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GOOD EVENING, ALL: -

First, of course you want to know where Lowell Thomas is. No, he's not off to another imperial coronation, but he's up at St. Bonaventure College, at Allegheny, New York, getting himself crowned with a third Doctor's degree. Three times Dr. Thomas: once Doctor of Laws and twice Doctor of Literature. He may crown me when he gets back tonight for telling you. But that makes five degrees for Lowell -- three that he earned pouring over books the same as you and I, and three

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and that are honors --/he's still young yet! More than that, he is still just a regular guy and uses language we can all understand, in spite of the degrees. *Probably he needs these Doctorates of Letters because he gets so much fan mail!*

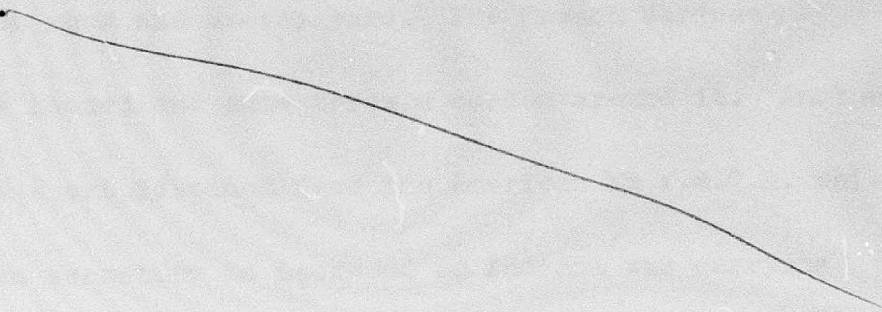
I imagine that two things have interested Lowell more than the pomp and ceremony at Allegheny, down in the western tip of New York State, today. There at unusual little

St. Bonaventure College, founded a century ago by joint enterprise of Protestant landowners and Franciscan educators, are stored the trophies and relics of John McGraw, titan of baseball, Goliath of the New York Giants in the days when giants of that sport walked the earth. For Big John was a graduate of ~~By~~ St. Bonaventure and loved his alma mater.

In addition to John McGraw's old baseball bats and gloves, Lowell has undoubtedly been looking over the gadgets in St. Bonaventure's fine chemical laboratory.

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There are new turns in the world's two big wars today.



JAPAN

48 (Japan under her new Army cabinet answered the protests of England, France and America by bombing populous Canton for the eighth day in succession this afternoon. The carnage and destruction were perhaps the worst ever yet suffered by a city under air bombardment.) Wave after wave of Japanese planes power-dived over the ~~China~~^{tiny} island in the river which contains the foreign consulates and is considered foreign territory, straightened out barely in time to massacre the crowds and destroy ~~the~~ the buildings across the narrow ditch that separates Shameen Island from the shore. One bomber figured a little shot[^], however, and dropped his death-egg square on the old French hospital flying the French flag, and destroyed an operating room and ex-ray ward. The French Marines immediately landed and ~~then~~ threw a cordon around it. Another bomb fell a short distance from the American ~~to~~ Y.M.C.A. while ~~the~~ American secretary Ed Lockwood of Indiana was carrying wounded persons into the building. Loss of life was particularly heavy among the refugees who crowded as near as they could to the foreign-controlled island in faint hope of a shadow of safety. Authorities claim that there were no military objectives

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within a half mile of the river shore. A News reel cameraman, A.T. Hull of Hampton, Virginia was stunned by an explosion and knocked into the river but crawled out alive. A concrete building collapsed on one hundred refugees, the water pipes broke and gave a spectacle as of blood flowing out of the building in streams. Not a section of the vast city of flat river and hilly suburbs remained untouched. Here and there whole blocks ~~was destroyed~~ were leveled.

Another bomb wiped out a large number of Canton's boat ~~dweller~~ dwelling population -- those unique people who spend their entire lives on the river from which they make their living. One of Canton's modern skyscrapers known as the Tiger ~~Block~~ ^{Salve} building, after a Chinese medicine, was severely damaged. The building is ~~known~~ owned by Mr. Boonhawn, a ~~ex~~ Chinese millionaire of Singapore who has contributed six million Chinese dollars for the wounded and orphaned since the Chinese invasion of China.

All through the night, rescue crews worked frantically but as morning dawns in stricken China while I read this ~~time~~ -

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~~still~~ ^{rescuers} they are still confronted by great piles of debris from which come the cries and moans of the wounded.

Rough guesses are that six or seven thousand people have been killed during the eight day aerial bombardment in Canton.

Simultaneously with this strafing in defiance of the expressed opinions of the great powers the Japanese armies fighting on the Chinese plains north of the Yangtze River ~~are~~ occupied another provincial capital - Kaifung, the capital of Honan Province. Kaifung is one of the earliest capitals of history. A Chinese ~~dynasty~~ ^{dynasty} reigned ~~from~~ ^{there} about two thousand years ~~in~~ before Christ. Kaifung is also famous as the site of the last ancient Jewish synagogue and community to survive in China. It seems that way back at the time of the Jewish dispersion under the Babylonian empire, a colony of Jews made their way to China and survived. But the Chinese peaceably and successfully absorbed the Jews completely, although it took nearly two thousand years to do it.

Chinese military leaders hint that their strategy will be to give up the Lung ~~Hi~~ ^a railroad completely and

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abandon ~~Hankow~~^{Changchow}, the point where this line crossed the north and south line from Peking to Hankow. This will cut Hankow and Chang Kai-shek's armies from any rail connection with the Communist armies fighting Japan in the northwest. But I'm told that the Chinese have completed military roads connecting the northwest with the upper Yangtze River, and that they will destroy the railroad as they retreat. It is indicated that their next great stand against the advancing Japanese hordes will be along the abrupt range of mountains that lies halfway between the Yellow River and Hankow and that separates the plains of Central China from the paddy fields of the Yangtze Valley. This range was named in a military campaign centuries ago, The "^{Sheng} Wu ~~Sheng~~ Mountains, which means the Military Victory Mountains. Millions of Chinese hope this range will ~~again~~ justify its name and save their country another time. If not, Generalissimo Chang Kai-Shek ~~is~~ is prepared to abandon Hankow and withdraw to his impregnable capital, Chungking^{ching}, above the great gorges of the Yangtze River. And the rugged provinces of southwest China will still continue to resist ~~with~~ the Japanese gradually reducing Canton to debris and driving on

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to Hankow, ~~The~~ Canton-Hankow railroad which has been China's
ammunitions lifeline may ~~be~~ soon become useless ^{- especially so} if Germany
cuts off the supply of ammunition to Chang Kai-Shek's armies
which has been going in over this road. ~~The railroad becomes~~
~~less valuable anyhow.~~ China must then rely chiefly upon the
new highway built through the sub-Himalaya ranges from China
into Burma. Reports say half a million laborers have been
used to complete this terrific piece of roadway. The road to
China will ~~be~~ then be ^{thru} ~~from~~ Mandalay, but across fourteen thousand
foot mountain ranges instead of across the bay, as Kipling had
it!

^{The Chinese}
~~China's~~ strategy is to cost the Japanese as much in lives
and treasure as possible while retreating. One can but wonder
at the indomitable spirit expressed by a Chinese to me today:-
"The longer we resist -- the more territory we lose, the less
afraid we are." It may cost Japan more than she can muster to
crush this spirit.

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However there's bristling in Japan at what is called the
interference of foreign powers in protesting against Japan's

aerial warfare. A bold counter-threat against Britain appears in the rumor that Japan expects to make recently-captured Amoy on the Chinese coast a Japanese fortress as powerful as Hong Kong, and the speech of a Japanese member of Parliament stating that Japan should control Hong Kong both diplomatically and militarily. I know M.P. Motojiro Sugiyama who gave ~~him~~ out this statement. He is not a militarist at all but represents a Japanese interior farming population. How little the people of Japan know of world conditions and the exaggerated opinion they have of their country's potency is evidenced by the Japanese farmer-politician's speech.

SPAIN

54 That baffling civil war in Spain is at another crisis today, a crisis long predicted by friends of the government forces. It seems that Spain now has a rebellion within a rebellion. (Some of Franco's staff officers have joined in the long growing hostility of the common Spanish soldier to Italian and German officers. We hear ~~that~~ that Franco has rushed back from the front to arrest many of his own officers just outside of Gibraltar and Andalusia.) Military documents and photographs are said to have disappeared from the German and Italian military headquarters in Seville.

Meanwhile, feeling rises in France against the second bombing of French territory by unmarked planes apparently after a train carrying supplies across the border to the Spanish Loyalist forces. Premier Daladier has ordered French aviators to pursue and destroy any war planes hereafter flying over French territory.

And while the French are fighting off mysterious air attacks, another British ship, the third in the last week, was bombed and sunk off the coast of Spain. Impatience at ~~Premier~~ *Prime Minister*

~~Daladier~~ Chamberlain's so-called realistic policy grows in England with these occurrences, and observers wonder if the British Lion is beginning to roar at last.

LLOYD GEORGE

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A biting attack was fired today at ~~the head of England's~~
~~Prime Minister~~, Neville Chamberlain and his Cabinet. The firing was
done by an expert, the Welch firebrand, Ex-~~Premier~~ ^{Prime Minister} David Lloyd George.
He certainly minced no words when he said: "The Chamberlain government
has crawled before the dictators who terrorize Europe. They have let
down the League of Nations step by step, until at last that broken
backed
~~back~~ institution was paralyzed and unable to stand up for itself
in any part of the world."

He also said: "Today German and Italian planes are
bombing British ships, drowning our sailors and mutilating others."
And he asked: "What are we doing? We are sending twittering little
protests just like a flight of birds who see their nests ~~dist~~
disturbed and then fly away." And then he asked: "Do we send
protests to Germany and Italy?" Answering his own question, he
replied: "No, we are afraid of them. The Germans laugh at ~~us~~^{us},
the Italians laugh at ~~them~~^{us}, and the Americans too." ~~And he wound~~
~~up with the phrase: "It is a sad thing for an old fellow in his~~
~~seventy-sixth year to see the British flag the best of nations."~~

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(From troubled Czechoslovakia comes news of a sharp break ~~between~~ ^{within} the Slovak population of that country. While a minority Slovak party makes demands for autonomy similar to those of the Sudeten Germans, the majority of the Slovaks appear to back Premier Hodza's determination to keep the country united.) And that majority is backed by Dr. Peter Hletko of Chicago, representing a million Slovaks in the United States. He has accused Adolph Hitler and Konrad Henlein of trying to bring about dismemberment of Czechoslovakia.

It is a troubled world we face tonight, on the brink of further explosions. And the ~~great~~ ^{outraged} democratic powers wonder what to do about it. From Washington comes the hint that the United States may join with Britain and other countries in the appointment of a commission to investigate aerial bombardments. But the man in the street cannot help but wonder whether by the time diplomatic ~~com~~ commissions arrive on the scene in China and Spain, anything will be left to investigate but corpses and ruins. And he wonders whether other great cities aside from Canton and Barcelona will not be feeling the terror from the air by that time.

EINSTEIN

~~Here's an interesting opinion from a scientist about religion. You'll agree that he's great enough in the world of science, when I tell you that I'm talking about Dr. Albert Einstein, professor of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton yesterday.~~

Maybe
has the key to the world's troubles.

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He made a speech today at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, about the conditions in Europe that made him an exile from Hitler's Germany. It's interesting to observe this famous scientist attributing the outbreak of barbarity in Europe to a decline in religious sentiment. And he said: "This decline in religious sentiment has brought with it in the last hundred years or so a serious weakening of moral thought." And he added: "That, to my mind, is the main ~~cause~~ cause for the barbarity of political ways in our time." And he also said: "A further consequence is that in various European nations, intelligence and human kindness, which are the product of a civilization, have become subjected to primitive animal instincts."

ELECTION

The big ^{home} political interest today of course is out in Iowa. That's where the New Deal is having its most important fight since the success of Senator Pepper in the Florida primaries. And, as we have been hearing for days, the question is whether Representative Wearin will grab off the senatorial seat of the present Senator Gillette. The New Deal became a conspicuous issue when Harry Hopkins, head of the W.P.A., and James Roosevelt, son of the President, came out unblushingly for Mr. Wearin. The only grudge the New Deal has against Senator Gillette is that he opposed the President on the Supreme Court bill. Outside of that, he was almost a hundred per cent New Dealer.

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Naturally, it's much too early to venture even a guess about the result of those Iowa primaries. The first return won't be in until about eight o'clock.

