

SPAIN

Good Evening, Everybody:

(There's some really exciting news to-day and from Spain of all countries! Many people over here thought that the Republic was definitely in the saddle, but early this morning the followers of his Christian Majesty, King Alfonso, staged a counter revolution that is shaking the entire country. The Spanish Republic is only sixteen months old and this is the first serious attempt to up-set it.

A dispatch to the Indianapolis Times reports that Seville is in the hands of the rebels.) ~~all~~ Spain is virtually under martial law. There was an uprising also in the streets of Madrid. But that was squelched by Republican troops ~~leaving~~ at a cost of eight dead and thirty wounded.

Republican troops are on the march to Andalusia to try to recapture Seville from the rebels. Spain's Prime Minister, who is also Minister of War, announced that other towns in the Province of Andalusia were calm.

It is a curious situation ^{because} ~~in that~~, while the government

knew in advance that the revolution was being planned, King Alfonso is supposed to be completely unaware of it. Correspondents cabled that both Conservative Republicans and Communists are joining in the rebellion.

As the government knew ~~of this~~ⁱⁿ advance, it was able to suppress the outbreak in Madrid with comparative ease and also in Cadiz and Jerez, th ^H th the place where sherry wine comes from.

The first stroke of the rebellion fell in Madrid. There the Monarchists tried to capture the government palace, all the communications, the buildings of the Minister of War and the Ministry of the Interior. A regiment of cavalry stationed in the suburbs mutined at a given signal and began a march toward the palace ^{at dawn.} But as the troopers approached the building housing the Ministry of War, six police riot squads got into action. The mutinous soldiers fled after one volley had been fired.

The latest reports are that eighty-two leaders of the rebels ~~were~~^{are} under arrest.

Seville, which the counter-revolutionists are holding,

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is the fourth largest city in Spain. Incidentally, it is the city where they have the best dancing, the best music and the best bull fights.

~~King Alfonso is on a motor tour of the continent.~~

~~The statement that he knew nothing of the revolutionary plot comes from friends of his.~~

It seems that the Director of Public Safety in Spain and the most skillful detectives have been closely watching important leaders of the Monarchist party for some time past. They found out that these leaders have been receiving large sums of moneys from people both in Spain and France to *finance* the *new revolution.* ~~Republican movement.~~ They were backed up by several generals of the Royalist army and many retired army officers. The Minister of the Interior, in a statement to an American correspondent, said that the Spanish government wanted the rebels to commit definite acts of violence before arresting them.

So that's going to make interesting reading in your

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— *or newspapers* —
favorite newspaper for quite a few days to come.

Later in the day it was learned that King Alfonso is a guest of Prince Metternich at his castle near Mariénbad in Czecho Slovakia. But the reporters couldn't obtain access to Alfonso. The nearest they got to it was to see Prince Metternich's secretary, who said the visit was private and refused any information, and also refused to hand the King any message.

It was reported that King Alfonso was seen in a shoe store in Marienbad. He is supposed to have bought four pairs of shoes for the very economical price of one dollar a pair. So that doesn't look exactly as though he were expecting to return to his throne right away *unless it be on foot.*

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Then there is more interesting news from Germany.

Reports came to-day from Berlin to the New York Sun and other American papers confirming the rumor that Adolf Hitler, the leader of the National Socialists, is to become the next Chancellor of the German Republic. Only a hitch at the eleventh hour, says the story, can upset the negotiations for the building of a new cabinet.

It is known in official circles that Hitler has satisfied both President von Hindenburg and General von ~~Pape~~ Schleicher that he intends to respect the Constitution. Even if he becomes Chancellor, the understanding is that he will not be allowed to pick a majority of colleagues ^{for} ~~on~~ his cabinet from his own followers.

The militarists and Prussian aristocrats who control the present cabinet are determined to maintain the ^{fiction} ~~idea~~ of a cabinet, as they call it, ^{not exactly a non-partisan cabinet but a cabinet} above all parties.

One correspondent puts it that the stage is all set for the greatest of all political fights. This is a fight between the Bonapartist~~s~~ reactionary movement led by Hitler and the

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Conservative reactionary party represented by President von Hindenburg and General Schleicher.

This news was further confirmed when President von Hindenburg interrupted his vacation, returned to Berlin and received Chancellor von Papen in conference. When the conference was over, the ^{well} ~~Chancellor~~ informed ^{politicians were saying} ~~newspaper men~~ that the prospects for a Hitler Chancellorship have ^{risen.} ~~reason.~~ So if even von Papen admits it, the story has all the ear marks of being on the up and up.

Meanwhile troops of Hitler's Fascist militia are gathered in the vicinity of Berlin. The government fears that trouble may break out at any moment in spite of those drastic decrees that were approved by ~~President~~ von Hindenburg yesterday.

Those ² ~~two~~ decrees ^{which} ~~which~~ impose ^{it} the death penalty for various acts of violence, failed to prevent renewed outbreaks today in Silesia ^{and} ~~to~~ East Prussia. Bombs were exploded outside Socialist newspapers. Windows were smashed over a wide area, and considerable

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damage was done.

The National Socialist^s, so far from respecting these decrees, have increased their demonstrations with a view to putting pressure on the government. Several thousand Brown Shirts have been imported to the neighborhood of the capital from several parts of the Republic. The Commander of these militia forces issued a manifesto which is interpreted as a sign that the extremists among the Hitler followers are planning violent action. General Von Schleicher, on the other hand, let it be known that he is prepared to use the national army if necessary to put down any excesses by the stormy element among the Hitlerites.

STOCKS

And here's encouraging news for business men and everybody else. The prices of important company shares started a fresh climb on the New York Stock Exchange to-day. This came after the comparative quiet of yesterday, when a good deal of profit taking was going on and several stocks receded a few points. This morning, however, they began their upward march again, some important shares rising as much as from 2 to ¹⁰/₈ points.

Steel and railroad stocks were the leaders but there was what the financial experts call a strong tone throughout the list. *At the end of the day's trading 4,400,000 shares had changed hands.*

Another encouraging thing is that cotton went up another dollar a bale. On top of that, the price of wheat rose a cent a bushel.

Trading on the New York Exchange was quite exciting again. The ticker lagged several minutes behind the market.

In addition to this, there were encouraging business reports of increased sales, more construction work and a rise in production from various parts of the country. Also, the prices of commodities have risen again.

TORONTO - FOLLOW STOCKS.

And evidently the feeling of confidence is spreading to Canada. Big business leaders in the Dominion are issuing statements which indicate a decided belief that better times are actually at hand.

~~THE~~ A story in the Toronto Star is being widely quoted. In this a prominent leader of Canadian business circles describes conditions today as "like a gentle movement in the treetops when the breeze changes direction, there are signs that we are on the way to better times."

He points out that the most hopeful signal is that the hoarding of money in the United States has now practically ceased. This money is returning into circulation for investment. He also points out that buying orders have been reported recently from several European countries for both American and Canadian securities.

ROUMANIA

Oh yes, and by the way, returning to Europe for a moment, history was on the make in the Balkans again today. The Roumanian cabinet resigned. The resignations of the Ministers were accepted by King Carol. He immediately commissioned the leader of the National Peasant party, to form a new Cabinet. It was this leader who welcomed King Carol back from his long exile in 1930.

CHINA And now let's stop a moment in Asia to see how things are going there.

There were no fresh hostilities in China today, but

(the Japanese are becoming more and more disturbed over the Chinese boycott, on all goods imported from Japan. This boycott, ^{judging from a} ~~said a special~~ dispatch to the New York Sun, is becoming more and more ^{intense} ~~virulent~~: This is significant because it was in order to stop the boycott that the Japanese navy and army invaded Shanghai early this year.)

^{boycott} This movement is fostered by secret organizations in China. In reply to protests from ^{Tokyo the} ~~the Mikado's government,~~ but Chinese ^{government has} ~~rulers have~~ consistently claimed ~~that they~~ ^{*} could do nothing about it.

A new symptom of the boycott is that the Chinese Federation of Seamen and Pilots is ordering the owners of coastwide ^{not} vessels to use Japanese coal for fuel. This in spite of the fact that in all the northern ports the stocks of Chinese coal have been exhausted.

Furthermore, transportation firms are threatening

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XXXXXXXXX penalties on all Chinese guilty of transporting Japanese merchandise. The rice merchants' association is taking a similar step. Thousands of chain letters are flooding the mails, especially in Shanghai, urging all Chinese to back up this boycott movement as retaliation for the aggressive actions of Japan.

Meanwhile the flurry of indignation in Japan caused by the speech made by Secretary of State Stimson, is growing warmer. ~~The Japanese government has asked its Ambassador at Washington to make a full report of the speech.~~ This speech was considered a warning to Japan that Uncle Sam will continue to support the pact of Paris in the Far East. ^{It} ~~This~~ ^{on Uncle Sam} aroused a virulent attack from a spokesman of the Foreign Office in Tokio.

Keen tension is reported to be existing in the Japanese capital. The Mikado's government is under the thumb of the military leaders, and they are frankly resentful of all attempts to stop Japan in Manchuria.

POLITICS

Republican leaders today are awfully sore at Governor Roosevelt of New York. ~~Aside~~ Outside of his being the rival candidate for the presidency, they say Mr. Roosevelt is an old meenie. He's trying to steal tomorrow's front pages from President Hoover.

Tomorrow is the day on which the President will receive the information that he has been renominated. On this occasion, of course, he will make the usual speech of acceptance which, as a matter of duty and politeness, the newspapers usually feature on the front page.

~~The~~ But Governor Roosevelt has set the same day for the long awaited hearing on the removal charges against Mayor Jimmie Walker. And that's what the Republicans think is a mean trick.

The squabble between Mayor Walker and his accusers in the executive mansion at Albany is expected to provide such an exciting show that the Republicans fear that Mr. Hoover will

be crowded out of the limelight. At any rate, he will not occupy that enviable spot exclusively.

Of course, the Democrats claim it's only a coincidence. But this coincidence has offended the Republicans so much that Senator Dickinson, who was the keynoter at the Chicago Convention, spent three dollars on a telegram to Albany bawling Governor Roosevelt out.

And by the way today is President Hoover's 58th. birthday — so congratulations were in order.

SWIMMERS

Here's a story of a sensible judge. Incidentally it ought to interest swimmers. The judge, by the way, is in Chicago.

Chicago, as you may know, has the finest park system in all the United States. Much of this park system fronts on Lake Michigan, and a lot of bathing goes on there.

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Chicago's park policemen have been much worried by the problem of making men and boys keep the shoulder straps of their bathing suits on their shoulders. So, as we learn from a dispatch to the Cleveland Press, a test case was brought before one of Chicago's judges, by name O'Connell. Says Judge O'Connell: "Prizefighters, wrestlers, and track athletes have exposed their torsos for years without anybody's complaining. ~~about it.~~ There's no reason why swimmers on the public beaches should not be allowed to do the same."

And I'll wager that swimmers all over the United States who have been arguing this question with policemen for years, will raise a cheer for Judge O'Connell.

BAT

Here's a ~~xxx~~ tale about a doctor's office that went on the bat. I mean literally on the bat. The story comes from the august precinct of Washington, D. C.

Well, the doctor walked into his office this morning and found it in a state of chaos. Papers, records, ink, and everything were on the floor. What astonished him more was that against the ~~inside~~ inside of the window screen he saw two bats. Yes, I mean bats, ^{those} ~~the~~ little ^{chase} ~~mice~~ that fly. Well, he called in attendants of the building and they started to remove the bats, and the more they removed the more they seem~~d~~ to find. There were bats under the window shades, bats behind the curtains, bats under the desks, bats in the corners. When the doctor got over the shock he discovered that his centrifuge machine had been left running all night. A centrifuge machine ^{they say} ~~is~~ is a thing the doctor uses for blood tests and other purposes. Well, this centrifuge apparatus, which turns round and round and round, makes a rhythmic swishing noise. The explanation is that this ^{noial} ~~sound~~ [^] sounds something like the batting of bats' wings. And the bats outside on the streets of

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Washington hearing this, thought there were other bats inside the office, and came in to pay them a visit.

~~I'm told that there are plenty of people in Uncle~~

~~Sam's capital who have bats in their belfry.~~ I never before heard

but I have heard folks complain that in Washington there are those of bats in a centrifuge machine, In fact, it's so astonishing who have bats in their belfry. And maybe I will too if I don't that I think I'll say so long until tomorrow.