.

With the grave crisis of an <sup>epidemic</sup> ~~epidemic~~ of strikes threatening, there will be ample exercise for the Roosevelt tact and Roosevelt lack.

**SHOEMAKER:**

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The law has finally caught up with that high - spirited Congressman from Minnesota, Representative shoemaker. His escapades have been numerous. Once he socked a neighbor on the jaw for playing his radio too loudly. But the law did nothing to him for that. Again, he bumped a taxi cab in Washington and socked the driver. This time he forfeited his bail and so far has not appeared for judgment. More recently, he was arrested in Minneapolis, charged with using a heavy stick during the riot of the striking truck drivers. And for that he wasn't punished either.

This time it's something else. He drove away from the scene of an accident, in which he had been involved. This time he was pinched in his own home town. And the judge said: "congressman or no congressman, I find you guilty. Seventy-five dollars fine or thirty days in jail." Representative shoemaker paid the fine.

YACHT:

A <sup>peculiar</sup>~~peculiar~~ sight was witnessed by a crowd of people standing on a dock in Maine. A young debutante in all her summer finery jumped into the water with a bottle of champagne in her hands. Did the spectators jump in to save her? They did not. They stood where they were and cheered her as she swam, bottle in hand.

It was all because of an old tradition of the sea. The young lady was christening her father's new yacht. She missed her aim and the yacht slipped down a ways, unchristened. And as all sea faring men will tell you, it is bad luck, if a craft fails to get christened. So, fine clothes and all, the young lady dived in and swam until she caught up with the yacht, smashed the bottle of champagne across her prow, and then swam back. So bad luck was averted and nautical traditions observed to the letter.

HEROES:

(By request of NBC)

This time the hero did not get the medal. I mean that annual award of a medal for <sup>heroes</sup> ~~heroes~~ founded by the late ~~Theodore~~ N. Vail, head of the telephone company. This year, a whole flock of heroes got the gold medal. For the first time the award was not made to an individual. And the reason is this:-

During the earthquake last year, all the telephone operators in the two stations at Los Angeles and Long <sup>Beach</sup> ~~Beach~~ stuck to their posts while buildings were being shaken down around their ears. They kept on working without any walls around them. The walls had been shaken down. That exploit won the gold medal, but the heroes were all equally brave. So the award was made to all of them. Each one gets a medal.

It's a real Saga of bravery. And I, as an editor, am going to look up the story for <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ magazine Saga. There must have been loads of heroism when all the boys are so courageous that they all get medals.

~~(In view of afternoon news better kill the Kivani~~

story)

## TREASURE

Bolivia and Paraguay are still fighting, battling over that Gran Chaco strip more bitterly than ever. But not even a war can daunt a treasure hunter. Four Americans are on their way to Bolivia to mine the long lost gold of the Incas. At any rate, they think it is the treasure of the Incas. If they get it, they will realize what has been the dream of adventurous souls for centuries. The legend is:- When the Spanish Conquistadores over-ran Bolivia, the source from which the Incas derived their enormous wealth was concealed. At any rate, no trace of it has been found though many a hardy soul is believed to have lost his life in the jungle looking for it.

But these four Americans believe that they discovered it last year. At any rate, they brought back samples which assayed five dollars and a half a cubic yard. Rich as it is, it would have been inaccessible without airplanes. So they are flying to the scene of their discovery. They are also transporting their machinery there by plane, one piece at a time.

Here's a bit of twentieth century adventure for you, and another one for Saga.

BOMB

In this next story all I can do is fall back on those familiar old terms -- fantastic, dramatic, weird, freakish and plumb nutty.

In the town of Alameda, California, a man sat in an automobile, and beneath him were a hundred sticks of dynamite and five quarts of nitroglycerine. He had this explosive wired in such fashion that he could set it off by pressing a switch. He sat there with his finger on the switch, waiting to fall asleep, so that his hand would drop and press the switch. And -- bango.

He explained the matter to passersby - told them to keep out of the way. And so the news spread. A huge crowd gathered. Were they afraid of the giant explosion in prospect? Here's what happened:-

The police had to put up ropes to keep the mob at a safe distance. You know that old demon of curiosity -- the curiosity of the crowd. Some seemed determined to get into the car and be blown up by the explosion. The man sitting on top of the dynamite and nitroglycerine waited for twenty four hours and never did go to sleep. He said the noise of the

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crowd kept him awake. So finally he gave it up. He got out of the car and surrendered to the police.

He is said to be a World War veteran, a retired officer of the Marines, and a former interpreter to General Smedley Butler. And I'll bet that General Butler, with all he's seen and heard, can't tell us a better one than that. Neither can I -- so --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.