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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A bad Japanese disaster, but this time not on the field of battle. Yet it was similar to that which brought a setback to the Mikado's armies in China. Hundreds are dead, perhaps thousands. Floods, in Nippon this time.

The City of Kobe is the center of the catastrophe. For days the north of the island empire in the Pacific was swept by terrific storms. For three days rain fell. Floods were the next consequence. Three big water reservoirs collapsed. Many of the streets of Kibe were flooded, water mains broken, light p wer and gas shut off.

When those reservoirs collapsed, the American liner PRESIDENT CLEVELAND was anchored at Kobe. Her radio operator flashed over the air the report that the number of Japanese drowned runs into the thousands. But the official estimates are more conservative. The master of the PRESIDENT CEEVELAND radios that the City of Kobe is completely under water, and that one shcool

house collapsed killing six hundred children. According to an official admission, the walls of the city prison tumbled down and the police had to transfer nine hundred convicts. Uncle Sam's consulate in Kobe is an island in a sea of ~~puddles~~ mud and water. The government report admits that sixty thousand houses have been flooded to a depth of more than ten feet.

The latest -- forty Europeans have drowned.

FAR EAST BUSINESS

Businessmen of America and Europe are not to be kept permanently out of the conquered parts of China. So says Prince ^c Konoye ^a, the Mikado's Prime Minister. But, he adds, foreign business men will not be allowed to start up new ventures in ~~the~~ Japan-^{sal-}controlled territory for the time being; ⁱn fact, not until the end of the war, which is not a war. At the proper time, as he puts it, foreigners will be able to do business in North China once more.

This statement was made on the anniversary of that Sino-Japanese rumpus. Prince Konoye ^a took occasion to say ^{again} ~~once~~ ^{once} that his country will not negotiate with Chiang Kai-shek. There will be no terms for China until the Chinese throw out their Generalissimo.

PALESTINE

Palestine was the scene of another fatal riot today.

It happened at Haifa and started with a bomb explosion outside the central police station. The bomb killed three Arabs. On top of that, the Arab population started fighting and the riot was not suppressed until seven had been killed and twenty wounded.

SPAIN

The Spanish Republican Government has suffered a severe blow. According to a report, its navy has been virtually put out of business.

This bit of news is two weeks late and comes by way of Rome. An Italian newspaper carries a dispatch from Sarago^sa, bringing the first report of an airplane bombardment near Cartagena on June Seventeenth. The planes were Italian and they made direct hits which crippled two cruisers and a destroyer. This, the Italians claim, virtually paralyzed the government fleet. Several months ago, the battleship *At may* JAIME PRIMERO was wrecked by an explosion, and the repairs are not yet finished. This airplane raid, says the Italian newspaper, was made from the base at the island of Majorca.

REFUGEE

An American big-wig uttered a harsh warning to Nazi Germany today. This was at Evian in France, where the ~~INTERGOVERN~~ Intergovernmental Meeting on Political Refugees got under way. The warning was uttered by Myron C. Taylor, former head of ~~the~~ United States Steel, ^{and} Now Chairman of the American Delegation to that refugee meeting. Said ^{Myron} ~~he~~ Taylor: "International anarchy will follow if certain nations continue to dump unfortunate peoples on the rest of the world. It will have a serious effect on world peace," he added. He did not name Germany, ~~but there could be no~~ doubt at which government he was aiming his remarks. And he also said: "The problem is no longer one of purely private concern. It is a problem for intergovernmental deliberation."

NAZIS

(Six ~~so-called~~ Nazi leaders went on trial in an American court today. They are directors of the German-American Settlement League and ~~they~~ are accused by the District Attorney of Suffolk County, Long Island, with having broken the Civil Rights Law of the State of New York. "What's more," said the District Attorney, "members of the German-American Bund pledge their allegiance to Adolph Hitler and recognize him as their leader.")

BARBARA

~~You might have thought that we wouldn't be hearing from the~~

~~Countess Barbara for a day or so. But~~ Today's report from London

~~almost~~ ^{forty million dollar} tops yesterday's sensation in the ~~Bow Street police court.~~
^{international marriage,}

^{the court} There was one spectacular question which these proceedings didn't

answer, ~~It's~~ a question that all England, ^{has been gossiping} ~~in fact all the world,~~

^{about:}

~~has been asking.~~ Who ^{was} ~~is~~ the man of rank and fashion so discreetly

and deviously referred to by those hoity-toity English barristers?

Who ^{was} ~~is~~ the man whom Count ~~von~~ Haugwitz Reventlow wanted to shoot

like a dog?

~~of course~~ ^{gossips} ~~has been busy.~~ ^{It is} ~~It has been~~ hinted that

the mysterious new suitor of the Countess Barbara is a man not

merely of rank but ~~one~~ ^{rank,} of the highest. Today it ~~has been~~ ^{is being} said and

printed openly ^{Prince Frederick of Prussia, son of the former}

^{and grand-son of the Kaiser. He is} German Crown Prince, ~~is being~~ ^{is} ~~popularly~~ publicly mentioned today as

^{Danish} the man of whom the Count has been so jealous.

It now comes to light that all the fashionable clubs

and drawings rooms in London have been clacking for weeks ^{about} ~~the~~

the friendship between the Countess Barbara and the young

Hohenzollern prince. In fact, people have even gone so far as to

put the question bluntly to him. But the Ex-Kaiser's grandson has shrugged off all questions with a laugh. But -- said the Count:- "Ill shoot him down oke a dog!"

This gossip evokes comparisons of aristocracy. The nickel and dime heiress started with a Georgian princeling; and some people say that during the Czarist days anybody was a prince in Asiatic Georgia who wore shoes. The lady was considered to be rising in the world when after that Georgian Prince she got herself an authentic Danish Count of genuinely august lineage. Now her name is coupled with that of a Hohenzollern, one of the genuinely oldest and most royal families in Europe.

Barbara's countrywoman, the Duchess of Windsor, married the man who had been British King -- Emperor. But the Hohenzollerns, were lords of might and power, wardens of the marches, and reigning sovereigns when the present royal house of Britain was almost unheard of.

CROWN PRINCE

The illness of the Crown Prince of Sweden certainly hasn't affected his good humor. I met him at noon today, at a luncheon given by Thomas J. Watson, and afterward heard him speak. He was in rare form. And the thing that impressed me most about the Crown Prince was that his speech was entirely his own, not handed to him by someone else, from someone else, written by someone else.

Much of the time he spoke impromptu, and the man who one day will be King of Sweden proved himself an after-dinner wit of no mean ability.

Referring to his illness, how it had upset all the plans for his tour, and inconvenienced his friends, his family and himself, he said that before leaving Sweden he had made the arrangements for this visit to America, and thought he had arranged everything down to the last detail. But, he said he had ~~ix~~ overlooked one thing. And then he referred to the old saying that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

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"I made the sad mistake of not bringing along a large supply of apples," said he. He added that he understood

there was a further saying along that same line, that "an onion a day keeps everybody away." And he guessed he had been living on an onion diet because that had been his situation for the past ten days.

The luncheon was attended by some three hundred diplomats, statesmen, distinguished men of letters and commerce. Mr. Watson, who was the host, is the head of one of the largest firms in the world, the International Business Machines, and President of the International Chamber of Commerce, for many years a personal friend of the Crown Prince Gustav.

The King of Sweden, as all the world knows because he is so often pictures in the newsreels and papers, celebrated his eightieth birthday last month. The Crown Prince said that he went to the palace to see his father the day before, to congratulate him on living to the ripe old age of eighty, and the word came back to him that he couldn't see the King -- because the King was out playing tennis. ~~Hexakxxxp~~

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He also spoke of more serious matters, international affairs, and world trade. One point he brought out that particularly impressed me was this: He said that per head of population, the people of his country -- Sweden -- both export and import more ~~than~~ the people of any other land.

RAILROAD FARES

Railroad travel is going to cost more in the eastern states. The Interstate Commerce Commission has partially acceded to the requests of the eastern railroads. The companies may

increase fares ^{by one have} ~~not to the two~~ ^{not} ~~cents~~ ^{what} a mile they asked for, but ~~by~~
^{it brings it to two and half} ~~one and a half~~ ^{cents} a mile.

TUNNEY

One of the important jobs in Uncle Sam's domain today is that of Chairman of the Distilled Spirits Institute. The job makes the man who holds it virtually ruler of a half ⁶ billion dollar industry. Dr. James M. Dorna, who has been Chairman several years, resigned yesterday. And there has been talk that his successor might be none other than our old friend and ex-heavyweight champion, ~~the~~ James Joseph Tunney, Gene to you.

To that report the Connecticut squire says in effect: "No, not for me. I'm not a candidate and there are a number of reasons why I couldn't accept." ~~But he has a suggestions.~~
~~Whoever is appointed to that chair, should be a strong man.~~
~~In fact, says Gene, he should be the Judge Landis of booze, a czar with powers as drastic as those of the high commissioner of baseball.~~

SWEEPS

At Albany, New York, the elder statesmen and big shots of the Empire State have been holding a constitutional convention. One of its toughest fights has been on the subject of gambling. New York ~~State~~ has an article in its Constitution which makes gambling illegal. The liberals in ~~that~~^{the} convention have been trying to get ~~that prohibition~~^{this} repealed.

In the midst of violent denunciations of the evils of betting, an interesting sight was observed. Many of the delegates seemed to be buying engraved bits of pasteboard. And what do you suppose those bits of pasteboard were? Tickets to the Irish Sweepstakes! The salesman was one of the attendants in the State Capitol. And he reported that he had done a land-office business.

PATTERSON

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There was a wedding in distinguished newspaper circles today. The groom was Captain Joseph Medill Patterson, ~~once~~ editor and publisher of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS. The bride, Miss Mary King, woman's editor of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE and NEW YORK DAILY NEWS Syndicate.

Captain Patterson, as millions of newspaper readers know, is one of the spectacular figures in the journalistic world. Together with his cousin, Colonel Robert McCormick, he inherited the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. For a while Patterson and McCormick were associated in the publishing of the TRIBUNE. They split and Captain Patterson came east to journalistic triumph. A hundred per cent newspaper man, he marries a newspaper woman.

EXPEDITION

Another tale of missing men in the far west. This time it's six people, four men and two women, who are apparently lost, six scientists who have been cruising down the Colorado River. They are two days overdue at Lee's Ferry in Arizona. Under some conditions that might not be serious. But it is known that those four men and two women carried only enough provisions to last them until July Fourth. Still more alarming, the recent rains have swollen that great river to a prodigious height. It's ^{now} at the highest point ~~that~~ it has reached in ten years. ~~The~~ ^e scientific expedition left Green River, Utah, June Twentieth. ~~In charge of the party is one of the most experienced guides in that part of the world.~~ ~~The failure of this expedition~~ ^{Its failure} to reach Lee's Ferry has caused great anxiety. ~~Two employees of Uncle Sam's Geological Survey are permanent residents in Lee's Ferry.~~ ~~And~~ ^{Word} has been sent to ~~them to~~ keep a twenty-four hour watch for ~~those three~~ ^e boats. They haven't been ~~lost yet,~~ ^{wrecked yet,} otherwise some of the ~~wreckage~~ ^{debris} ~~of the boats~~ would have come tearing past on the flood ^{at} ~~to~~ Lee's Ferry. Perhaps another hurray up job for Clyde, veteran of the Colorado who rescued a previous expedition.

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BASEBALL

The headlines already out-stress the surprise victory of the National League in today's All Star Game - the American League having been nearly always the victor in the past. But to me the most interesting break in the precedent was the pitching of the boy wonder, Johnny Vander Meer. The kid left-hander was the first rookie pitcher ever to start an All Star game. And that might have promised to be a jinx, because first year stars have so often scored flat failure in their All Star appearances. Not Johnny Vander Meer, however. He pitched his allotted three innings, faced the heavy hitters of the American League batting order, allowed only one hit. Only ten men came to bat against him, and he made only thirty-one pitches -- his control was that accurate. Boy wonder makes good -- that's news in an All Star game.

HALIFAX

This evening, at this moment in fact, I am officiating
as Honorary Toastmaster of ^{an international} a gathering at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I'm there in spirit only, - in body I'm still in New York, here at
Rockefeller Center in the R.C.A. Building.

How can one open a meeting seven hundred miles away?

That's easy. By radio of course. And it's appropriate. For I now
^{have the honor of setting in motion}
~~the~~ the proceedings of the Ninth Annual International

Radio Party, the host of which is the Government of Nova Scotia.

The toastmaster is the Honorable A. S. MacMillan, Minister of
Highways. And among others there are Ministers of the Government,
Michael Dwyer and F. R. Davis, not to mention many a personality
of the microphone. Halifax, Nova Scotia, has the banquet. And I
have the gavel. So here goes:-

(Crack of gavel). --- (three times.)

Gentlemen, be seated! That begins the Nova Scotia
International Radio Party -- And ~~it~~ ends this broadcast. So,
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.