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~~The cause of world peace was favored with some double-barrel action in Washington today, two announcements — one by President Roosevelt and another by Secretary of State Hull.~~

The Presidential ~~headline~~ ^{is} ~~told of~~ ^{the} sending of Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Wells ^e to ~~Europe~~ ^{Europe} on a mission of peace.

Sumner Wells ^e goes as a personal representative of President Roosevelt to sound out the four principal nations of Western Europe, belligerent Great Britain, France and Germany, and neutral Italy.

The scope and limitations ^{on} of the ^{Wells'} world's mission ^{are} were clearly stated by the President in his announcement: "This visit," said he, "is solely for the purpose of advising the President and Secretary of State as to present conditions in Europe." And the statement continued: "Mr. Wells will of course be authorized to make no proposals or commitments in the name of the government of the United States."

~~The President's idea is that his newly appointed emissary will be supplementing the work of the regular American diplomats abroad, by sounding out the ~~various~~ various governments and coordinating what they have to say.~~

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A later announcement stated that Sumner Welles will sail on February 17th aboard the Italian Liner Rex. On that same ship Myron C. Taylor is sailing -- the personal envoy whom President Roosevelt is sending to the Vatican. The purpose of that mission is to discuss peace possibilities with Pope Pius the Twelfth.

The action announced by the State Department concerns the smaller nations, the anxious neutrals. Secretary Hull, ~~in his announcement,~~ states that the United States government has begun conversations with several of the neutrals. ~~He relates the purpose in these words: "the eventual restoration of world peace on a sound and lasting basis." That however, was characterized as the~~ ultimate aim. The immediate objection ^{we} in confabulating with the neutrals is to line up ideas of economic policy -- the solution of problems that are side-issues of the present war. The negotiations do not directly concern peace-making -- not right away.

~~The reaction to the double barrel peace activity chiefly concerns the mission of Sumner Welles, That's the number one event.~~ In Washington Administration Senators and Congressmen spoke up with prompt approval. But on the side of the isolationists misgivings

were immediately expressed. There were remarks about one aspect of the affair that will occur to us all. Doesn't it remind us of that World War of 1914-18, President Woodrow Wilson and Colonel House? In Congressional circles it's being said that President Roosevelt and his emissary Sumner Welles are a duplication of President Woodrow Wilson and his own special envoy, Colonel House -- who toured the nations at war a quarter of a century ago, representing the President of the United States and reporting to him.

In Europe the first response comes from Great Britain

and it's not too optimistic about peace. London will welcome the

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representative with all courtesy, but London does not believe that

his mission will bring about an early end of the war. The British

fall back on their statement that they've already *set forth* fully ~~stated~~ their

war aims -- and that's that. And London too is reminded of President

Wilson and Colonel House.

FRANCE

The French Chamber of Deputies was in secret session today. We aren't ~~xxxx~~ told what transpired among the deputies. An official statement confines itself to generalities, saying that questions of national defense were considered, with a view to strengthening the war effort of France.

All that sounds quite innocuous; but the fact remains that the Chamber of Deputies went into secret session in defiance of Premier Daladier. The Premier vigorously opposed the secret business, declaimed against it - but was overruled, defeated on that point.

Immediately after ~~that~~, Daladier made a rather sensational public statement - asserting that German and Soviet Russian secret agents were busy throughout France. Busy doing what? Why, gathering information about how the French people feel toward the war, sounding out French public opinion. Daladier gave a series of five questions, ~~xxxxx~~ of which, he said, the Hitler and Stalin spies were getting the answers. The first two questions go like this:- First - what is the extent of Daladier's popularity? Second - what is the

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popularity and strength of the Premier's opponents?

~~It looks as if the Daladier revelation of the questions might have something to do with the Daladier defeat concerning the secret session.~~

The French are denying that the Alsatian spy who was executed two days ago was doomed because he was opposed to French rule in Alsace. This is being charged by the Nazis, who say that the case of Karl Roos had its points of resemblance to Great Britain's trouble in Ireland and India. Paris authorities today revealed the evidence on which the Alsatian doctor was convicted *as a spy.* One clue was a notebook he had in his pocket. On a page ~~in this notebook~~ he had written the secret telephone number and the secret post office-box-number of the German spy service. He had torn the page out of the notebook and destroyed it - thinking that would make everything safe. But it didn't. The French police say he had written the secret German spy numbers with such a heavy-handed pencil, that they made an impression on the following page - an impression that the French were readily able to decipher, *and* ~~convict him of being a spy in the employ of Nazi Germany.~~

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FINLAND

Today we have some inkling of last night's report about reverses which the Finns were said to have suffered. Today, for the first time in a long while, the war bulletins from Moscow claimed a decided success. The Red army communique declares that on the Mannerheim Line heavy Soviet attacks captured thirteen forts of the Finns.- ~~which might have seemed to represent a considerable advance.~~

The Finns counter with a denial that the Mannerheim Line has been broken or even endangered. They admit that the Red army did make an advance and captured some forts, but state that the Soviet troops could not hold their gains - ~~but~~ were driven back.

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7 { ~~They never did have more than a slim and precarious hold on the positions they captured - so say the Finns.~~

In the northern part of the country, a great manhunt is on, a search across the frozen wastes. This is the latest angle of the Soviet strategy of using parachute troops. The Finns say they've killed and captured numbers of these Soviet soldiers who came floating out of the sky, but they add that parachute patrols are still at large. They were dropped deep in the wilderness in the ~~finland Arctic~~

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Finland Arctic. They're dressed as Finnish soldiers, and speak the Finnish language. People have been warned far and wide to be on the lookout for the parachute patrols, and a manhunt is on.

A report just off the wire says a Brit - Warship sank 2 Ger. U-boats today. And there were many air battles

YOUTH

The American Youth Congress, meeting at Washington, is confronted with the usual issue - Communism. It's an old story, the charge that the Congress is dominated by Red elements. ~~Every year, for several years, attempts have been made to have the convocation of the young go on record as being opposed to Communism in general and Soviet Russia in particular. Things have been complicated by White House angles.~~ Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is a supporter of the Youth Congress, and defends them against attacks. And the present gathering is to be addressed by President Roosevelt tomorrow. Today, at his press conference, the President gave an indication that when he talks to youth tomorrow, he will touch upon the Communist issue.

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Today, a movement was announced to put the Youth Congress to a test - a test of whether or not the Reds were in control. It is stated that anti-Communist groups attending the gathering will introduce two resolutions. One, to be a declaration of opposition to Nazism, Fascism and Communism. Hitherto, the Youth Congress has been eager enough to shout anathema against the Nazis and Fascists. But they'd never go on

record against the Communists. ~~That has been the Number One~~
~~complaint against them.~~

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The second resolution to be entered will
condemn the Soviet invasion of Finland. That's a sort of
key test for Communism right now. If you're in favor of the
Finns - you're not a Red.

BOY SCOUTS

The President ~~Roosevelt~~ has sent congratulations in which ~~the~~ he employed the phrase - "a generation trained in good citizenship". Presidential usage in saying "generation" is precise - a generation being commonly reckoned at thirty years. This is the thirtieth anniversary of the Boy Scout movement in America. All over the country, for a week of celebration, there'll be gatherings of a million Scouts and eight million Scout alumni. All representing that generation trained in good citizenship.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT

A Congressional Committee today heard a witness such as no congressional committee ever heard before. For the first time in history, the wife of a president of the United States, first lady of the land, appeared and testified. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt gave evidence concerning the condition of welfare institutions in Washington, the District of Columbia. ~~Those welfare institutions are not so good, said she, and should be improved a lot. One of the avocations of the First Lady is to inspect various sorts of welfare work, and today she told the~~ ~~Committees.~~ "I have never yet found an institution in the District that was a model institution," said she. They ~~xxx~~ all need a good deal of improvement." And then she went on to give some of her ideas of how things could be made better.

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GARNER

Vice-President Garner has entered the Illinois primaries.

A Garner group has filed a petition to place the Vice-President's name on the ballot, and this is accompanied by a formal

declaration signed by John N. ^{Garner} Garner, a declaration that ~~the~~

he seeks the nomination for the presidency. The most interesting

part of it lies in the fact that there's another name entered

for the Democratic nomination in Illinois. That other name is -

Franklin D. Roosevelt. The President was entered last Saturday

by Third Term supporters - though ^{that one} ~~it~~ was not accompanied by a

signed declaration from F.D.R. Today's Garner entrance makes

the Illinois primaries a clean-cut test of Third Term sentiment

- a test of strength between the two factions.
among the Democrats. It's to be held on April Ninth, just two

months from today.

On the Republican side too, the Illinois primaries

will be a test - a trial of Dewey strength among the

Republicans. The New York District Attorney has entered his

name - and if he can win Illinois his chance for the nomination

will be vastly increased. Today a second Republican name was

entered - that of Representative Hamilton Fish of New York.

In filing the petition, the supporters of Hamilton Fish declared that his platform will be, "Americanism versus internationalism."

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There was a battle of statements today between the G-men and the Civil Service Commission. It all proceeds from a statement that ^{F.B.I.} Chief J. Edgar Hoover, made to ^a ~~the~~ Congressional Committee last Tuesday - the statement that Civil Service had recommended Communists for jobs in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that ^{the} ~~the~~ F.B.I. which has been given such an important part in guarding against spying, sabotage and other subversive activities. ^{It} ~~(I happened to ask J. Edgar Hoover - what employees of his Bureau are under Civil Service? - Are the G-men? He said -~~
No, only the classifiers of fingerprints, a corps of highly technical workers. So the present argument about possible Communism concerns the fingerprint classifiers, some three hundred and forty of them.

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The Civil Service Commission issues a blast against J. Edgar Hoover, saying that he wants to run a one-man Civil Service all by himself. And as for Communism, the Commission denies that it could possibly have any sympathy with the Reds. Then it adds:- "The Commission refuses, however, to place any individual in this category until it has evidence which would

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justify the action." So says the Civil Service Commission.

J. Edgar Hoover replies with a statement which was read today in Congress. He puts it on a basis of red tape - technicalities which would permit a person of Communist beliefs to be okayed by Civil Service. Whereupon J. Edgar ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Hoover gives some figures. He said that the Civil Service Commission has sent him five thousand one hundred and nine applicants for jobs as fingerprint classifiers. He says the F.B.I. investigated these, and found that only three hundred and sixty-three were suitable. Among the unsuitables were persons with criminal records, forgers, some with disturbed minds suffering from hallucinations - pinks and reds, with Communistic tendencies. ~~Then he adds that the F.B.I., above all, must be careful about the kind of people it puts on the job in its fingerprint division of crime suppression.~~

LABOR

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Once more the old question - what about labor peace? What are the ^{chances}~~conditions~~ of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. calling off their quarrel? Today an answer was given by President Roosevelt.

He made the statement that John L. Lewis and the C.I.O. have rejected proposals for peace-making. The President said this in

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response to a request made by the A.F. of L. (~~The Executive Council of the Federation asked him to make public the result of his efforts to get the two battling branches of labor together - an effort which the President initiated a year ago.~~)^{TF} Shortly

before this past Christmas, there was a Roosevelt-Lewis
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conference. Since ^{the} C.I.O. chieftain has been blasting against
the President and the possibilities of a Third Term. But just
before Christmas they had a talk, and in that talk Lewis stated
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that the C.I.O. would not go ^{any} further peace conference with
the A.F. of L.

TWEEDSMUIR

Tonight the condition of Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, is grave indeed. He was submitted to a brain operation today, as a result of a fall last Tuesday, in which he sustained a cranial injury. And the latest word is that the consolations of ~~religion~~ religion are being administered to the Governor-General. The Reverend Alexander Ferguson, Rector of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was summoned to his bedside. Lord Tweedsmuir is sixty-four years old and for some time his health has been none too good.

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PATROLMAN

One of the recent classics of radio is the story of the New Jersey policeman who took a lady for a ride in his police radio car - and all the time he had his radio transmitter on. So, unknown to themselves, the policeman and the lady were ~~on the air~~ ~~and xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ on the air all the time, giving a broadcast. People who happened to be listening in on that wave length were much astonished ^{by} ^{unrehearsed} the program.

What ^s _^ had happened to that calamitous cop? That's in the news today, because he came up for ~~trial~~ at Milburn, New Jersey. There were six charges against him, one of which was - "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." The courtroom was packed, because it was hoped that the testimony would repeat what the policeman and the lady said to each other while on the air. A lot of people who missed the memorable broadcast, wanted to hear it reproduced in court. They were disappointed. There was no testimony at all, for the pathetic policeman pleaded guilty.

He confessed, told his story - but he left out the all-important part. He said he was out in his radio car,

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communicated with headquarters, and then forgot to switch off the transmitter. Then a young lady asked him to take her to the railroad station to catch a train. He said they were driving along, but his confession refrained from stating what the conversation was. (That was left a complete blank - with the authorization of the court.) The ~~xxx~~ cop's confession goes on with these melancholy words:- X "On the way I was stopped by another radio car and advised that my transmitter was on." That was the painful moment.

What's the penalty imposed on the hapless cop? It happens that three times in the past he won decorations for bravery - before he mustered courage to give a lady a ride. The court took cognizance of his record for heroism, and let him off with a five hundred dollar fine - to be paid at the rate of twelve dollars and a half a month. Also, the loss of his days off for the next four months - which means that he retains his job as a policeman. Hereafter, he'll keep a wary eye on the radio transmitter, and when a young lady asks him for a ride he'll say - No. Now what do you say Hugh?

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