

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Japanese are claiming victory tonight at Shanghai and neutral military experts there are inclined to agree with them -- saying it looks as if the Chinese battle line were cracking.) In heavy attacks the regiments of the Mikado broke through the Chinese defenses at several places -- strategic points from which they are now pushing in flanking movements.

Foreign military men in Shanghai say the Tokyo generals have been practicing a cunning strategy. For weeks they let the Chinese attack thereby bringing the strength of the Nanking armies to the Shanghai front. Now their scheme is to break through and destroy these vital Chinese fighting units -- not push on and occupy territory, but put the elite of the Chinese fighting strength out of commission.

The troops of China are resisting with the last ounce of desperation. Machine-gunners are demanding that they be chained to their rapid fire weapons so they won't be tempted to retreat. And there are stories of human mines, Chinese who carry high explosives and blow themselves up along with the enemy.

SPAIN

At four o'clock this afternoon the delegates to the Non-Intervention Committee gathered for a session. They arrived one after another - until only one was missing, the Russian.

That seemed ominous, because the Soviets have been threatening to bolt and break up the ^tpalaver designed to keep the Spanish

Civil War from spreading. But at the last minute, ~~the~~ last to arrive, came the pudgy faced Ivan ^{Mak-ski.} Maiski. When the proceedings

began, he announced that Moscow was willing to go along with the Committee, keep cooperating - on certain conditions.

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These concerned the number of foreign fighters to be withdrawn ~~xx~~ from each side in Spain, also at what stage of the proceedings belligerent rights will be accorded to Franco. ^π Nobody expects

the Russian's conditions to be accepted. They'll merely provide something to wrangle about, which will keep the Non-Intervention

thing stringing along. This seems to be the main idea - stall and stall and keep from coming to blows.

^π Italy's latest is a proposal: ~~to~~ withdraw 5000 volunteers from each side. ^π Paris today said "No" to the stories that the

French Government ^{is} ~~planned to start~~ ^{ing stem} retaliation for the attacks on

^{her} ~~our~~ ships ^{and her} ~~at the~~ aviation base in the Balearic Islands. There

won't be any attempt to have warships hunt down the pirate plane
that did the shooting. Jus^x how ships would hunt down a plane
sounded dubious anyway. The French Government has just announced
that it considers the attack one of those - unavoidable incidents.

PALESTINE

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The news from the Holy Land today takes the mind back to memorable events of twenty years ago - Lawrence of Arabia and the revolt in the desert. The campaign that Lawrence staged was supremely one of - wrecking, raids on Turkish communications - cutting roads, railway and telegraph. So take the news today.

Arab raiders riddled ~~Lydda~~ ^{ancient Lydda.} the ~~Lydda~~ railway station. They fired ^{From Jerusalem to Nazareth.} at a military truck on the road. Near Rafa the telephone wires

were cut. On the Jerusalem-Hebron road, near Solomon's pools, ^{not} ~~from Bethlehem~~ [—] ~~barracks~~ ^{casas} were thrown across the highway, and the telephone wires were ripped down. ^{Also} ~~And~~ there was firing at police stations and various places.

The struggle in Palestine today turned into wrecking attacks on communications. Maybe the Arabs still remember the tactics that Lawrence of Arabia employed.

SEAPLANE

A stupendous bird landed on the coast of Brazil today, and the claim was flashed - a new flying record. It was the latest monster seaplane the French had^{VE} built. It landed after a roaring voyage across the South Atlantic, from French Morocco to Brazil. The distance is estimated at thirty-two hundred miles, which is the longest non-stopper ever flown by a seaplane - a distance-record claimed.

SCHACHT

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There's an important bit of news from Germany, and it was
divulged this evening amid the gayeties of a party in Berlin.
~~It was~~ a farewell dinner given to United States ~~German~~ Consul
General Douglass Jenkins, and among the guests was Dr. Hjalmer
Horace Greeley Schacht. The financier with German names and
American names mingling so oddly, has become quite a well known
figure as Minister of Economics for the Hitler Reich. He
didn't make any formal declaration at the party. He merely
American Farewell
mentioned ^{it} to several people to whom he was chatting. "Since
yesterday," said he, "I'm no longer Minister of Economics."

In this private informal fashion comes the word that
the resignation of Dr. Schacht was accepted yesterday. The
reasons why he is getting out are not difficult to penetrate.
As Minister of Economics Dr. Schacht has had frequent clashes
with General Goering, the administrator of the Nazi Four-Year
Plan for Economic Recovery. Schacht's ideas are too conservative
for the burly, flamboyant Goering. So now - out he goes, though
he still remains President of the Reichsbank, the central German
financial institution.

ATHLETICS

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The International Amateur Athletic Federation has made a formal appeal to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. This was announced in Stockholm today. The International Federation calls upon the A.A.U. to stop boycotting Germany in an athletic sense. It protests against mixing politics with sports. This is official action in the agitation stirred up in Europe against the American Amateur Athletic Union with the demands that the A.A.U. be excluded from Olympic Games affairs.

There was a lively battle about whether the United States should participate in ^{those} ~~the~~ Olympic Games staged in Berlin. The battle against going was led by Jeremiah T. Mahoney, who is now President of the A.A.U. and who just now is running for Mayor of New York. In the end, the American team went to Berlin, but last summer U.S. track and field teams made a tour of Europe, visiting various countries - with Germany pointedly excluded, although the American athletes were invited to come to the Reich and show their prowess.

The Nazis construe this as an athletic boycott - mixing politics with sports. In this they're supported by the Italian

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delegate in the International Olympic Federation, which is an echo of the present line-up of the two Fascist governments.

This in itself rather suggests a political angle. Anyway,

Stockholm today announces - an appeal to the ^{U.S.A. - the} A.A.U. in behalf

of Germany. *Late word today is that two letters have been sent.*

In New York the A.A.U. headquarters declares that no

such appeal has ^{yet} been received. Maybe it's on its way through

the mails. I don't know what ^{our} ~~the~~ A.A.U. will do about it,

but if the International Olympic Federation were to exclude it

from the Olympic affairs, that would ^{not} ~~mean~~ mean -the United States

excluded. The part played by the A.A.U. is - registering

American teams, supervising competitions, managing the show.

WORLD'S FAIR

New York's World's Fair has acquired a Director of Radio Broadcasting . He is Dr. John S. Young long associated with the National Broadcasting Company,

as Radio's Czar of the World's Fair. Director Young will run across some curious ideas, because the Fair seems to be a magnet for people with weird schemes.

One original chap proposes that at intervals throughout the Fair grounds ventriloquist dummies be set up to emit streams of ~~jokes~~ *Charlie McCarthy jokes. How about it John?*

Another suggests a theatrical troop to play Broadway flops. I suppose the idea is to let ~~them~~ flop all over again. *How about it John?*

Another brilliant idea is a girl dancing inside a balloon. So nobody could see her I suppose, *John.* The Fair has been deluged with songs, -- one entitled -- "World's Fair I Love You." *How about that John?*

SAINT

It's like a legend of the middle ages, transferred most
strangely to this modern world - that move in Rome to canonize
a new Saint. A congregation of prelates ^{at the Vatican} ~~in Rome~~ is investigating
the miracles attributed to ^{Mother} ~~Sister~~ Frances Xavier Cabrini, founder
of an Order of Missionary Nuns. She's no figure of remote time
and distant place - she died in Chicago just twenty years ago.
And one of the miracles now cited in Rome concerns a fifteen
year old boy, who is ^{now} a college student in New York. His name is
Peter Smith, and the story is told how at his birth a nurse
mistakenly poured ^{Baby Pete's} ~~into his~~ eyes a burning solution of nitrate
acid. ^{TD} The medical testimony is that the membranes and cornea
of both eyes were destroyed. The acid burned furrows on the
baby's chest, and the nitrate fumes the infant inhaled brought
on pneumonia. ^R In the hospital a missionary sister was given
permission to pin on the child's clothes a medal of the founder
of the order - Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. And the blind
eyes got well, the acid scars were healed, and the pneumonia
was cured. Such is the ^{miracle} ~~story~~ told of the fifteen year old
New York student, Peter Smith - whose pictures ^{today} show a pair of
perfect eyes.

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The death of the Duke of Talleyrand in Paris stirs old memories and brings back visions of a younger and more gaudy America, the Goulds, the fashion to marry American heiresses to foreign noblemen, the fabulous wedding of Anna Gould and Count Boni de Castellane, their equally famous divorce and the remarriage of the Gould ~~HEIRIHEX~~ heiress to the Duke of Talleyrand ^{now} who has died at 79.

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It brings especially vivid memories ~~of~~ to me, recollections ^{I spent} of a night at the Castle of the Duke of Talleyrand in Touraine where he entertained American officers during the World War amid scenes of sumptuous beauty. The beds were great tall, four-posters, in which you sank deep in silken bedding. I remember ^{— a major who was with me — he} one officer ~~who~~ was so used to sleeping in dug-outs at the front that he had insomnia in the great four poster. He had to get out of bed and sleep on the floor.

MONTAGUE

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The testimony that John Montague gave on the witness stand today continues the story-book angle of that astonishing case - something for a novel or a film. He said he was associated with the men who robbed the roadhouse seven years ago. They were doing some bootlegging business. He put some of his belongings in one of the two cars they used, clothes and golf clubs - because he intended to go on a trip in the car. He was home on the night of the robbery, had nothing to do with the stick-up perpetrated by his bootleg associates. He learned immediately that his ~~golf~~ clothes and golf sticks had been found in one of the bandit cars, which made it look bad for him. So he left, disappeared, headed out west, and changed his name from Laverne Moore to John Montague - because he was ashamed. In Hollywood his golf-playing prowess won him the friendship of movie stars, ^{then it was that} and he built his legend as the Paul Bunyan of golf.

That's his story, which is supported by a family alibi - testimony that he was at home on the night of the robbery. His case really rests on a direct and outright contradiction. One of

the robbers in the hold-up swore that Montague was in the gang that night, one of the bandits. Another man who similarly took part in the stick-up swore to the contrary, testified that Montague was not there.

Late today

The opposing attorneys did their summing up - and the jury took over the fate of John Montague, the mighty golfer of Hollywood, *the Bunyan of the bunkers.*

WILL

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At Philadelphia today there was a strange episode. In a cemetery they dug up a coffin, opened it, and searched it - for a will. Now what would the last will and testament be doing in the coffin of the one supposed to have made it? The main facts of the story are imposing with large figures. There's thirty million dollars at stake. That's the fortune left by Mrs. Henrietta Garrett. ~~and~~ ^{30,000,000! Nothing to be sniffed at. For} it's a snuff fortune - amassed by the manufacture of the acrid powdery tobacco that once was used so much.

Here's another big figure - seventeen thousand claimants, all ~~of them~~ seeking to share in the thirty million dollars. There ^{is} ~~is~~ no will in evidence. ^{But} There has been a search for one. And the ~~story is~~ ^{gone of} rumored ^{about} a missing will, and a negro servant. ~~It indicates that~~ ^{This} negro servant might have taken the will of the snuff heiress and hidden it in her coffin. That servant now is dead. So today in Philadelphia they exhumed the coffin and searched it for a missing will. They didn't find one - no testament disposing of the thirty million dollars made from snuff, the fortune which seventeen ^{thousand} ~~million~~ people claim.

LABOR

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(The comment of the American Federation of Labor ^{to} might is -
not satisfactory, we couldn't possibly accept it. This - in ~~refer~~
reference to the three-point peace proposal submitted by the
C.I.O.) But the A.F. of L. doesn't respond with an outright
rejection, which would call everything off. It's spokesmen say
they will take the C.I.O. plan as a bargaining basis for discussion.
So, they'll come back with counter-proposals of their own.

presented to the Committee meeting at the Hotel Willard
The C.I.O. program [^] suggests a reunion of the two labor

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factions, with John Lewis's organization becoming a branch of the
A.F. of L. - keeping its own identify and its ^{own} theory of industrial
unionism. Certain basic industries ^{to be} ~~will be~~ ~~there~~ within the
province of the C.I.O., to be unionized in its ~~own~~ vertical way.
The A.F. of L. horizontal trade unions to be kept out of these
C.I.O. industries.

It is inferred that the scheme of things would give the
C.I.O. a preponderance within the Federation and make John Lewis
the real boss of the A.F. of L. So it's not ^{surprising} ~~that the~~
~~A.F.A.L. response~~ ^{is:} ~~with the comment that the proposal is~~ "not satisfactory"
~~and that they are taking it as~~ "a mere basis for bargaining.."

ROOSEVELT

There's ^a ~~the~~ difference between ^a ~~the~~ President's mother and
a President's wife. Mrs. James Roosevelt expressed herself
on the subject of a third term some little while ago, saying
she knew her son had no desire to run again. Today Mrs. Franklin
Delano Roosevelt could say nothing at all about the President
and a third term. "I have never expressed any desire on the
subject," said she, "nor has he ever expresses his views to me."

So apparently a mother knows and a wife doesn't.

And s-l-u-t-m.

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