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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A man missing in Princeton, New Jersey, or rather from Princeton. Formerly on the University faculty, Dr. Fernholz, a distinguished research chemist. He was born in Germany and not yet naturalized. Evidently a brilliant man, only thirty-two years old. For the last two and a half years he was chief of the division of chemistry at the Squibb Institute for Medical Research in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The authorities today declined to discuss the disappearance of Dr. Fernholz, and that provokes a rumor of mystery. It is reported that when reporters inquired at the chemist's home a spokesman for his family said the police had told them not to discuss the affair.

So all the known facts are that Fernholz went for a walk Saturday, taking his two cocker spaniels. About forty-five minutes later the spaniels returned.

CAIRO

Within the past hour the N.B.C. short wave picked up the news that British have captured what was the last Italian stronghold on Egyptian soil. The forces under Sir Henry Maitland Wilson have occupied Sollum. That's almost on the doorstep of the Libyan frontier, at the head of ~~the~~ an arm of the sea known as the Gulf of Sollum.

Sir Maitland Wilson also captured Fort Cappuzzo, and with it a number of Muxsolini's aircraft on the ground. That's confirmed in a communique from British general headquarters. The early communique adds that further details are not yet known.

With the capture of Fort Capuzzo, the British army is definitely on Italian soil. It was a strongly fortified, strongly defended frontier fort on the Libyan side of the border. The capture of Capuzzo will be quite a shock to Italian military experts. The fascists have been boasting for years that Libya was protected by a line of forts on the frontier, an impregnable line.

SHELTER

An odd item from Rome, more about that air raid shelter for the Pope! The Mussolini Government has moved all troops away from the city on the Tiber. And at the request of the Pontiff himself, the center of the Roman Catholic Confession was declared an open city, immune from bombs. The British government has recognized it as such and promised not to drop bombs there.

Nevertheless, that air raid shelter has been built, though an eminent prelate in the Vatican declared that His Holiness knows nothing about it. A commission of Cardinals made the decision and had it built without telling the Pope. Those who know the Vatican will be interested to learn that the shelter has been built in the great yard. It contains three small rooms, each about four feet square, and is guaranteed bomb-proof with Vanadium steel.

Also the other residents of the papal palace will have ample shelter in the famous classic Bastion, built by the great Sixteenth Century architect, Donato Bramante, the genius who designed the Basilica of St. Peter's! The Bramante Bastion, as it is known to every architect and lover of the classics, can shelter four hundred people, and in comfort.

LAVAL

A new threat against France from the Nazis! They are furious over the discharge and arrest of Pierre Laval.

Incidentally, that Laval business surely stirred up as wild a crop of rumors as anything in the last few months. One of them even had it that the downfall of the supposedly pro-Nazi Vice-Premier had been instigated by Hitler. But the latest news from Berlin cast ~~a grave~~ ^{TP} doubt on that. ~~one~~. Of course the rage of the Nazis may be simulated. However, they are throwing out ominous threats; ~~They're~~ reminding the French that Germany and France are still at war. ^{And that such} ~~Such~~ an important change ^{them -} in the French Government makes [^] the high Nazis wonder whether the armistice should be continued. Here's the way ^{Berlin} ~~the Nazis~~ [^] put it:- "We defeated France and part of France is occupied by German troops. Our relations are governed by an armistice, not by peace."

^{Pierre Flandin,}
On the other hand, it is pointed out that ~~the~~ successor to Laval as Foreign Minister is just as friendly to Germany as Laval. However, Laval had personal reasons for disliking the British, which Flandin has not.

Laval was to have been ^(one of) the principal figures at a patriotic ceremony today, the interment of the ashes of ^{the Eaglet} L'Aiglon, son of Napoleon, along with those of Napoleon's own. As it was, neither Laval was there nor any high official of the government. It had even been predicted ^{also} that ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler and his Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, would be there. As it was, the ashes of the unhappy ^{Eaglet L'Aiglon} ~~L'Aiglon~~ were placed beside those of his father, with no ceremony at all.

L.G.

At London today, a shaggy headed little man walked into Number Ten Downing Street, official residence of the Prime Minister with
Once upon a time that little ~~man~~ ~~xxx~~ the leonine mane was in and out of Number Ten Downing Street every day and night, for he used to be Prime Minister of England. It was the Right Honorable David Lloyd George calling upon Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Of course that set rumor abuzzing. What's to do between the Prime Minister and L. G., as the British affectionately call him? What could it be except the important, even critical, post of His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States? That's the question that buzzed through political and newspaper circles on the banks of the Thames today.

There is no doubt but what the prestige of David Lloyd George over here still is enormous. Even during his years as a leader of the opposition in Britain, he was a legendary figure, even at times when he couldn't swing many votes in the House of Commons.

The ~~corollary~~ rumor is that the magnetic ~~little~~ Welshman asked for time to consider it. While he's as full of vigor and force as ever - and those are the qualities that made him a successful Prime Minister - *still, he is* ~~it cannot be forgotten that L.G. is~~

seventy-seven years old. So it might be possible that the Prime Minister asked him to accept the embassy for a short time until the Cabinet has time to canvass the field thoroughly and agree upon a younger man to succeed Lord Lothian. *who once was secretary to Lloyd George.*

Members of every political party in England are ^{unanimous} ~~agreed~~ that Lloyd George would be ~~just~~ ideal for the job, provided his *strength would permit.* ~~endurance holds out.~~ Even the ~~rough~~ rock-ribbed Tory landowners

agree, and they had no love for L.G. ever since the early days when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer and smashed them with a new system of taxation, the taxation that broke up the great landed estates of England.

ADD L.G.

Here's a later rumor from London -- that Lord Beaverbrook will come to Washington. Beaverbrook a Canadian, is at present Minister for Aircraft Production. So the latest rumor ties Lloyd George into the story by hinting that L.G. will take Beaverbrook's job in the Cabinet to enable the famous publisher to come to Washington.

Cannon boomed on the banks of the Potomac today, a nineteen-gun salute to the ashes of the Marquess of Lothian. The late British Ambassador was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, the burial place of Uncle Sam's dead soldiers and sailors. [Ranking members of the government and ~~the magnifices of the~~ foreign diplomats were in the ceremonious procession which escorted the urn from the gates of the cemetery to the memorial at the hilltop. There ~~they will~~ ^{to} remain until ~~they are~~ taken home, ^{to England} ~~which will~~ probably ~~be done~~ by one of Uncle Sam's men-o-war. You may remember, a similar honor was paid to the remains of Mr. Saito, the Japanese Ambassador who died at Washington.]

GOERING

A Philadelphia lady tells an interesting tale of an encounter that she had in Paris with none other than Field Marshal Herman Goering, Hitler's Number Two man. The lady in question is Lady Decies, who was born Elizabeth Drexel in Philadelphia. She found herself still in Paris when the invaders arrived. Before she left she went into one of the famous man millioners~~s~~ shops and had picked herself a particularly ~~beautiful~~ coat, a beige coat, ~~in case the ladies are~~ ~~interested~~, with a fur collar. Just as she was about to pick it up, Goering reached across her and snatched it, saying he wanted it for Frau Goering.

MRS. R.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today expressed herself categorically on the subject of helping the British. A reporter asked her at her press conference what she thought about loans to Britain. She replied in these words (I QUOTE): "I think it's about time we started to give something, not lend." Then she added:- "Some people seem to be under the impression that we are giving a great deal. On the contrary, England has paid for every single thing."

Then she continued:- "There is not much reason now to talk about loans. The time has come to talk about ~~individually~~ gifts, cash if necessary." To which she added:- "It is better to be realistic and not to repeat the mistakes of the past." Then she asked:- "What value have we got out of the loans of the past war?"

"From where should these gifts come?" somebody asked her. To which she answered:- "Out of your pockets and mine, in one way or another."

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BRITISH AID FOLLOW MRS. R.

The ticker had hardly finished spreading Mrs.

Roosevelt's words before the following ~~word~~ went out to the world from Washington - "Great Britain officially asks Uncle Sam for help." That means financial help. The request was made through

Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury.

You will recall ^{who} that ~~he~~ has been in Washington talking with Secretary Morgenthau, ^{and} ~~xxxix~~ ^{us the} showing ~~our Treasury tycoons the~~ balance sheet of the British Empire.

Until today, Secretary Morgenthau has ~~persistently~~ ^{replied to all questions:—} ~~denied that the British Government has asked for anything.~~

"Nobody has asked me for a loan," ~~he replied twice to questions.~~

Today the question was repeated, and Morgenthau replied:

"My clock has stopped." In answer to other ^{inquiries,} ~~questions,~~ the

Secretary declared that he didn't know ~~of~~ any way of giving the

British ^{financial} ~~official~~ assistance without formal action by Congress,

and so far he has not talked about it to any congressional

leaders.

He was then asked about that British balance sheet which

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Sir Frederick Phillips has been showing him. What were the

reactions of high government officials, he was asked. And

Morgenthau replied in two words, "Nobody fainted."

SHIPS

There has been a great deal of talk about the need of the British for ships, and that we should help them out in that respect. Today, the United States Maritime Commission made an announcement. ~~As everybody knows,~~ The Commission owns a lot of vessels that are not doing anything but ^{sather} ~~rusting away~~. It offers for sale twenty-four ^{of these} ships as is and where is. ["] ~~Maybe that's one~~ answer to the Nazi torpedoings, though not a very stupendous one.

The E.B.I. has evidence to show that the Communist party should be outlawed in the United States. Furthermore, J. Edgar Hoover believes his facts prove ~~that~~ Harry Bridges, the West Coast labor czar, should be deported, back to Australia.

Edgar Hoover is just recovering from a bout with influenza. He said his Bureau has submitted a report to Attorney General Jackson, a report that takes up twenty-five hundred pages. Incidentally, he took a fling at Chairman Martin Dies of the Un-American activities Committee, said that Dies had been sniping at the F.B.I. for the glory of the Committee and for the purpose of extending its life. But, says Hoover, you can't catch spies with headlines. As for his evidence against the Communists, he of course cannot make any of it public. That business is now up to the Attorney General.

Naturally, everybody wants to know whether any of the F.B.I. evidence indicates that the recent ~~disasters~~ in munitions factories were caused by foreign agents. The word on ~~that~~ is that some of them may have been committed by disgruntled individuals. But none of the explosions and fires can be ~~laid~~ at the door of foreign agents.

Edgar Hoover repeats a plea that he has been making for months. If you have information about foreign agents tell the F. B.I. And then he repeats emphatically, "the facts we have s submitted to the Attorney General indicate that Harry Bridges should be deported and that the Communist Party should be outlawed in the United States."

SUPREME COURT

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Throughout the length and breadth of this land, every law office has been buzzing with talk this afternoon. The Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision ^{today} that makes the lawyers gasp, especially those who specialize in tax laws. Also, that decision drops a bombshell into the exchequer of every individual and corporation carrying on a nationwide business. It's all because of an appeal which was won in the Supreme Court today by the State of Wisconsin.

Corporations doing business in the badger state are taxed not only on the business they do within the state lines, but on their general income. Incidentally, it was due to this that the Ringling Brothers Circus, the big show, today has its winter quarters in Florida. ~~As any circus historian will tell you,~~ The Ringling Brothers used to winter their circus at Baraboo Wisconsin, where several of them were born and where all of them grew up. The Ringlings ^{in fact} ~~really~~ supported the town. Then Wisconsin proposed to tax the Ringlings not only on the money they earned within the state but on their total gross throughout the United States. The Ringlings didn't stop to fight it out. ^{They just} ~~but~~ packed up and moved the elephants, ~~the~~ tigers and

seals and clowns)
~~everything~~ down to Sarasota *in balmy Florida*
where every prospect pleases.

It's a similar case that was decided today by the Supreme Court. The F.W. Woolworth Company and two others were the plaintiffs. They protested against a provision in the Wisconsin law which applies a levy on the dividends of out of state corporations which do business in Wisconsin. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin itself said that those companies were correct, the state has no right to tax the earnings of a company outside the state. The state appealed to the ^{U.S.} Supreme Court, and there was a five to four vote. Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote the majority opinion. He and four of his colleagues declare that "a state is free to pursue its own fiscal policies; that a corporation doing business in the state has obtained protection, opportunities and benefits. The substantial privilege of carrying on business in Wisconsin clearly supports the tax, and the state has not given the less merely because it has conditioned the demand of the exaction upon happenings outside its own borders."

Four justices could not agree in that opinion -- Chief Justice Hughes, and Associates Owen J. Roberts, McReynolds, and Stanley Reed.

~~Of course~~ It isn't difficult even for a layman to see
what the consequences of this ruling can be. ~~Obviously~~ Other states
will follow the example of Wisconsin. So that a corporation doing
business in forty-eight states ^{might eventually} ~~can~~ be liable to taxation in all of
those forty-eight states, not only upon its earnings within each of
those states but upon its total earnings throughout the entire
country. ~~And of course they must not forget Uncle Sam, who will still~~
~~go on taking his good substantial cut.~~

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