GREENLAND

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1 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An international dispute came to a head today. It concerns one of the most barren and desolate bits of territory in the world -- Eastern Greenland, the side that faces Spitzbergen. This territory is considerably to the North on that immense island, most of which is one colossal glacier.

I suppose that most of us have
thought of Greenland as being a Danish
possession. The Danes do claim the entire
island, but it appears that Norway doesn't
quite agree.

¹⁵ The Norwegians say that the section ¹⁶ known as East Greenland belongs to them. ¹⁷ They base their claim on the fact that a ¹⁸ party of Norwegians hoisted the **Mummung** ¹⁹ Norwegian flag on that desolate far-²⁰ northern shore.

The matter has come toa head now
because King Haakon of Norway has formally
declared the annexation of East Greenland
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to Norway.
And that has made the Danes angry.
The Danish Government today sent a note
of protest to Norway.

Well, both countries are agreed

that the dispute shall be taken to the World Court and each . is willing to abide by the decision of the Tribunal.

The International News Service reminds us that Greenland is the largest island in the world with an area of 800,000 square miles. But it has only 14,000 inhabitants, and nearly all of 14,000 live at the Southwestern tip.

And so the dispute between Norway and Denmark seems to be chiefly about a few billion tons of ice. SPAIN

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Over in Spain today there was a great shaking of heads among the members of the Spanish government.

⁴ "No, Senor, we don't like it at ⁵ all. As a constitution for the Republic ⁶ of Spain this document is not worth the ⁷ paper it's written on."

That's what the ministers of the government min said, and they proceded to turn down the new proposed Spanish constitution.

A constitution committee has been A constitution committee has been A work drawing up a constitution for the hew Republic of Spain. That committee finished its labor and turned in a bulky document, a that document embod document, a that document embod for the committee's idea of what kind of a government Spain should have. The new constitution would have to be O.K.'d by the heads of the partiament government and then by the partiament failanent.

²² But it didn't make even the first ²³ hurdle. The ministers of the government ²⁴ read it and proceded to toss it into the ²⁵ wastebasket. Their complaint, as given

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1	by the International News Service, is
2	that the constitution which the committee
3	proposed wasn't radical enough. It
4	doesn't have enough "red" in it.
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The latest word on the big loan which Germany is trying to float is that France has said "YES, ALL RIGHT, BUT-----"

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France is willing to join the 4 world's financial interest^s in advancing 5 Germany a loan but, France wants to tie 6 a few strings to the proposition. She's 7 willing to help Germany if the Germans 8 will agree to a policy of what the * 9 Associated Press calls "PERMANENT 10 PACIFISM". 11

The French want the Germans to give up that Customs Union between Germany and Austria which has caused so much argument, and France also demands that Germany shall forget any possible idea that she may have of military or naval power.

The statesmen at Paris don't want Fritz to be carrying any guns either openly or secretly. As for carrying guns secretly, that means all un-official military organizations such as the "Steel Helmets". The French suspect that these Steel Helmets, while a private, patrictic society, are really nothing more than soldiers voluntarily preparing for possible trouble.

The United Press cables from Berlin that if the German Government is not able to put through that big international loan, why then not only will the German Cabinet resign, but President Von Hindenburg will step out of office also.

President Von Hindenburg is said to feel that unless Germany gets the money she needs why, there is no use of his trying to keep the Government going.

At the same time, the threat of resignation is regarded as a bit of pressure brought to bear upon the other nations in the effort to persuade them to lend Germany the money by raising the spectre of revolution.

Some later news has just come in from Berlin. The German Cabinet has had a six hour session and arrived at no decision. But the cabinet members say it is just about impossible to yield to the concessions demanded by France - due to the bitter hostility of the German Nationalists. Some of us may not be accustomed to think end of France as a great financial money-lending power. But if we have any doubts on that score, why, the current issue of the Literary Digest will cure us.

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7 The Literary Digest gives an article 8 with some exceedingly eloquent figures on 9 the subject of France as a money-lending 10 power. They show that France during the 11 past several years has lent other 12 countries a total of nearly 250 million 13 dollars. And it's interesting to see 14 to what countries France lent thetmoney. 15 This week's Literary Digest gives us that 16 Ba full details - details in which the whole 17 world in interested just now

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in the Witches Cauldron - I mean Trouble is reported in the Balkans. 1 ² Bulgaria heretofore has been comparatively ³ guiet, -- that is so far as violent disorders are concerned. 4

They say that Bulgaria had a 5 whad a bloodless revolution at her recent 7 elections.

The Agrarian Party, which represents 8 the interests of the farmers, were swept 9 10 into power. Voters put through such a 11 drastic political change that they called 12 it a "Bloodless Revolution".

But this seems to have been followed 14 by revolutionary movements of another sort, The New York Evening Post tells us that a wave of Communist agitation was is sweeping over Bulgaria with strikes, riots and general disturbances.

Last night there was a wild shindig at Blovdig, the second largest town in the country. Police tried to break up a meeting of 3000 Communists. The Reds replied with a barrage of stones. The Police opened fire with their guns. A number of people are said to have been

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Another, riot occurred at the mining town of Bernik. The police arrested several Communist leaders and the rank and file of the Communists stormed the headquarters of the police and tried to set free the prisoners. And once more volleys of stones flew and bullets whistled.

The Government announced that it indends to throw 26 Communists out of the National Parliament. It is claimed that these Communists were elected by MAXAXASXANT means of violence and intimidation, and so they are scheduled to the gate get the Bulgarian "gate."

STRIKE

Things also have a war-like look a bit nearer home. At Central Falls, Rhode Island, this evening, a strike of textile workers is on. Last evening the strikers tried to storm the Textile mill. Police were lined up, but the crowd bombarded the officers with rocks, and then with cheers and yells attempted to storm the mill.

And so this evening seven city blocks of the Polish section of the town are under heavy guard, with the State Police doing their best to keep trouble from breaking out again. The United Press says that a virtual armed camp has been established.

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Yes, and he's a real expert - I mean on matters concerning the Army. He is General Dan Edwards. Dan is the posseleor of quantities of military titles and decorations in a variety of armies. But over there in France when the doughboys were doing their stuff, why, Dan was just a sergeant a hard boiled samgeant it there ever was one.

General Dan Edwards is in the studio here, and if we were able to use television you'd see that he's the very figure of a fighting man -- a soldier who has been to the Wars and back again, and has been shot up plenty. One side of Dan's face is a trifle mussed and corrugated. Machine-gun bullets over in France did that. His body is seamed with scars, meaning that Fritz took a few pokes at him with a bayonet. His right arm is off just below the elbow. A shell did that at the battle of Soissons. Then Dan has a leg that's stiff as a log, made up

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of aluminum and silver plates.

Most of General Dan Edwards' wounds and scars were picked up at the battles of Cantigny and Soissons. He also picked up a few honors in the course of those two scraps. He's one of the few men to have both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor. And ME as for foreign decorations -- he's a whole trunk full of them. Were General Dan Edwards was for years a perfect example of the old-time United States Army sergeant. So he's an ideal expert to explain to us the mystery of the Colonel and the sergeant.

Step up, Dan old timer, and let's hear about it.

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where, The mystery that Lowell is talking about concerns a bit of money, 6,000 bucks -- and that's a lot of money in any man's army.

Colonel Charles H. Paine died the other day, and when they opened his will they found he had left 6,000 dollars to Sergeant Peter E. Boyle.

Boyle had been the Colonel's sergeant in the old *outfit for 10 years. They had soldiered together plenty.

Sergeant Boyle says he don't know why Colonel Paine left him the money. He says he can't recall doing anything more for the Colonel than a sergeant usually does. And the newspaper reporters couldn't figure it out either.

Well, let's take a couple of other cases:- General Foch in his will left to his orderly what the French would consider a fortune. And General Joffre left money to an enlisted man. General Pershing has publicly announced that one of his most valuable assistants for 20 years has been his orderly, his striker -- or, as they say in the Army, his "dog-robber." And

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is that that old dog-robber is going to get a nice souvenir when Black Tack Pershing the General goes West.

I know why Colonel Paine left that 6,000 to Sergeant Boyle. And I bet Sergeant Boyle does too -- but he's too modest to tell it. He was just one first-class top kick -that's all -- and in the old outfit the Colonel depended mostly on his sergeants.

Good sergeants make a good army. An officer gives his orders. #+ O.K. But those orders don't mean a thing unless the sarge see that they're carried out.

The officer is a distant figure to the boys in the ranks. It's the sergeant who puts on the screws. Most soldiers remember their sergeant as the real boss.

I remember once, just before the battle of Cantigny. I laid down the law to a rookie whom I had ported. I asked if he had seen the Commanding Officer. I was supposed to meet the C.O. to get some instructions.

Later on when that rookie was on sentry duty, somebody

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came down the trench.

"Halt, who's there," he challenged.

"The Commanding Officer," was the loud and dignified response.

"Listen buddy," advised the Rookie, "you'd better beat it. Old Sergeant Edwards is looking for you, and he's hot under the collar. He's all riled up, and you'd better keep out of his way."

That shows what a sergeant really means to the soldiers in the Army.

And so, Lowell, old Boy, there's no mystery when an ^(*) old-tim Colonel leaves 6,000 bucks to his first sergeant. It's quite natural -- it's just the Army.

IORNADO IP Well, Folks, you've just been listening to an old time fighting tornado, Page_ B Now lets go on to one of that funnel-cloud From Western Canada, a violent 1 tornado is reported. The big wind hit 2 the town of North Battleford, in 3 Saskatoon. It raged for a half an hour 4 and they say that the town shook as 5 though an earthquake were happening. 6 A score of buildings were wrecked and the 7 crazy wind caught dozens of roofs and to 8 tossed them for a total loss. 9 Just how violent that tornado was 10/ 垆 is indicated by what it did to the 12 Provincial Power Plant. The roof of the building was sent scaling away and then 13 14 the stone walls were blown down and fell 15 on top of the machinery. The Rawar Power-Producing machines were wrecked and 16 the town was plunged into darkness. Then 17 18 after the tornado came an electrical storm with a cloudburst which flouded 19 20 cellars and turned the streets into rivers.

The International News Service reports that violent as the storm was, there were no casualties.

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A publisher friend and I were talking today on the subject of lonely people, folks who are all by themselves and haven't any companionship - just lonely.

Newspapers all over the country 8 recently printed an item which states 9 that a sort of competition for 10 loneliness is on. This friend of mine 11 added, laughing, that he knew the cure 12 for loneliness. His cure is the 13 cross-word puzzles. Those brain-twisters, 14 he this are the best time killers in the world, the best cure for dragging hours, he 16 17 SAVS.

And so this enthusiastic gentleman is now in search of lonely people, especially lighthouse keepers, forest wardens, Arctic hunter - and in fact anybody who's bored and lone some.

Well, he said that he had been hearing

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a-newspaper item he had been hearing from lonely people and he showed me several strange letters. One told about a German who's acting as advisor to the governor of the Province of Szechuan in the dim interior of China. But the letter that caught my eye was one that certainly touched a tender spot.

The writer says that the loneliest person he knows anything about is his mother, Mrs. Charles An Angell, who lives at Independence, Kansas. She has nine children. One after another they grew up and left home, and now all nine have said goodbye to the old family homestead and have gone out into the world.

Here's the way Mrs. Angell's son phrases it:

"If you believe any lighthouse keeper, forest warden, or Arctic explorer can be any lonelier, why, you have just never been the mother of nine absent children, that's all."

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are parents of children who have left home and gone out into the world, or maybe some others of you are those very children whose mothers and fathers you've left behind.

Well, I told my friend about some lonely people I've known:- Englishmen isolated among the natives in the teak forests of Upper Burma, Frenchmen marconed on coral atols of the Society Islands, and Dutch political officers in New Guinea. I told him that from time to time I received letters from folks who listen in and who tell me how lonely their lives are.

"Well," said he, "I'll send you a hundred Cross Word Puzzle books, and you send them to the hundred lonliest people who write to you."

And that's what I'm going to do.

And talking about being lonesome, well, my family is on a trip out to Colorado -- so I'm on the lonesome list myself. So I think I'll go to the sea shore over the week-end where there are a million people. And,

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.