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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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Just a few minutes ago the British Government made <sup>one that</sup> another important announcement. <sup>It</sup> is expected to have a vital effect on the prosecution of the war, ~~an effect as vital as the appointment of Lloyd George twenty five years ago to be Minister of Munitions.~~

There have been loud complaints in Parliament and newspapers that Great Britain <sup>hasn't been</sup> ~~wasn't~~ turning out airplanes fast enough. One answer to those criticisms was the appointment of <sup>some days ago,</sup> Sir Samuel Hoare <sup>to</sup> replace Sir Kingsley Wood as Air Minister.

~~That happened a couple of weeks ago.~~ Tonight it is made known that Sir Samuel Hoare has enlisted the services of a civilian advisor.

He is Sir Charles Craven, one of the foremost manufacturers in the world, head of the <sup>giant</sup> ~~gigantic~~ Vickers-Armstrong Company. In the last war he was a commander in the Royal Navy. Sir Charles Craven will not become a Cabinet Minister but he joins the British Air Council ~~in~~ to push production.

WAR

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A dispatch from Stockholm just about an hour ago, reports a quotation from an official speaking for the Norwegian army. He makes the claim that British and Norwegian forces have encircled the German invaders in two places. At Narvik, thirty-five hundred Germans are surrounded and the Allies at a late hour this afternoon began a final assault. ~~You may recall that~~ last week we heard several times that the Germans had been driven out of Narvik.

Before beginning the attack, the British commander broadcast a radio message to the native inhabitants of Narvik, urging them to leave the town as the place would probably be bombarded.

The jaws of a trap are also closing upon the Nazis at Trondheim. That again comes from the Norwegian spokesman. The Germans, on the other hand, claim that although enemy sea forces bombarded Narvik, there was no attempt to land British troops. And, say the Germans, there was no serious fighting around Trondheim. The German high command also claims to have captured another Norwegian town, a place fifteen miles west of Hamar. They also claim to have captured a town called Lillehammer, north of Oslo.

RAID

Another German air raid not far from London. This is the second time that Hitler's bombers have swooped down on the coast of Britain since they were able to use air bases in Denmark and south Norway. Tonight's raids were on the east and southeast of England. The raiders were driven off by anti-aircraft <sup>batteries</sup> ~~batteries~~ and British <sup>pursuit</sup> ~~hunting~~ planes. From all accounts, the noise was terrific but no serious damage was achieved, although this was the most intensive and determined attack that the British have yet had to endure.

## SHIPS

One of the interesting parts of the war is the verbal conflict between the rival admiralties in Berlin and London. Each of them says, "We have sunk a tremendous number of enemy ships." The latest from the Nazi side is that they are gradually destroying the British Navy, which <sup>they say</sup> has lost sixty-one warships in the last twelve days alone. The Germans specify four battleships, two battle cruisers, four heavy cruisers, ten other cruisers, one aircraft carrier, twelve destroyers, thirteen submarines, fifteen transport ships.

*But* Here's the latest bulletin from London on the same subject. "Since the war started, the British have lost precisely eighteen men-o-war including five submarines and a converted liner." If that is correct, it leaves King George with quite a lot of fighting vessels.

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On the other hand, British naval men declare that since the start of the war they have sunk twenty-four of Germany's larger warships, in addition to more than fifty submarines.

SPIES

A warning was issued tonight to the people of Yugoslavia.

Spies and agents are abroad throughout the country in large numbers.

*We heard that last week. Now - all*  
~~all~~ Yugoslav patriots are urged to be carefully, and keep their

eyes open. The <sup>military chief in</sup> ~~Commandant-General of~~ Belgrade issued <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ appeal, <sup>in</sup>  
*which he*  
~~and~~ said:- "It is your holy duty to report to the office of the

Commandant everything you see and hear which might damage the  
security of the nation."

In one trainload alone there were three hundred and fifty  
Germans deported from Yugoslavia recently, and it is understood that  
some six or eight thousand foreigners who might be part of another  
Trojan Horse are to be ejected.

LOSEY

An American soldier fell today on Norwegian soil, killed by splinters from a Nazi bomb <sup>dropped from a plane,</sup> ~~It was in a way~~ The first American casualty, that is official casualty, in this war.

And the man killed was a soldier of considerable distinction.

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Captain Robert M. Losey of Uncle Sam's air force, was rated by his colleagues as one of the top-notch experts on meteorology.

It was in that capacity that he served in the office of

Major Henry ~~EA~~ Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps. When the

Russian hordes swooped down upon Finland, Losey was detailed

to the Finnish side as an observer. That meant he was to send

back expert reports on how airplanes behaved in temperatures

from twenty-five to fifty below zero.

When the Finnish show collapsed, the War Office sent him to Stockholm to serve in the double capacity of Air Attache' and Assistant Military Attache' to our legations in Norway and Sweden. His headquarters were in the Swedish capital.

But today he was on Norwegian territory, actually, on an errand of mercy, sent by his superior officers to get in touch with Americans, members of the families of the people attached to

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our legation and consulate at Oslo. These American women and children were on their way to the Swedish border, traveling out of the war zones. It was on that errand that Captain Losey had his rendezvous with death.

NAVY

Here's the opinion of a high ranking Navy officer, about the prospects of <sup>our getting involved in a</sup> war with Japan. He believes it's inevitable, and the man who holds that belief is Admiral Joseph Taussig, former Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, now officer in command of the ~~FIFTH~~ Fifth Naval District located at Norfolk, Virginia. And he told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that he did not see how we can prevent being ultimately drawn into war by that Far Eastern situation. Japan, he declares, is working up a desperate crisis there and is getting all set for her much advertised program of conquest. Then he brought up the question of the Philippines, of which he said:- "I don't see how we can possibly let Japan go into the islands."

As for the Dutch East Indies, he said that the protestations from the Netherlands that they don't want anybody's help in defending those islands, are all camouflage. Says Admiral Taussig:- "If the Dutch East Indies are attacked, Holland will be calling on all the world to get all the help she can."

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Then he added:- "If Germany wins the war in Europe, the totalitarian nations are going to gang up on us, put the squeeze on us. It's going to come as sure as fate," said the old sea dog.



KING

An important visitor will arrive at the Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia, tomorrow morning. The Right Honorable W.L.MacKenzie-King, Prime Minister of Canada, is going to pass a day and a half as the President's guest at the Little White House. He will stay until late Wednesday afternoon. Canada's Prime Minister has been having a brief vacation at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Roosevelt has announced that there's nothing extraordinary about this visit from MacKenzie-King. Just another meeting between the chief magistrates of the two friendly neighbors. At the same time, observers point out that the President will be able to get a lot of first hand information from the Canadian Premier about war problems, the effects of history in Europe upon the lives and conditions of the folks in Canada.

TOUR

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Another piece of information that President Roosevelt gave out today will set the political wiseacres guessing. He's going to make a swing across the country, go traveling all the way to the Pacific Coast this summer. Mr. Roosevelt insisted that this will not be a political campaign tour but --

A significant "but": <sup>but</sup> it will not be a silent tour. He will make several speeches on the way. He's <sup>(going)</sup> ~~go~~ first to the border of North Carolina and Tennessee and there open the Great Smokey National Park with a formal address. After that, he'll speak at Natchez, Mississippi. From there to Fort Worth, Texas, to visit Son <sup>l</sup> Eliot. After that he'll jog across country to California, to dedicate the new National Park at Kings Canyon. Then he'll make the visit <sup>he says</sup> he has long wanted to <sup>pay</sup> ~~make~~ to the Golden Gate Exposition at San Francisco. And, as the government has been enlarging Olympic National Park in the State of Washington, the President will go there and make another speech of dedication. If circumstances permit him, he will go north as far as Juneau, ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> capital of Alaska. He ~~was~~ planned to go there last summer but events in Europe made him cancel his plans.

One reporter asked him what would be the subject of his speeches. To which Mr. Roosevelt replied:- "Conservation."

Another reporter asked:- "Conservation of what?" And that called forth a loud laugh from the presidential good humor.

At the same time Mr. Roosevelt stated emphatically that there is an "if" as well as a "but" in these plans of his. He will make that tour if affairs permit him, if Congress adjourns the first week in June, if there's no development in the European war that obliges him to stay in the east.

SUPREME COURT

The <sup>High</sup> Justices of the Supreme Court, <sup>today</sup> handed down a decision ~~today~~ that is being cheered by labor union men, ~~everywhere~~. The Court threw into the discard state laws that made picketing unlawful in Alabama and California.

<sup>A number of</sup> ~~A couple of~~ men had been arrested under those laws. ~~Naturally,~~ The unions took appeal, <sup>and in this</sup> ~~This was one instance in which~~ the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. fought side by side. As the two cases were practically identical, the court settled them with one ruling. It was written by the ~~newest~~ newest member of the court, Mr. Justice Murphy, former Attorney General, former Governor of Michigan. The decision itself is not ~~quite~~ so remarkable as one of the principles established in it by Justice Murphy. For this ruling states that the rights of labor on the picket line are just as definite and must be just as carefully protected as the property rights of the employer.

FLOODS

Good news from the valleys of the great Ohio River.

The flood waters are receding. Thousands of refugees who have

been driven from their homes are still unable to return to them,

but good care <sup>is being</sup> ~~has been~~ taken of them. They will soon be able to

go back to what is for many of them a yearly job, ~~digging out~~ <sup>shoveling</sup>

~~the mud from under the mud~~ <sup>the mud from their homes.</sup>

~~from under the mud~~ The waters are still rising at Cincinnati

but there's no cause for alarm. That's the latest word.

WRECK

That wreck on the New York Central at Little Falls, became somewhat more puzzling today. ~~A different story was revealed than the one first given out by officials of the railroad.~~

*The word was that*  
~~You will recall that~~ the sealed tape of the speedometer of the

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engine that was wrecked indicated that the train was rounding that curve at fifty-nine miles an hour. An employee of the line today contradicted that explanation. *He said: that*

~~There was an investigation behind closed doors held by officials of the New York Central at Albany. Officers of the state and federal governments were present. An employee of the~~  
*One of the trainees*  
~~line who was on the train~~ said that it was not going any fifty-nine miles an hour around the curve. "The air had been on for about one thousand feet and we were going at the proper speed, forty-five miles an hour," *he declared. Those were his words.*

ACCIDENT

On Saturday night, thirteen young people, out in Minnesota, went on a joy ride. Seven boys were in one car, four boys and two girls who had been dancing were in another. The lad at the wheel of the car in which the girls were riding *grew playful.* ~~became full of the fun of the occasion.~~ He did what a lot of other lads are apt to do, he stepped on the gas; ~~he~~ stepped on it until the needle on the speedometer went up to eighty and at just about that time, near the city limits of Slayton, Minnesota, ~~the~~ <sup>2</sup> car going eighty miles an hour met the other car *which was* with the seven boys in it <sup>1</sup> also going at a terrific speed. They met head-on and the crash was heard a mile away.

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Today, eleven of ~~these~~ <sup>2</sup> thirteen young people are <sup>1</sup> *dead.* ~~mangled bodies lying in a morgue.~~ <sup>1</sup> *and* <sup>1</sup> The other two are in a hospital critically injured, unable even to answer questions.

This <sup>1</sup> *appalling incident* <sup>1</sup> ~~ghastly affair~~ is being pointed out ~~as a horrible~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~example~~ by the National Safety Council, <sup>1</sup> ~~in which my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, are keenly interested.~~ Colonel John Stillwell, President of the Council, <sup>1</sup> *says it is* <sup>1</sup> ~~points it out as~~ a tragic and spectacular

instance of what occurs day in and day out throughout the country. What's more, this was not a case of ~~the~~ spoiled sons and daughters of the rich. The eleven dead and the two injured were the sons and daughters of farmers and small merchants. ~~in the neighborhood of Blayton, Minnesota.~~

It's a coincidence that this ~~horrible affair~~ should become news just on the day that Edsel Ford announced <sup>s</sup> his driving contest for boys between fourteen and eighteen, a contest for lads all over the nation, with a total of thirty thousand dollars put on the line for prizes. And those prizes will go to <sup>the lads who</sup> ~~those who~~ not only ~~x~~ write the best essays but <sup>who</sup> make the best practical demonstrations of safe driving.



WOMEN

Here is one for

~~The next story is for the~~ women! But, the men can listen in

I guess, this story states: -

too <sup>^</sup> ~~The message is,~~ Ladies, <sup>^</sup> ~~that~~ you aren't as hardy as you

thought you were, or ~~even~~ as men have been assuming ~~that~~ you were.

Just because you wear furs in midsummer and thin clothes in winter,

does not mean that you <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ more able to withstand the weather than

men are. The Russell Sage Institute of Pathology has been

investigating, ~~you~~ and the result of their research is that,

after all, when it comes to weather, <sup>dad</sup> ~~papa~~ is better able to take it

than ~~mamas~~ the Little Woman.

## MOTHER'S DAY

Here's a movement to do away with those flowery telegrams you're supposed to send on Mother's Day. And lo and behold it emanates from a dignified and responsible source, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America plus the Greater Federation of Churches. The clergymen don't approve of Mother's Day. They say it's unfair to father, unfair to grandmother, unfair in fact to all the family except mother. However, the Churches of Christ don't want to take away Mother's Day and leave nothing in its place. They would supplant it with an institution to be known as the Festival of the Christian Home.

So it will be goodbye to Mother's Day if the F.C.C.C. A and the G.F.C. have their way!

And Hugh, have you got anything to say?