

L. J. - Sunoco. Monday, Feb. 21, 1938.

The eyes of the world
~~of course the place on which eyes are turned~~ tonight, are

on London. There was not only drama and history, but profound

emotion, in the scene that took place on the floor of the House

of Commons *today.* It was the most sensational spectacle that *August Parliamentary* ~~House had~~

body had witnessed since the memorable day when Stanley Baldwin announced

the abdication of King Edward the Eighth. The galleries were

jammed.

(Emotions were manifest not only in the words but in the tone of voice of Captain Anthony Eden as he explained his resignation.) He was cheered not only when he entered the House and took his place on the seats specially reserved for cabinet ministers when they are going to resign, there was also loud applause when he sat down. And, David Lloyd George, ~~the~~ wartime prime minister, received ~~nothing less than~~ an ovation when he threw his glove into the arena on Captain Eden's side.

(The most important part of *Anthony* ~~Captain~~ Eden's farewell was contained in the words, "Propaganda against this country by the Italian government is rife throughout the world." *And he added: -* "I myself pledged this House not to open conversations with Italy until

hostile propaganda ceased. That propaganda has not ceased." Then he added that neither Italy nor Germany has shown any respect for international obligations.)

Viscount Cranborne, the retiring Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, also had his say. He branded the negotiations with Italy as nothing but surrender to blackmail.

~~but~~ There ~~were~~ ^{were} also cheers at the entrance of Prime Minister ~~Neville~~ Chamberlain, cheers from the Conservatives of his own party. (The British Premier's reply to his former Foreign Minister is being described tonight as an emotional piece of political strategy. For he told the Commons that ~~Duce~~ Mussolini has agreed to negotiate with ~~John Bull~~ ^{Britain} on terms almost identical with those that ~~Captain~~ Eden has demanded.) His remarks were interrupted by many loud boos from the opposition, the first time such a thing has happened in the Commons for ~~several~~ months. On one occasion it was obvious that ~~Neville Chamberlain~~ ^{Prime Minister} had difficulty in keeping his temper.

⁷⁸ Before the Prime Minister went to the House of Commons he had sent for Dino Grandi, the Italian Ambassador. They held

a serious conference, after which Mr. Chamberlain motored to Buckingham Palace, had lunch with King George and Queen Elizabeth, where he ~~xxxxix~~ made his report to the sovereigns.

It is
~~But it is~~ believed that the Eden episode may not end

there. British public opinion is split sharply in two. There are many people in England who are furious that the resignation of a British ~~xxxx~~ cabinet minister should have been forced by antagonistic foreign powers. A strong movement is afoot at this moment which might even, say the correspondents, bring about the downfall of ~~Mr~~ Neville Chamberlain and his entire cabinet.

In fact, it might mean the end of the Nationalist government and a new political alignment in ~~John Bull's Island~~ *England.* The strongest

supporter of ~~Captain~~ *Anthony* Eden's position, as ~~we have heard~~ *I mentioned, is*

~~David~~ Lloyd George. The old Welsh lion ~~of war days~~ has been ~~pretty much~~ in the background of late. But ~~it is felt that~~ *some feel* this

is his opportunity. If he gets into the fight with his old time eloquence, his capacity to sway multitudes, and with such an argument to fight for, British history may take a ~~violent and~~

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~~astonishing~~ turn in the next few days. ^{Lloyd George} ~~Of course he~~ would have
 the Labor Party on his side and the Liberals. ~~Captain~~ ^{Eden} ~~received~~ ^{today}
 a telegram from the chairman of the Conservatives in his own
 constituency. It read:- "Be assured of our continued confidence."
 And many members of Parliament received telegrams from their
 constituents, urging them to support Eden.

~~So there's a situation teeming with the most dramatic and historic possibilities in that tight little island~~

The Executive Committee of the Labor Party ~~announced~~
 has just announced that it will make a sensational move on the
 floor of the House tomorrow. It will ask for a vote of no confidence
 in the government. Such a vote, if successful, or even if nearly
 successful, would force the Cabinet to "go to the country," ~~as they~~
~~call it, which means a new~~ ^{call a} general election.

A crowd assembled outside Downing Street ^{this afternoon and} shouted:
 "Chamberlain must go!" and "No money for Mussolini!"

HITLER

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The resignation of Anthony Eden has completely overshadowed the sensational thing that caused it. That, of course, was the three-hour speech of ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler to his obedient deputies in the Reichstag. From that ^{speech one} ~~one dominant~~ fact stands forth with blinding clarity. Adolph Hitler is the ^{dominant} ~~dominant~~ ruler in Europe today! At the beginning of his sixth year he has a stronger grasp on the sixty-five million people of Germany than ever before. That's the way it's summed up by Webb Miller, European manager of the United Press.

The first consequence seems to be a new and strange alignment of the powers. ~~in Europe~~ (Tonight we see John Bull, officially still democratic, waving the olive branch ~~frantically~~ at the Rome-Berlin axis, asking to be friends. ^{Does} ~~this~~ ^{once more} means that ^{finds herself} ~~democratic~~ France ~~has once more to see itself~~ ~~sitting~~ in diplomatic isolation. There is anxiety almost to the point of terror on the banks of the Seine. Likewise on the banks of the Danube and in Czechoslovakia. The general agreement is that Czechoslovakia is next. ^{JP} We learn that ~~ix~~ Paris has sent

a formal warning to Berlin that it will not tolerate any encroachment on Czechoslovakia. But observers are asking, "What can France do to protect its ally if John Bull leaves her in the lurch?"

In Italy the feeling is one of quiet triumph. The Italian press was cautioned to restrain any editorial expressions of jubilation over the downfall of Eden.

In Washington the comment is, ~~"There's an~~ ^{"Here's} additional reason for Uncle Sam to keep hands off and mind his own business." President Roosevelt, who is at Hyde Park, kept in close touch with the State Department all day. But the answer to all questions was, "No comment."

Particular attention was given over here to one part of Hitler's speech. That was when he berated, with biting irony, several false reports that have been current, such as the rumor that a German regiment had revolted, that several generals were in exile, that he, the Fuehrer himself, had lost his voice, and so forth. He also denied categorically and caustically the story that he and Mussolini had agreed to divide Spain and Africa; that Mussolini was to get Egypt and Palestine, that Germany and Japan were to take over the Dutch East Indies.

AMBASSADOR KENNEDY

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It happened that while ^{some} ~~part~~ of these things were transpiring abroad today a group of us were giving a farewell luncheon to Joseph P. Kennedy, Uncle Sam's newly appointed ambassador to London. The luncheon was tendered by the editors of Commentator magazine, a ~~re~~ celebration of the first anniversary of the Commentator, and a farewell to Ambassador Kennedy. Of course the talk ~~was~~ all concerned ^{ed} ~~ing~~ Eden's resignation, Hitler's speech, and events in Europe.

Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith expressed the opinion that:

"We are not going to have any war of arms, "as a result of the present crisis. Said he, "the recent history of Europe shows that you don't need to go to war! You just go and take what you want!"

It was an intimate party including radio commentators Messrs, David Sarnoff, of the R.C.A.; John Royal of the N.B.C.; Merlin Aylesworth and Hugh Baillie, ~~heads~~ heads of the Scripps-Howard organization and the United Press; Joe Connolly head of the Hearst organization, ~~and~~ the Mayor and a few more. In presiding I ~~x~~ jokingly suggested that

we all give the Ambassador ^{JOE} ~~Joseph P.~~ Kennedy some suggestions
as to how to conduct himself in ^{England.} ~~Europe.~~ But, the theme
of the luncheon turned out to be: that members of both
political parties and everyone seems to have complete
confidence in our new Ambassador to London.

VIENNA

At an emergency meeting of the Austrian Cabinet today it was decided to take strong measures. Somewhat to the astonishment of the world they decided to prohibit all demonstrations throughout Austria, that is, all except those of the Fatherland Front, the party of which Chancellor Schuschnigg is the leader, and until last week the only party legally permitted to exist in Austria.

(From Vienna comes a tale of ominous doings. ~~It was~~ The beginning of the demonstrations against the Jews that everybody had expected. Among the Jews in Vienna, there ^{is} ~~was~~ a state of panic.)

Jubilant Nazis were celebrating their triumph ^{today.} First they had it all their own way. Then those Austrians who hate the Nazis, the Roman Catholic Youth Organization, Socialists and Communists, massed forces against the celebrators. Only strenuous and systematic activity by the police averted a riot. The most violent disturbance took place outside the buildings of the University of Vienna.

Jews walking on the streets had to run the gauntlet

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of jeers and insults from hoodlums. Rich Jewish property owners are selling out as fast as they can, getting ready to leave the country.

After ^{our} ~~the~~ Commentator luncheon this noon, I walked up the street with George ^{the famous political observer,} Sokolsky, still discussing the latest news from Europe. Among other things, Sokolsky said: "Where can the Jews go now?" And then he added: "There are five million of them who now, or within the next ~~xx~~ few months, will be homeless, worse than homeless, ~~with~~ no place to go, no country to take them in." And then, he made this somber prophesy, that within less than five years, half of the five million will be decimated, will ~~perish~~ perish.

GENERAL

Now for a hurried glance at the rest of the world.

In the north of Spain Teruel has not yet ~~fall~~ fallen. But the city is in ruins, battered to pieces by fifty heavy field guns and devastated by flames ~~fr~~ from incendiary bombs dropped from the air. Ten thousand government soldiers are trapped in those ruins, surrounded, but they haven't ^{yet} surrendered. ~~yet~~

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In Rumania King Carol ^{today} proclaimed a new Constitution.

It makes Rumania a cooperative state, though not exactly Fascist. For it does not depend on a private army, but on the King's regular soldiers. ^H The leader of the Fascist, anti-Semitic Iron Guards has left the country, after disbanding his organization.

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And here's a late dispatch from China. The city of Canton in the south has undergone a ~~fire~~ fierce, intensive bombardment from thirty-eight Japanese war planes.

FLEET

There's a hint of something important and peculiarly timely in an announcement from the Navy Department. It concerns the annual manoeuvres of Uncle Sam's fleet next month. It sounds as though this would be the most stupendous war practice ever undertaken by America's fighting ships. It will cover ^{an} ~~the~~ area, says the Navy Department, somewhere between eleven million and twelve million square miles [—] in the Pacific Ocean. ^{IF} Uncle Sam's men-o-war will conduct a sham campaign ranging from Alaska and the Aleutian Islands on the north to Samoa on the south; from the Pacific coast in the east, all the way beyond Hawaii to Midway Island on the west. ^{IF This} ~~That is taken to~~ mean ^s that in their exercises our battleships will cross waters near ^{Pacific} islands ~~in the~~ ^{that are} ~~these~~ controlled under-the-League-of-Nations-mandate by Japan. ~~It will be~~ The first time that United States naval manoeuvres will ^{occurred} ~~have come~~ so close to Japanese territory.

NAVY

The Naval Affairs Committee of the House heard some more facts about building battleships. They heard it from Admiral DuBose, who is the boss of construction for our navy. He said it would take anywhere from eight to ten years to build all those forty-seven men-o-war that President Roosevelt suggests. And it couldn't be done at the navy yards unless anywhere from two to eight millions were spent ^{to} ~~providing~~ [^] ~~^ new facilities, new equipment, new machinery!~~

And that's one to ponder over.

SAMMETT

Two boys were playing on a Chicago street. Under the steps of an abandoned house, they found to their horror the body of a ~~dead man.~~ ^{man. When the} ~~The~~ police ~~soon~~ arrived and ~~started~~ investigations. They identified ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~dead~~ man as Dr. Max Sammett, once of Germany. During the War he was one of Germany's heroes, a fighter in the Austrian army with six medals for bravery. After ~~the~~ Nazi regime came into power, those six medals availed him nothing, for Dr. Max Sammett was a Jew.

He had been in practice as a dentist, but the Nazis took his license away. Before he was driven out of his country, he had been awarded a munificent stipend of three dollars a month from the Jewish relief fund. He left his country, went to Chicago, and was doing research at a dental laboratory there.

The Chicago police called upon the German Consul to take part at the inquest and help them sift that murder. [¶] There are implications behind the news that startling facts may come to light.

LYNCH BILL

(We shall hear no more of that Anti-Lynch Bill, at any rate for a long time to come. It isn't exactly dead, but the Senators ^{have given it a potent powder.} ~~administered a mighty powerful sleeping draught.~~ All of ^{Which} ~~this course~~ was foreshadowed last week when the upper House declined to put a limit on debate. [¶] The final dose was imparted today. Majority Leader Barkley threw up his hands and ^{moved} ~~shot in a motion~~ that the Solons quit that six weeks' long filibuster in order to take up more urgent matters.) And a triumphant majority voted to ^{Whereupon they} ~~adopt~~ the motion, ~~and then~~ ^{and} began considering the two hundred and fifty million dollar relief deficiency bill. [¶] Southern senators particularly were jubilant., ~~See~~

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[¶] But Senator Wagner of New York, father of that Anti-Lynch Bill, says it isn't dead, ^{and} ~~it~~ will eventually triumph because, ^{as he} ~~as he~~

^{put it:} "a righteous cause cannot be defeated."

CLOTHES

~~There seems to be a sort of tournament going on in Europe.~~

Here's

~~It's~~ a perennial affair without beginning or end, and with no single definite arena. You might say the arena is all of Europe, and the audience consists of everybody. ~~It's~~ a contest between

certain ~~prominent ladies for the right to be considered the~~ *women for the somewhat questionable*

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title:-

"Best Dressed Woman" in the world." The judges are the fashionable dressmakers of Paris. Their votes have just come in over the

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cable wires. ~~Again~~ an American woman carries off the palm. ~~In~~

Who? Why Her Grace
~~fact, she's twice winner. It's Her Highness,~~ the Duchess of

Windsor.

Of the ten women so acclaimed, no fewer than six are Americans. Second to the Duchess of Windsor is her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Kent. Then comes the wife of the Aga Khan, formerly a French milliner. The other Americans are the Baronessd'Erlanger, the Baroness Eugene deRothschild, the perennial Mrs. Harrison Williams, Millicent Rogers Balcom, and the Countess Barbara von Haugwitz-Reventlow. ~~There! Isn't that something for the eagle~~

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~~to scream about.~~ And I can just hear many of you say:- "So what?" S. L-U-T-M.