

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At Cleveland they've been holding an auction, the money taken in to go toward paying off the largest debts ever left by individuals, debts left by the legency Van Swerignen brother, of railroad renown. When the two brothers died, they left liabilities totalling sixty million dollars. In debt to the tune of sixty million dollars!

They also left a collection of historical and artistic treasures. And that's what's being auctioned off. In the collection is a vast amount of Americana, objects of American historical interest. Their value was estimated at a million dollars, and yet by noon today, with only a few hours more of the auction remaining, the Van Sweringen Americana had fetched hardly thirty-four thousand dollars. Priceless things going for a song

One thing auctioned off today was British, A Charles Dickens item. A Van Sweringen treasure, the chair in which Dickens sat when he edited the LONDON DAILY NEWS. Today it was knocked down

for two hundred and thirty dollars, to the amazement of everybody, even the purchaser. "Even I expected to pay more." Said he.

That sale must be a bitter disappointment to the creditors who have sixty million dollars coming to them. The largest debt ever left by individuals. Makes even Sam Insull look like a piker.

SLIP

I've made a few slips of speech in my time on the air, so I can sympathize with Senator Wagner. Today, the laugh was on him for a ripe and rosy bloomer, -- the whole nation laughing. In his campaign as Democratic candidate for reelection to the Senate, he addressed a Democratic rally in Syracuse. And can Bob Wagner address! He arose and began with all his solemn majesty. "My friends," he orated, "My friends and fellow Republican candidates -- er-r -- I mean -- Democratic candidates."

And the laugh was on, the laugh that is still echoing at the expense of the Senator. Maybe the Senator is nervous.

PARALYSIS

The United States Public Health Service today issued a statement which makes good reading, good telling, and good listening. The statement concerns infantile paralysis. Every year, for the past six years, there has been an epidemic of that dread malady. No immense blight sweeping the nation, but a sufficient number of cases to constitute an epidemic. This year for the first time since Nineteen-Thirty-Two, there will be no such epidemic.

POWER

The first step was taken today in the government program that deals with electrical power and national defense. Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson, announced a billion dollar plan. This was agreed upon by a conference representing the National Defense Power Committee, and twenty private utilities companies.

In modern war and defense, great emphasis is placed on electrical power for war industries ^{and} ~~in~~ cities. It's a strategy of attack to disrupt the transmission system through which electricity flows. We at present would be at a disadvantage in the face of any such attack, because our network of power lines is such that it could be hit at various strategic places and disrupted.

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The program adopted today is designed to rectify all this, by putting in new lines and transmission facilities in such fashion that war industries ^{and} ~~in~~ cities could not be readily isolated from electrical power. The job is to be done by the private utilities companies at a cost of a billion dollars. Most of the money to be put up by the companies, some of them by the government.

This billion dollar project concerns only the Atlantic coast; and ~~is~~ ^{is} therefore ¹ only the first of a series of programs - the whole nation eventually to be put on a basis of electrical power coordinated with national defense.

FAR EAST

Today Japan made a protest and China made a declaration. Tokyo in a note to Paris, complained about war munitions being shipped to the Chinese armies via French Indo-China. To this Paris immediately replied with a denial, saying that a close watch is being kept on the French Indo-China colony to see that no war supplies get through.

The Chinese declaration was from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He reaffirmed - that China will fight on, said his armies, retired from Hankow to the west, will continue the struggle with Japan. He said we may expect soon what he called - "decisive battles."

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GERMANY

The state of affairs in the new tragedy that has been inflicted on Jews in Germany is in doubt tonight. A dispatch from Warsaw declares that the Polish and German governments have settled the question of Polish passports, and that therefore the deportation of Polish Jews from Germany has been stopped. From Berlin, however, comes word that the Warsaw statement is premature - no agreement has been reached, although it's likely that there will be a quick settlement. ~~It's also in doubt whether there have been any actual deportations of Polish Jews back into Poland. One report from Berlin says that none have yet been sent across the border, but other accounts tell of refugee trains arriving at frontier towns and the refugees sent afoot toward the Polish line.~~

Today's new ordeal of human misery for Jewish people in Germany is because of a Polish citizenship-law adopted some time ago. The Warsaw government decreed, among other things, that all Polish citizens living abroad, must have a special stamp affixed to their passports by Polish consuls. If they don't, the passports will be invalid and the holders deprived of Polish citizenship. The Hitler authorities say that under this law a lot of Polish

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citizens living in Germany might not be able to get their
passports stamped, so they will become people without nationality
living in Germany. The Polish consuls might refuse the special
stamps to Jews - this the more likely because of Polish anti-
Semitism. The citizenship-law-~~decreed~~ decree of Warsaw goes into
effect ^{on} Sunday, and so the Germans, in anticipation, ordered the
^{instant} deportation back into Poland of all Polish citizens living in
Germany. A few of these are Gentiles, but most are Jewish - fifty-
five thousand, it is estimated, in Germany and Austria.

Without notice and without warning, Jewish people of
Polish citizenship were suddenly rounded up today all over the
Hitler Reich, taken in vans, herded into places of detention.
Pitiful scenes of astonishment and dismay. Apparently, most
of those taken into custody were men, separated from their
families, told they'd immediately be ejected from Germany, their
wives and children following later. Wholesale! everywhere! this
occurred, a vast, dark, fantasy of human ^{wretchedness.} refugees. Another bitter
page in the age-old tragedy of the Jewish people.

~~As I've said, the issue is in doubt tonight, whether~~

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A nation in Europe celebrated the anniversary of its independence today. ~~The~~ nation - Czechoslovakia. Today was the Czechoslovak Fourth of July.

Twenty years ago that central European republic was created by the uprising of the Czechs, its national existence later certified by the Versailles peace treaty. Today, the state of affairs in Czechoslovakia is vividly indicated by a bit of news from Prague. The Czech government sent a communication to Hungary, saying - "Let's put the question of how much territory you're to get from us up to Hitler and Mussolini; let's do that in the next twenty-four hours." Czechoslovakia knocked out by Hitler, ~~wanting~~ ^{today asking} Hitler and Mussolini to arbitrate its ~~own~~ dismemberment. - That's the Czech proposal on the Czech Fourth of July! *Irony of history.*

FIRE

Marseilles, the big seaport of southern France, had a disastrous fire today, with many fatalities. A blaze in a large department store, and soon the building was a roaring inferno of flame. Then the fire leaped across the street, and there set a big hotel ~~in~~ ablaze. And there valuable historical documents were destroyed. Department store and hotel made a huge conflagration, which baffled all the fire fighting that Marseilles could do. Several blocks blazing to the sky ~~in~~ on the Cote d'Azoor.

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PYTHON

Here's one that should be discussed by Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson - the mystery of the missing python. That would make quite a spectacular title for one of Conan Doyle's stories. And, as it happens, it's a son of Conan Doyle who figures in the reptilian affair that had the fashionable Chelsea section of London in a state of anxiety today.

Adrian Conan Doyle seems to go in for a queer line of pets - an eight foot East Indian python for example, which he affectionately called ^S ^I "Tiko".

This morning, when the Adrian Conan Doyle household awakened, the huge serpent was missing.

"Tiko was asleep in his basket last night," explained Tiko's distressed owner, "but there was no sign of him this morning - although the windows and doors were shut." So there were the makings of a Sherlock Holmes mystery. How did the eight foot python get out? It gave high society in the Chelsea section a case of nerves - nobody knowing where the ^{big} ~~giant~~ snake might appear, in whose house, under whose bed.

Investigation disclosed that the ~~giant~~ serpent might

have escaped up the flue of a gas stove. If so, Tiko must be hidden away somewhere in the chimney.

"We will tear down the wall if necessary," said Adrian Conan Doyle today. The son of the creator of Sherlock Holmes is determined to rescue his pet python.

- Mc Carthy
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RACE

One of the rare sports events is to be held next Tuesday, and over the weekend the thoroughbred and racing fans of the nation will again be talking about: War Admiral and Sea Biscuit. As I am no ~~ex~~ expert on horses and racing form, I rang up Clem McCarthy, who tells us regularly about sports on the radio, who specializes in the excitement of the galloping dash down the stretch? Clem galloped into the studio - - and here he is -- out of breath.

Clem, how about answering a few questions? Which of those two thoroughbreds has the best record? War Admiral or Sea Biscuit?

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CLEM M:- Both have excellent records, Lowell. Sea Biscuit has won more races and more money! Over three hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars! Making him the third biggest money winner in American turf history. War Admiral has won two hundred and fifty-seven thousand. He's the tenth biggest money winner. But the Biscuit began racing a year earlier than the Admiral, and has started nearly ~~four~~ four times as often.

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L.T.: Which horse has the better blood lines, Clem? that equine aristocracy of heritage?

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CLEM M:- Nothing to choose. Both are descendants of Man-o-War, Admiral a son, Biscuit a grandson. On the paternal side of the pedigrees, both are royally bred horses - nothing to choose.

L.T.:- What about their size? They're not such big horses, are they?

CLEM M:- No, both are regarded by horsemen as -"big-little". The Admiral is half an inch taller, but the Biscuit is about seventy-five pounds heavier. The Admiral is a longer horse, but the Biscuit is bigger through the girth and slightly broader of chest.

L.T.:- How about picking a winner, Clem? Which horse will be ahead at the finishing line? *Maybe I can make a million.*

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CLEM M:- Well, Lowell, I can foresee the Admiral winning from end to end by a narrow margin - as he has won so many of his races. But I can also visualize the Biscuit outfooting the Admiral in the first quarter mile and never giving up the lead. I can also see the faint possibility of a dead heat.

L.T. And you call that picking a winner, Clem? Either horse may win or possibly neither of them? You'd make a smart political commentator! We thank you for the hot tip!

HORSE

Here's an item that may rock your idealistic belief in horseracing, Clem. Down in Baltimore, there's some sort of scandal because of an event at the Pimlico track -- the same track where War Admiral and Sea Biscuit are to race. Today, a judge in Superior Court ordered the Maryland Racing Commission to reconsider the case of a horse trainer named Malone, who was barred from the Maryland track on a charge of racing a ringer.

The charge against the trainer is -- racing the same horse under different names. The thoroughbred ran at Belmont Park, New York, under the name of Uallino, and won. You know Uallino, Clem? Later on, says the accusation, he was entered at Pimlico under the name of Bye Bye Will -- an unknown name without any record for winning, thus lengthening the odds. You know people who do thing like that, Clem? Bye Bye Will won the race and paid off at a good price. Gamblers are said to have made a twenty-two thousand dollar clean-up on that one alone.

Such is the charge which the judge said today will have to be reconsidered. A new hearing ordered.

FOOTBALL

You're also good at ~~the~~ football, Clem, so I can recommend to your admiring attention the big eleven at the University of Buffalo. Today, the student publication of the college comes forth with a blast.

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"Our team," proclaims the student paper, "is of value to nobody. In fact it is a distinct detriment. It doesn't create ^vfavorable publicity for the University, and it doesn't help to obtain funds to be used for the expansion of intramural sports." In other words, there's neither fame nor fortune in the big eleven at Buffalo -- or maybe it's a little eleven. Thus far this season the team has lost four straight games. It's a great gridiron machine for touchdowns -- i.e., scored by the other fellow.

So the student publication makes the demand -- either subsidize ~~the~~ football, or abolish it. Well, the abolition idea isn't so bad -- one way of not losing games is not to ~~pay~~ play any.

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And at Iowa State the student body is still all-a-
dither because the co-eds said the football team ^{was} ~~is~~ made up of
eleven big sissies. Yoo-hoo! Colgate was the last to lick
them. Maybe those co-eds associate Colgate with cosmetics,
powder puffs. Maybe they don't know that Andy Kerr's lads are the
Red Raiders -- the terror of the East. Yoo-hoo and

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