

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

We shall soon be hearing the glad tale; in the words of

W.S. Gilbert:

"The Duke and the Duchess
As they travel through the land
With their Hej Jerry Ho!
And their Hi Jerry Ho!.

When one says Duke and Duchess in America, one means of course only one Duke and Duchess:- The Windsors. The land through which they'll be traveling with their Hey Jerro Ho and their Hi Jerry Ho will be the Duke's own land, over which he once reigned as King, England. At least that seems to be the implication in tydings that come from what is described as a source close to Buckingham Palace. A royal fatted calf is to be slain. The prodigal Duke and his Duchess are to be welcomed back into the bosom of the royal family. Appropriately enough, the first leaf of the olive branch will be extended on Armistice Day. On that day the Windsors will receive a visit from the Ex-King's brother and sister-in-law,

the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

It is generally understood that the barriers between the Duke and his family haven't existed because of any choice on either side. They've been imposed by the government; but now the excitement about the abdication has died down, and the Duke's marriage to the woman he loves has long been an accomplished fact. People in England who ought to know say that the visit of the Gloucesters to the Windsors will be followed next year by a visit by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to England. If that happens and the Duke is received in accordance with his rank, that will indeed be a triumph for the lady from Baltimore.

SPAIN

The Spanish Nationalist armies have won the civil war. So says General Franco. He made this positive statement to James I. Miller, Vice President ~~of~~ of the United Press for South America.

Sounds like a strange boast in view of another United Press dispatch from Barcelona which reports that the government armies made what is described as a daredevil drive across the flooded waters of the Segre River. They went over the top before dawn this morning near Laruda, north of Ebro front. They claim to have captured several villages in key positions, and several hundred prisoners -- also threatening Franco's line of communications. In such fashion the Republican generals offer a concrete answer to Franco's claim that he has won the war.

Anyhow Franco has an explanation: He says the rank and file of the Republican forces have long since ~~be~~ tired of fighting. They are kept in the field only by virtue of the persuasion and threats of their officers.

Along with this claim of victory, Franco announces his program for Spain:- He aims to bring the country back to a position

approaching that which it held three hundred years ago, as a world power. "It will be a land of peace and plenty," Franco prophesied. "Capital will be respected, but at the same time it will be strictly regulated, forced to realize its social obligations. Capital will be put to work so as to provide employment, energy and prosperity."

The Rebel chief added that there will be no such liberal democratic government as we enjoy in the United States. The national life will be dominated by the state. In other words, a totalitarian regime. Not, however, that of either Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy. It will be a variation of Fascism more suitable to the Spanish temperament.

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Victory for the Rebels will evidently be followed by plenty of executions. ~~Franklin~~ Franco said: "Criminals and their victims cannot live together," and he ~~added~~ ^{said} "People who contribute an element of fomentation and deterioration should not be returned to society but I believe in redemption through the penalty of labor." *Sounds like Fascist labor camps.* And here's one ominous addition he made: "We have more than two million persons card indexed with proofs of their crimes and names of witnesses." Two million people apparently who are due for punishment when, as and if Franco wins that war!

A member of the Republican government charges that Mussolini's withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain is phoney. The man who makes the charge is the Foreign Minister of the government at Barcelona. He said that the Italian division which had been sent back to Italy has been replaced by a new division attached to Franco's armies, a division called the Green Arrows.

SHOOTING

Once again a pistol has been fired in Europe, the object of the attack fell gravely wounded, and the consequence may be a critical international episode. The scene of the shooting was Paris. The man who was shot was Third Secretary of the German Embassy.

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It was a boy who shot him, a seventeen year old Polish Jew. After he was arrested, he declared: "I did it to avenge my people." It is reported that the wounded diplomat is sinking rapidly. One bullet hit him in the lung, another in the stomach. He has already undergone two emergency operations.

As might be expected, the Nazis are making the most of this crime. It was reported to Hitler and the report from Berlin is that he is in constant personal communication with Paris by telephone, inquiring into the condition of the wounded man.

Foreign Minister Bonnet promptly expressed the extreme regret of the French government. From what correspondents report, that young Jewish fanatic has done a grave disservice to all Jews who are

left in Germany. ^{For} It will probably result in measures against them, ^{measures} harsher than ever. It will also sharpen Nazi feeling against all foreigners.

HULL

Secretary of State Hull has sent a message to the London Committee for the Relief of Political Refugees. The Committee had asked the State Department whether the Secretary believed Jewish refugees from the Sudeten parts of Czechoslovakia should be included in the scope of the Committee's work. Hull's answer today was: "Yes!"

EXPLOSTION

The Nazis are not alone in believing that the explosion on that German ship in California was no accident. The German Consul General in San Francisco declared last week that a hole was blown in the steamer VANCOUVER by anti-Nazi conspirators. Today, the District Attorney at Oakland, California, sais he agreed with the German Consul General. The Oakland Prosecutor ~~am~~ had been making an examination of the ship. And he says his inspection shows conclusively that the explosion came from outside the vessel. Meaning -- bomb!

SOUTH AMERICA

There were prompt reactions in South America to the radio speech made by Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State. The speech in which he served notice that Uncle Sam stood by the Monroe Doctrine and was determined to protect the entire western hemisphere from any threat of a ttack. A transcript of Welle's speech was featured prominently in the important South American newspapers. They laid particular emphasis on Welles' promise that the United States would cooperate in defense of the western hemisphere.

CANADA

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Our neighbors, the Canadians, are going to join in the move for bigger and better armaments. The ^{Premiers}~~Prime Ministers~~ of two provinces of Canada today made public their attitude on this question. Yesterday was the opening of peace week at Ottawa, organized by the League of Nations Society. Premier Hepburn of Ontario and Premier Pattulo of British Columbia sent messages to meet the occasion, messages which may have been a surprise to pacifist enthusiasts. Hepburn of Ontario said: "We do not serve the cause of peace by continuing to live without adequate means of self-defense." And he added: "We cannot maintain our self-respect as a nation by cowering between the paws of a lion or beneath the wings of an eagle." Meaning, obviously, Uncle Sam.

Said Premier Pattulo of British Columbia: "If youngsters of Canada are taught that they must not fight under any conditions, while youngsters of other nations are taught and trained to fight, I am afraid that the future will not hold out very hopeful prospects for Canada."

So they are all advocating more armament.

UN-AMERICANISM

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Another startling accusation was made today before the Dies Committee on Un-American activities. The man who brought the accusation was J.D. Matthews, who appeared before the Committee several weeks ago at the first hearing. He was the man who said that Shirley Temple was, without her knowledge, a stooge for the Communist Party. Today Matthews declared that a case brought before the National Labor Relations Board had been dropped after a hundred dollars was paid to a Communist lawyer. It was a case concerning the payment of thousands of dollars in back wages to the employers of the Consumers Research Company at Washington, New Jersey. Matthews was Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer of that Company.

Matthews also told the Committee that Earl Browder, head of the Communist Party in America, had once tried to obtain diplomatic immunity for funds sent to America by the Soviet government. ~~A question asked at~~ The State Department ~~later~~ ^{ed} ~~brought the~~ answer that there is no such thing as diplomatic immunity for money. ~~Diplomatic immunity applies only to the persons of diplomats, their families and their staffs.~~

ELECTION

Along with these earthy^l affairs of the day we have a celestial phenomenon occurring right now. If any of you who happen to be listening have a window facing east, you will see the moon in eclipse. Old Girl Luna in fact has been darkened by the shadow of the sun for ~~almost~~ the past hour. Unfailingly interesting to mankind, those ^{obscurations} ~~obstructions~~ of moon and sun which mankind used to regard as signs of terror and supernatural portent.

And now -- the lunar eclipse this evening ^{to me ties in with} ~~makes me think of~~ Election Day tomorrow. Why? Because at a luncheon at the New York Advertising Club today politics was the theme of the noon-time broadcast -- politics with a dash of astronomy. Postmaster-General ^{Jim} Farley talked, discussing the New York State election -- just as Republican Candidate Thomas E. Dewey did last week. And then, in honor of the forthcoming eclipse, we called upon an astronomer, who was present -- ~~the~~ Charles Federer, President of the American Institute and scientist^l and a star-gazer formerly connected with the Hayden Planetarium. Astronomer Federer made an apt remark that tomorrow a number of candidates political ~~eclipse~~ will go into eclipse, while this evening it^{'s} only the moon. He pointed out that the lunar eclipse will last for an hour

while political eclipse is likely to last a good deal longer.

Then he made this philisophic observation -- that astornomers know what's going to happen. They fortell things with the greatest accuracy, while politics is so very different -- you never can tell. It's odd, he remarked -- that we do know accurately about things so far away, the moon, the sun and the planets, the stars, millions of miles and miles away; while we know so very little about things that will happen right here at hand, here on earth, this nation, this state, city or county.

GOLD

The vexed question of gold is going to have still another inning before the Supreme Court of the United States. Of course the Court settled one phase of that problem years ago, ~~soon~~ after Congress adopted the resolution that took the country off the gold standard. At that time the court put its okay on the resolution, turned thumbs down on those who tried to fight it.

And now the question comes up in a new form and a curious one at that. ^{Some} ~~Several~~ years ago, the St. Louis Southwestern Railway sold an issue of bonds. Those bonds were payable in five ways. Either in dollars, francs, pounds, German marks or Dutch guilders. In Nineteen Thirty-five, ^a ~~that~~ railway was reorganized. Thereupon the Guarantee Trust Company of New York, which was trustee for some of the bondholders, ~~demanded~~ demanded that they should be repaid in Dutch guilders at Amsterdam. Now of course the guilder today is worth seventy-seven point seventy-eight cents. So if the ~~banks~~ bank's demand were to be honored, the owners of those bonds would get nine and a half million dollars for securities with a face value of only five million dollars.

The District Court and the Circuit Court of Appeals decided against the bank.¹¹¹ Both those courts ruled that if those bonds had been repaid in guilders, that resolution of Congress which cancelled the gold clause would have been violated. Today, the Supreme Court of the United States consented to review the case. *An odd and curious point of law,*
~~a curious piece of business.~~

EARTHQUAKE

In one part of Japan the total number of earthquakes during the last few hours was no fewer than eighty. In Tokyo there were fifty separate shocks according to the recording instruments. But the regions up the coast were shaken even more.

P Only a few people, ~~however~~, lost their lives, though the damage to property is considerable.

TWINS

One of the best of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, "The Gondoliers", has a plot in which two brothers are King of Barataria. King, not Kings. It isn't known which of them is the rightful king, so they both hold the job.

At Canisius College at Buffalo, New York, there are two brothers who are in a somewhat similar position. They're twins, so much alike that they provide headaches for the professors. They're both taking the same classes. The dizzy profs are unable to tell whether it's the same brother who always knows the right answers or whether both of them are doing their homework.

But there's still another side to that problem at Canisius. The Freshman were voting for class president. When the votes were counted, each of those twins received fifty-eight votes. Their nearest rival got only fifty-two. That put the freshmen class in a spot. They settled it in true Gilbertian fashion. Both twin brothers are President. Each is half a president. And if they make different decisions they are sure to be half right. And if they crack a joke will each be a half wit? and SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.