

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

When the American delegation arrived in Lima, Peru, today, Secretary Hull issued the customary friendly statement. Among other things, he said: "The American republics have made substantial progress in building up an international order based upon peace, confidence and a consideration for the welfare of all of its peoples."

One of the first things Secretary Hull and the delegation encountered at Lima was the information that there was also a substantial delegation from Germany. Nazi agents are conspicuous among the visiting diplomats.

Perhaps the most important bit of news about that Pan-American Conference comes from Ottawa. It was a statement by Prime Minister MacKenzie King. He said: "The Canadian government have been giving careful consideration to the question of participating in the forthcoming Pan-American Conference to be held at Lima."

That leads to the inference that Canada may either ask to become a member of the Pan-American Union or at a ny rate ask to be represented.

JAPAN

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The Japanese government extended what looks like an olive branch to Uncle Sam today. Relations between Tokyo and Washington have been, to put it mildly, strained for months. Protests from our State Department against the way the Japanese have violated the Nine Power Treaty and also discriminated against American business men have been answered in most unsatisfact^{ory}~~ion~~ fashion.

Today it's announced that the Mikado's Foreign Minister, Arita, has asked ^{for} a conference with our Ambassador, Joseph Grew. And it is presumed in Washington that Arita wants to talk to Grew about our numerous notes and protests.

PROTEST FOLLOW JAPAN

Our State Department has ~~also~~ sent another remonstrance to Hitler's government. It concerns, ~~of course,~~ the latest decrees against Jews, decrees issued the day before yesterday by Dr. Funk, Minister of Economics, excluding all Jewish people from retail business after December Thirty-First. Our Foreign Office insists that those decrees should not apply to Jews who are American nationals. ~~also~~ ^{Not to} their property.

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This is the second protest ~~we've made~~ in two weeks.

COLONIES

(John Bull gave an answer today to one of the demands of the German Nazis, the clamor for colonies. John spoke through the voice of His House of Commons. And the answer was a vociferous "No!". The vote was unanimous, against any surrender of British colonies or mandates.) And this -- came from both sides of the House.

Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary, said: "I don't believe there is any section of opinion in this country which is disposed to hand over to any other country an acre of territory or the people for whose government we are responsible." Then he added: "That view has been expressed this afternoon in every part of the House and is shared by His Majesty's government."

Up spoke a labor member. Said he:- "Germany as a nation has proved itself unfit to govern backward peoples."

ITALY

It began to look today as though the tension between the French and Italians was no superficial, temporary affair. (Official circles in Paris heard a grave report. ~~today~~ Although Mussolini's government has announced that it is not associated with those popular demonstrations, the Duce has called upon Hitler to back him up on Tunisia, ~~and~~ Corsica, and Djibuti ^{the part to Ethiopia}.)

There was an interruption to the conversations between Hitler's Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop and French Minister Bonnet. Ribbentrop had to break off conversations until he had specific advices from the Fuehrer. It is understood that Bonnet put it up to Ribbentrop quite frankly: "What will Germany do if France goes to war with Italy in defense of Tunisia, Corsica and ~~Djibuti~~ Djibouti?" And the rumor is that Ribbentrop ^{could say neither} ~~did not say~~ yes or no, but was obliged to hem and haw and hedge. He had already said that the Nazis were not supporting Mussolini's colonial ambitions, ^{But} at the same time he emphasized ^{that} "the Rome-Berlin Axis is intact." It seems likely now that Ribbentrop will return to Berlin without having been able to give the sort of answer ~~that~~ the French want.

Late rumor, Marshal Balbo moving Italian troops to the border of Tunisia.

BRUSSELS

Still another government in Europe seems destined to fall as a result of the Spanish Civil War. ~~But~~ The government of Belgium. A dispatch from Brussels carries the rumor that the Cabinet of Premier Spaak ^{is} is expected to resign shortly. Spaak the other day announced he was going to send a representative of Belgium to the nationalist government of ~~General~~ Franco. That aroused the fury of the Belgian labor party, which is Socialist. There are four Socialists in the Spaak Cabinet. ~~There was a~~ ^{The} party had meeting this afternoon and ^{voted for resignation.} ~~the Belgian Socialists voted for the~~ ~~socialists to resign from the Spaak Cabinet.~~ As the Belgian government is a coalition affair, that means a resignation all around.

AIRPLANE

A British airliner from Paris had reached Croydon, apparently all ready to land , when disaster threatened. Twice the ship dipped and rose into the air again. The thirteen passengers on that liner realized something was wrong. The first one aware was J.A. Celler, an American of New Haven, Connecticut. His first thought was, " Well, if we smash, I sure will make the first page in the New Haven newspapers." And his second thought was, "What a vacation for me just out of one of Hitler's prisons!" The Fuehrer had thrown Celler into the Berlin cellar for being too free with his candid camera.

New Haven Mr. Celler's third thought was expressed out loud with the words, "Has anybody got a flask or something, we ought to celebrate this?" The answer came with the French words, "Oui, Oui," followed by two large, handsome bottles of champagne from the suitcase of Mademoiselle Anne Chagno of Parea. To be sur, two bottles of champagne were not much among thirteen. But luckily five were teetotalers -- at that moment. Champagne was quaffed by an American cabaret singer, a British movie actress, a lieutenant of the Scots Guards who is also an equerry to the Duke of Gloucester, and several others.

Meanwhile, the crew of that airliner were wrestling with the landing gear, which had jammed, that being the cause of the danger. A pleasant but somewhat fearsome time was had by the eight congenial passengers, as they raised their glasses toasting:-

"To disaster! If it comes."

There's a happy ending to the yarn. Though the electric landing gear had jammed, the plane made it -- finally.

Said Miss Frances Maddus, the American cabaret singer: "I thought it was the end, but during that half hour I made some good friends, and it was fun." Fire engines and ambulance crews were on hand. But not needed. The passengers were driven to a hotel in London where they continued the party that had started so dramatically. Late flash -- the party is still on.

DIES

The Un-American Committee of Congressman Dies today once more took up the case of Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast leader of the C.I.O. The principal witness was the chief of detectives of Portland, Oregon, Captain John Keegan. Not only Bridges but Harold Pritchett, another West Coast union leader, has been investigated by the Portland police. And says Keegan, "The investigation showed that Bridges and Pritchett are both aliens and Communists, seeking the overthrow of our form of government. Pritchett," he said, "is a Canadian and President of the Timber and Sawmill Workers Union. " "Both members of the Communist Party," said Keegan, "and using their jobs as labor leaders as a cloak to disguise their real purpose. He added, "That purpose to make this a Communist government."

This statement about Harry Bridges led to an announcement by a Republican member of the Committee, Representative Thomas of New Jersey. Said he: "I am going to move in the next Congress for the impeachment of Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor." This for the failure of the Department of Labor to deport Bridges. It was explained in Washington that the deportation of Bridges had been held up pending a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in another similar case.

PROFIT-SHARING

The Profit-Sharing Committee of the Senate heard an argument on taxation today. The witness was ^{the} ~~Leo Chernie of New York~~ Executive Secretary of the Tax Research Institute of America.

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And this is what he told the Senators:- more than eighty-two and a half per cent of the members of his organization would expand their business if the tax laws gave them a chance. And he added: if the taxes were devised so as to allow business men deductions or credits for improvement or expansion, seventy-four per cent of his members would employ more men.

This tax expert then referred to the principal complaint of American business men, the tax on undistributed profits. He told the committee that seventy-two per cent of the firms of his organization reported that they had been definitely handicapped by that undistributed profits tax. ~~Indeed, half of them intimated they would even prefer a flat corporate tax of eighteen per cent.~~

MANUFACTURERS

In New York City at the same time, the leaders of American industry were getting together on the momentous questions of the day. Virgil Jordan, President of the Industrial Conference Board, spoke to the Congress of industry, the meeting sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, in their convention at the Waldorf. He uttered ominous words:- "The New Deal," said he, is about to make "a final desperate bid in the name of patriotism for absolute political power over enterprise, property and personal liberty."

MARTIN

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Wild-cat strikes in the automobile industry are to be outlawed. Outlawed, that is, by their union, the United Automobile Workers. President Martin and other heads of ^athat union are ~~being~~ as much upset by the recent epidemic of unofficial strikes as the heads of the motor car companies themselves. Martin expressed himself forcibly today. ~~THEY~~ He used the words: "any union member or officer who fails in his duty to take a strong position against unauthorized strikes will be held accountable for his action." And he said further: "Local unions must not strike until they have the official approval of the heads of the union. They must first have a two-thirds vote from members of their local, then get the approval of the regional director of the motor union, file reports with the president, and finally obtain ~~rigid~~ written authorization from Martin himself to go on strike."

~~And Martin~~ ^{He} added: "I am willing to take any action necessary to stop unauthorized strikes."

MARCUS HOOK

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This forenoon I spent several hours at the mouth
of the Delaware River, ^{at Chester, and} at a place called Marcus Hook. In
the world of oil ^{Chester, Pa.} ~~Marcus Hook~~ is famous as the home of the
great Sun shipbuilding yards, ^{Marcus Hook as the home of} and the largest Sun Oil Refinery.

While there I saw something of the plant owned
by my sponsors, the most modern plant of its kind in the
world, ^{and} ~~which is~~ one of the reasons why the Sun Oil Company
occupies its present Number One position in the world of
oil and gasoline.

Among the many interesting people I met at Marcus
Hook was a sea captain who has been with the Sun Oil tanker
fleet for some twenty-five years, a captain who, fifty years
ago, was a sailor before the mast, and a windjammer skipper.
I asked the veteran captain what he thought about the possibility
of our building up a new merchant marine. His reply might
interest all of you. Said he: "What this country needs is
more iron in the blood of its people, more moral stamina."
He said life has become too soft. It is difficult to get
sailors who have the right sort of backbone. In fact, he

believes that it would be a great thing if all the young men in this land could go through the old training of a sailor before the mast.

If Commander Donald MacMillan, who takes young men to the Arctic in his sailing ship, and makes sailors out of them,.....if he had a fleet of a few hundred ships, that might give us a start.

At any rate, Captain George Snyder, the veteran of the Sun Oil fleet, looks you straight in the eye and tells you that this country, right now, is lacking in moral fibre.

So we need more salt sea sailors.

MACKAY

There was tumultuous fluttering of social dove-cotes when Irving ~~Irving~~ Berlin, once of the East Side and ~~the cabaret~~ singer ~~as at~~ Nigger Mike's, married Ellin Mackay, daughter of ~~the late~~ multimillionaire Clarence Mackay. Mackay disowned his comely young daughter, wouldn't have anything to do with her, for a while. But today there was eloquent testimony that the millionaire had long since forgiven that love match. Incidentally, he himself ~~had~~ made one ~~when~~ ^{after his daughters —} to the astonishment of Park Avenue and ~~Long Island, he~~ ^{he} married Anna Case, ~~one~~ of the Metropolitan Opera. ~~House~~

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Today Mackay's will was made public. He left his widow, the one time singer, two and a half millions. The rest of his property, after charitable bequests, he divided among his children, among them Ellin Mackay Berlin. ~~next~~ But also in a codicil, dated last July, he left twenty-five thousand dollars apiece to eight of his grandchildren, including the three little daughters of Irving Berlin.

CLOTHING

Here's one for the man who doesn't like the hats his wife is wearing this winter. That ought to take in quite a ^{few.} ~~lot of men.~~

58 1/2 If you don't like the wife's hats you've a perfect right to put them in the fire, the furnace, the incinerator or any other place. You don't have to take my authority for it, a Boston judge says so, it's the common law.

59 The judge said it in the case of a young Bostonian who was arrested on a charge of wanton injury to his wife's apparel. He had only been married six months but already his wife's taste had exasperated him. He hadn't learned, poor fellow! At any rate, he took an old-fashioned razor and with it made some impromptu improvements on five of the little woman's dresses, two pairs of shoes, and a fur coat. That much of it was all right with the judge. But after that, this husband went too far. He went to his mother-in-law's home, found his wife there, and cut up another one of her coats. But this time his wife was in it. ~~so~~ The court said, that's bad. ^{And s-l-u-t-m.} ~~For that the court held him and ordered him brought back for trial, in other words, said the judge — SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

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