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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Tonight the whole country is once more~~

~~engrossed in the affairs of Mr. Charles ^{ie} Spencer Chaplin.~~

in the limelight again. Unpleasantly so.
He has been in difficulties before but never so much

as now, after his indictment by a Federal Grand Jury.

Even if he ~~XXXXX~~ were not admittedly a great comic genius

the case would
~~one of the charges made by the Grand Jury ~~is~~ would of~~

~~itself~~ be spectacular, ~~the charge of conspiring to~~

~~violate the civil rights of an American citizen.~~

~~The whole story ~~sounded~~ sounds fantastic,~~

For the grand jurors charge that Chaplin, a Beverly

Hills police captain, another policeman, a police

matron, and two friends of Chaplin's took part in ^a ~~the~~

conspiracy to deprive eighteen year old Joan Barry

of her civil rights.

And of course what makes the case ~~all the~~
more ~~spectacular~~ ^{fantastic} is that Charlie is virtually a
bridegroom for the fourth time in his life. Only a few
months have passed since he married Oona O'Neil,
eighteen year old daughter of the great playwright,
Eugene O'Neil.

The Grand Jury indicted after hearing and
considering evidence for many weeks. The story which
the jurors evidently believed is that Chaplin undertook
to teach Miss ~~Barr~~ Barry to become an actress. They
became friendly and then Chaplin tired of the
association. One night in a state of great distress
and incidentally penⁿiless, she called at his estate,
The night watchman would not let her in. She went
to the house of a friend and tried to commit suicide.
About the same time somebody telephoned to the Beverly
Hills police station, complaining about a prowler
around the Chaplin estate. The Beverly Hills police
found Miss Barry, took her to the police station for

night, and in the morning she was arraigned before a police Judge. ^{The} ~~A~~ police captain who ^{is} ~~was~~ indicted ^{also,} informed the Judge that Miss Barry had made a nuisance of herself at the Chaplin house. ^{He} ~~And~~ also told the Judge that if Miss Barry were compelled to leave the State Chaplin would pay all her bills. So the story runs.

The Judge found Miss Barry guilty, sentenced her to ninety days and suspended sentence on condition she leave the State and never return. Thereupon, she said, the police captain handed her a ticket to New York and One Hundred Dollars spending money. But she could not bear the idea of being in New York alone. She returned to Hollywood, was rearrested and made to serve part of the ninety day sentence.

Then other people became interested in the case. They brought it to the attention of the Federal authorities including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Newspapermen and others ~~XXXXX~~ became exceedingly curious

about these highly dramatic events. And now comes the indictment as a climax.

If Chaplin should be found guilty, the least that could happen to him would be deportation back to England. He ~~has~~ ^{having} never become a citizen of the United States.

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PACIFIC

News from the war in the Pacific is mostly aerial. The big Coronado ^{bombers} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of Uncle Sam's Navy have raided Wake Island for the third time in three days.) All through the Marshalls the war planes of both Navy and Army have been attacking the Japanese bases. The repeated raids on Wake give some substance to the report that our next move will be to recapture that once American island.

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RUSSIA

The southern armies of Soviet Russia are *fast* closing in on those ten Nazi divisions trapped west of Cherkassy. The ~~the~~ ^{Russian} latest achievements were the capture of two places in that pocket, which had the effect of splitting the surrounded Germans into two groups.

Then again, the Red armies in the north are coming closer and closer to Luga, ^{the} ~~an~~ important railroad, highway junction, and German fortress. ~~There too they have captured several inhabited places.~~ When they ^{take} ~~captured~~ Luga, they will have cut the railroad from Leningrad to Pskov, the last road by which the Germans can escape.

In and around Cherkassy, the Russians achieved their most decisive ^{recent} success. Moscow reports that they have so much artillery that the Red army guns are standing almost hub to hub, pouring shells onto the Germans. At the same time, the Nazis are being battered

by Soviet tanks and low flying Red planes. The Germans have been trying to send ammunition and food supplies to the surrounded troops by parachute at night, but the Russian ~~lines~~ are advancing so fast that a good deal of this material falls into Russian hands.

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BALKANS

British troops are now fighting Nazis in the Balkans. We don't know how many of them there are, but Yugoslav Marshal Tito Brozovich announced ^S that units of the British army had ^{ve} landed on the island of Hvar, off the Dalmatian coast. ^{And,} That is the first operation of British ^{troops} ~~fighters~~ on Yugoslav soil. That ^{is} island ^{of Hvar} is the key base on the route through which Marshal Tito has been receiving supplies and equipment from the British.

BRUNSWICK

One of the more picturesque places in Germany used to be the ancient city of Brunswick. ~~It was a~~
a quiet but colorful place, with ~~quite~~ a number of interesting medieval buildings. Adolf Hitler turned it into a big industrial town for making aircraft. So, to Brunswick today went a ~~large~~ formation of ~~American~~ Flying Fortresses. They fought their way through the outer defense shield of Berlin and dropped their loads of destruction on Brunswick's aircraft factories.

They ran into the hottest ack-ack that they had ever encountered, and also ^{strong} ~~active~~ fighter defense, which resulted in one big prolonged ^{air battle} ~~dogfight~~. You will recall that just a month ago, there was an aerial battle over Brunswick which resulted in the loss of sixty of our bombers, with a hundred and fifty-two Nazi interceptors shot down.

Today's operation evidently is part of a

concerted plan of the ^{U. S. Eighth} ~~United States Seventh~~ Air Force
to destroy Brunswick, followed so close ^{as it} upon the raid
that was made the other day.

When the pilots returned, they reported ^{that it was} ~~it as~~
one of the most turbulent and exciting days they have
had. The German ^{fighter squadrons} ~~air force~~ used every available plane
and tried every known trick. ~~One American pilot~~
~~like~~ declared it was something out of the movies, only
~~worse~~. Any plane that straggled was a dead duck.
Whenever a Fortress wandered from the formation, a
whole flock of German fighters would hop on it until
they shot it down. One American said that on two
different occasions he saw three ^{of the Nazi} ~~fighter~~ planes going
down at the same time.

The ~~ix~~ battle lasted three hours and was fought
five miles above the earth, in ^{bitter} ~~unbelievable~~ cold, at
forty below, ~~zero~~. The German fighters attacked the

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American formation the minute it appeared over the enemy coast. They darted on the bombers ~~like~~ from cloud cover like Indian ^S ~~raiders~~ ambushing a wagon train in the old days of the frontier. ^R There were never fewer than seventy-five German planes attacking at one time, and frequently more than two hundred. ~~ButxThe~~

The fighters came through the American formation in single file so fast, they looked like a solid signboard of Swastikas. One ~~dogfight~~ ^{went on} ~~was fought~~ almost inside the Fortress formation. That was when twenty-five Thunderbolts jumped on thirty-five German Messerschmitts.

^P Evidently there were many casualties, because the pilots who returned spoke of fortresses that exploded and carried Nazi fighters down with them. In addition to the fighter defense and the ordinary anti-aircraft fire, the planes had to dodge heavy rocket barrages.

The raid left Brunswick in flames and eighty-
Nazi planes were shot down. Twenty-nine American
bombers and eight fighter planes are missing.

ITALY

The Fifth Army ^{units} made up of

~~The British and American Fifth Army forces at~~

^{batting on} the beachhead below Rome, are in real danger, and it

a great mistake

would be ~~wrong~~ to minimize it. The Germans are giving

them no rest. They are attacking ^{with} wave after wave

~~with~~ fresh ^{of} troops. ^{And, they are reported to} ~~and untired troops.~~ They have a formidable

force, ~~which was~~ drawn partly from reserves behind

the southern front, partly from the area around Rome,

and, partly from northern Italy. ^{Also, many} ~~They also have a strong~~

tank ^S ~~equipment~~ and much heavy artillery; ^{and} They have

~~ever~~ brought up a lot of additional aircraft, though

in that ^{respect} ~~arm~~, they will not be equal to the Allied air

forces for long.

All this information comes ~~straight~~ from the

War Department, from Under-Secretary Patterson, ~~himself.~~

^{Who} ~~He~~ added that we must realize that the worst is yet to

come. ^{That} The British and Americans at the beachhead have

not yet felt the heaviest weight ~~which~~ the Germans will

throw into their counter-attack^{s,} However, ^{Sec,} Patterson added, our men are firmly established and they have substantial protection from the air.)

They have thrown back no fewer than six great assaults on the Nazis in twenty-four hours, each ~~one~~ stronger than the one before. ^{For} ~~and~~ the fury of the German attack is increasing in tempo.

Further south, the long expected ^{Allied} break-through at Cassino has not materialized. Although our G.I's fought their way into the town nine days ago, the Germans are resisting more violently than ever. To be sure, ^{Gen. Clark's men} ~~our soldiers~~ have driven a wedge into the German line between Cassino and their positions on the mountain. ~~At least~~ So it is reported. ~~But there again~~ the worst of the fighting is still ahead. One big ~~factor against us is that the Allies, try as they will,~~ cannot bring their reinforcements and fresh supplies in

PATROL FOLLOW ITALY

~~The other day~~ An American patrol of seven men started out at eleven o'clock in the morning on a mission behind the enemy lines. For six hours they crawled ^{in some sort,} in a ditch for some three thousand yards. About five o'clock in the afternoon they spotted the enemy in foxholes only a hundred and fifty yards away. They ^{ing} advanced another fifty yards. ~~Then~~ two of them took up positions on the flank, and the other five made a direct attack. One of the G.I's rushed a barn, where twelve Germans were hiding. They fired ~~some~~ ^{at him, but they were} ~~lead at them~~ ^{him} but too late to stop ~~them~~ from lobbing in a ^{couple} bunch of hand-grenades ^{that} ~~With the grenades they~~ killed all twelve Germans.

One man on that patrol was Corporal Richard Fisco, who in civilian life worked in the reptile section of the Barrett Park Zoo on Staten Island. Fisco was armed with a tommy gun, with which he killed

at least eight Germans. Another man rushed a machine gun nest single-handed, and killed three machine-gunners.

However, ^{did} ~~the~~ men of the patrol ^{make out?} ~~did not~~ escape unharmed. These bold infantrymen? Well, The leader was wounded, and Corporal

Fisco carried him back to his own lines. ^{In fact} Only two men

of the patrol ^{came thru unscathed.} ~~were unwounded.~~ ^{One} ~~One American~~ was hurt

so badly ~~that~~ he could not walk, ~~and~~ When his mates

tried to carry him, he refused, saying he was finished

anyway. So there he stayed, shifted ^{ing} his revolver to his

left hand, ^{going right on} ~~and kept on~~ firing until he was killed.

Two of our lads were lost, ^{But} ~~Two men of that patrol were killed altogether, ^{the}~~

~~total bag was twenty-seven Germans.~~

27 Germans were wiped out by that Yankee patrol of seven.

Some of ~~those~~² Japanese official communiques are ~~really quite~~^{decidedly} interesting. Here is one which says that on February Sixth the Imperial Naval Air Force shot down twenty-seven American planes, of which fourteen were most probable. On February Seventh, they shot down forty-five American planes, of which fifteen were most probable. On February Ninth, they shot down another forty-five of our planes, of which eleven were most probable.

~~Maybe you can understand that better than~~

~~Tojo still seems to a feeling~~

~~I can, for it is all Japanese to me.~~

~~his people. Still at it.~~

BRICKER FOLLOW WILLKIE

While Willkie was out west, Governor John Bricker of Ohio was in Washington, opening his campaign for the ^{G. O. P.} nomination. Newspapermen asked him what he thought about the numerous appeals in British newspapers that Mr. Roosevelt should be reelected. Bricker's reply was that we ought to elect our own president and that it was none of the Englishmen's business. We can take care of our own affairs, said he.

They also asked him his opinion on taxes, since Willkie last week made a speech in which he went even further than President Roosevelt, demanding a tax bill to raise twenty billions extra. Bricker's reply was that the need is not so much for extra taxes as for drastic saving in government expenses.

And when they asked him where he would make his saving, he said that hundreds of thousands of the three and a half million employees of the federal

government could be fired. ~~and~~ He also said that the whole personnel structure of the government needs a radical overhauling.

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SOLDIER VOTE

~~The differences of opinion on the soldier vote, have provoked a lot of hard feelings in Congress. Today, for a change, there was a bit of comedy relief, in the utmost good humor.~~

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And he continued: "I am utterly astounded that even though he did come from the rural districts of Graves County, he used to be wearing short breeches at the age of thirty-four."

McKellar then asked whether Senator Barkley was also in short breeches when he was elected to the House of Representatives in Nineteen Thirteen.

~~Barkley then maintained that he had never denied his age but, on the other hand, he had searched in vain to find in the directory the age of his very dear friend, the Senator from Tennessee. Barkley then continued that when he came to the House of Representatives in Nineteen Thirteen, at the age of~~

Said Sen. Barkley: —
~~thirty six, he was in long pants. But, he added,~~

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"the Senator from Tennessee has been trying to pull off my breeches (for years!)
~~then off him~~ or shorten them ~~ever since~~"

And now Roger, what are you going to try and do — or say?

by sea as fast as the Germans can by land. One consequence is, that wherever the ^(allies)~~front~~ attack, the Germans are always able to be there in superior numbers. It is a military rule that attackers should have a three-to-one advantage.

There ^{still} is considerable worry in both London and Washington about the slowness of the advance in Italy.

We learn today for the first time that the British at the beachhead came close to having a real disaster a week ago. The Germans counter-attacked on the night of February Third, and were at first successful. For several hours they had thousands of British soldiers trapped in a salient north of Aprilia. The Germans were supported by six or eight Tiger tanks, which blocked the only possible road of escape for the British. Fortunately, a force of American tank destroyers came to the rescue at the eleventh hour,

~~They~~ knocked ^{ing} out four of the Nazi Tigers, ~~restoring~~
~~the balance.~~ Thereupon the British charged, and not
only broke the trap, but took three hundred prisoners.
Though they saved the entire British force, they lost
some equipment.

POPE

A broadcast by the radio of the Vatican reports that bombs have fallen in the grounds of the Pope's villa, Castel Gandolfo, southeast of Rome. The Vatican newspaper is reported to have announced that the ^{also} adjacent propaganda college had been destroyed. Casualties on that college property were unhappily numerous, says the Papal paper, since there were many refuges there, taking shelter. The official Vatican newspaper says this was the third time bombs have fallen in and around Castel Gandolfo.

WILLKIE

Candidate Wendell Willkie today published a message to the farmers, ^{urging} ~~he urged~~ them not to delude themselves with the idea that it will be possible for them to ~~shake~~ shake off control by the federal government. That, says the candidate, is an idle dream. He pleaded with farmers not to fall for the argument that the federal government need no longer take any responsibility for agriculture. On the contrary, he intimated, it will be necessary forever to depend on supported prices, a soil conservation plan, and federal guarantees.