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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A few moments ago ~~I~~ a radio message was relayed to me from the Arctic. It was picked up by an amateur, Station W 1 O X D A and passed along to me. The message was sent by Captain Bob Bartlett, famous ~~act~~ Arctic explorer, who is in the Far North on his Schooner the Effie Morrissey. Bob radios as follows: "Tell Lowell that if he were where we are he could use his skis on the new snow. We have plenty of fish, birds, seal and bear meat. We are well and happy with no falling market or war scare to ~~disturb~~ disturb us." Signed Bob Bartlett, somewhere in the Arctic.

Some weeks ago I aimed my evening broadcast at a sea captain on board a steamer in the South Pacific Ocean, near the ~~island~~ island of New Guinea. Tonight just for the fun of it, I think I'll handle the days news as though it were intended for some of my friends who are ~~in~~ in the Far North: Bob Bartlett, who is on his Schooner the Effie Morrissey, and Commander ^{Donald} MacMillan on his ~~xx~~ ^{the} schooner Bowdoin. Commander

MacMillan has been to Greenland and Baffinland, and is now somewhere off the Labrador coast on his way south. I hope to join him on the final home stretch of his cruise, some time in September, if he happens to approach civilization during a weekend when I can get away. And, now, the days news for you who are up in the Far North.

GUIANA.

Here's an item for you from the tropics: —

Labor troubles in British Guiana, down there mid

South American sugar plantations and tropical jungles. Sugar workers on the rampage. They attacked communications, cut the telephone lines and ripped down the telephone poles. In one place they destroyed a bridge. At Georgetown, the capital city they battled with the police in a violent riot. They injured four policemen and killed the public executioner. An angry crowd set upon the hangman and beat him to death.

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that he has been injured. But how? In what desperate adventure?

Alone!

He explains that he was injured playing Tennis. So he will not climb Mount Blanc.

This leaves Monsieur Jean Zay, Minister of Public Education, all by himself. With his two colleague statesmen out of the great adventure, he faces the climb alone, all by himself.

"Impossible!" He would be too lonely for the lack of company and sprightly conversation.

Today the Minister of Public Education announces that he will go on the climb, but not to the top of Mount Blanc. He will climb as far as one of the high passes, where there's an aviation field. There he will board a plane, which will fly him around the topmost pinnacle of the mountain.

So tonight France is deprived of the patriotic thrill of having those three statesmen climb the icy slopes to the European roof of the world.

BARBARA.

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Word from Venice is that there's no reconciliation between the Count and Countess Haugwitz Reventlow. How is this surmised? Merely by signs and hints. The news hawks kept eagle eyes on the Count and his estranged American heiress wife as they had a long talk on the beach at the Lido today. They observed that the Danish nobleman had the manner of a man appealing. What kind of appeal? Friends of the Count say he came to Venice and met the Princess of Five and Ten to ask her to drop her divorce proceedings. How was his appeal received there on the beach? The eagle eyes of the news noted that as the two talked Barbara shook her head several times. When they left the beach it was observed that the Countess appeared to be agitated.

They went away to dinner, but not together. Each dined alone. The Count's original plan was to stay in Venice awhile, but he changed that suddenly and made arrangements to leave for Budapest today. The Countess is going to Capri.

Such is the reportorial evidence given to show that there's no reconciliation between the Danish ^{nobleman} ~~arrogant~~ and the Woolworth heiress.

UN-AMERICAN.

The latest from that committee room in Washington is that the
Attorney General of the United States has been asked to investigate the enlistment of Americans fighting in the Spanish Left Wing Army. The request was made today by the committee inquiring into un-American activities. Yesterday two Americans who fought with the Leftists in Spain, told the committee how they were recruited for service, and said the recruitings were a good deal of a Communist affair.) So now the Attorney General is asked to look into the matter, not so much because of the Communist part in it, but because of the recruiting.

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There's a United States law which forbids the enlistment of Americans to fight in foreign countries. The law imposes a fine of a thousand dollars and three years imprisonment for such an offense. And the statute is broadly framed to include recruiting quote "in the service of any foreign prince, state, colony, district or people" end quote.

The assumption is that in the sending of Americans to the Left Wing Foreign Legion, the law was violated.

A sensation developed today when ~~the~~ two returned

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American Left Wing fighters told of a visit made to their outfit in Spain by two American Congressmen. They are Representative Jerry O'Connell, Democrat of Montana, and Representative John T. Bernard, farmer labor of Minnesota. The testimony related that the two Congressmen congratulated the American soldiers of the Left and said they were fighting in a great cause. But the striking thing in the testimony was this. Having uttered words of praise, Congressmen O'Connell and Bernard each raised a clenched fist aloft -- in the Communist salute. So said the testimony today.

Then the committee's proceedings passed along from Americans in Spain to the Federal Theatre project. Testimony was given by Miss Hazel Huffman, Secretary of a New York organization of actors on relief. Miss Huffman made an accusation of Communism against Mrs. Hallie Flannigan, Director of the W. P. A. Federal Theatres. She said Mrs. Flannigan favored Communism, attended Red radical meetings where the Red flag was displayed, and was co-author of a play which a radical magazine called "the best revolutionary play yet produced in America." Mrs. Flannigan, she

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said, used her position as W. P. A. play director to promote Communist propaganda, with the employment of Reds and the production of plays with a Communist slant. A list of W. P. A. plays was read. ^WThe witness was asked if they were not all Red propaganda. "Socially significant," she replied, "is the term Mrs. Flannagan used, but of course they were Communist propaganda."

The proceedings of the un-American inquiry are going after the Communists hot and heavy, but Chairman Dies, the investigator, said today that they'll get around the subject of the Nazis and Fascists again. The idea is make it impartially hot and heavy for both sides of the ideological fence.

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BASEBALL.

In Cleveland today a man spoke bitter words. Said he:-
"If this keeps up we might as well plow the field out there and plant something that will grow." He was Vice-President Slapneska of the Cleveland Indians, and the field he referred to was the Cleveland ball park.

Today the management of the once proud Indians looked over the baseball situation in the light of yesterday's defeat-- when the lowly St. Louis Browns battered the brilliant young phenom Bob Feller out of the box, and won the game. For a large part of the season the Cleveland team led the League and looked like pennant winners. Today they're nine games behind the New York Yankees. Hence the melancholy refrain:- "Plow up the ball park, and plant something that will grow."

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SMITH.

There certainly would be a political surprise in an announcement like this!-- "that sterling and upstanding Republican candidate, Alfred E. Smith." Yes, Al Smith running on the Republican ticket would be a novelty. Yet, there's ~~more~~ *and more* ~~good deal of~~ talk about it -- as the New York elections for the Senate come closer.

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Today the slogan -- Smith is ~~a~~ a Republican candidate for the Senate was raised before the New York Constitutional Convention in Albany. The slogan was sounded by no less a sterling, upstanding Republican than representative Hamilton Fish, who declared himself thusly: "If I have anything to say, my candidate for United States Senator ~~on~~ the Republican ticket will be former Governor Alfred E. Smith. And this ^{pronunciamento} ~~pronouncement~~ was loudly cheered by the Republican delegates.

If the man in the brown derby were to run for the Senate on the G. O. P. ticket it would be against such staunch friends and former colleagues of his as Governor Lehman and Senator Bob Wagner. Al, who was there, made no comment.

This side show of political fireworks came today as the Convention voted an amendment to the new proposed Constitution

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it is drafting -- an amendment prohibiting proportional representation in the State. This proportional system of suffrage is used in New York City -- the scheme being that minority parties are granted representation according to their strength on election day. Proportional representation is a standby of New York's LaGuardia administration and today's amendment to forbid it is regarded as a LaGuardia defeat. Those opposing the amendment said that the abolition of proportional representation would help to bring Tammany back to power in New York. A speaker in favor of the amendment pointed out that a Communist had been elected to the New York City Council, because of the system of giving minority parties representation according to their voting strength.

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HINES.

This afternoon James J. Hines, the famous Tammany Hall leader made a remark that goes as well for most of us newspaper readers. Jimmy Hines exclaimed: "Whew. I'm learning more about the policy game than I ever knew before in my life."

However that may be, its certain that today's proceedings were an elaborate education in the ways of the crooked gambling game run by racketeers to cheat petty suckers.

The testimony unfolded a story of many different policy games running with independent bankers -- ^{than} these were organized into one big game by the underworld power of Dutch Schultz.

On the witness stand today was a West Indian Negro, Big Joe Ison, -- also called "Spasm." For several years Spasm ran a policy game of his own. Then the Schultz mob muscled in. This occurred when one day "Spasm" was invited into an automobile by a Schultz ganster named Abe Landau, called "Misfit", also called "Abe the Killer." They drove around and "Misfit" alias "Abe the Killer" told "Spasm" that if he didn't agree to cut the

mob in for six hundred dollars a week the automobile tour would turn into a one way ride ^{for Spasm.} That was that.

One day later on the number five hundred and twenty-seven won in the policy betting. A lucky number among the Negroes in Harlem, and there were heavy bets on it. "Spasm's" bank was hit for eighteen thousand dollars, and he couldn't pay. He went to Dutch Schultz and asked for a loan. Schultz gave him the money but in return "Spasm" had to give Schultz a two thirds control of his policy bank. So "Spasm" became a mere member of the combination.

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This spasmodic testimony came around to a dramatic point where "Spasm" told how in nineteen thirty-two a weekly expense item of one hundred and twenty-five dollars appeared on his accounts with the Schultz mob. And he was told -- that it was for the Jimmy Hines club, meaning the Democratic political club over which Hines presided as Tammany District leader. Thereupon, he said the number of arrests of policy collectors dropped to half. Later the Schultz organization owed him ten thousand dollars on the books, but they never paid it.

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Dixie Davis the Schultz lawyer told him that the ten thousand dollars had been used -- for fixing, getting policy prisoners off. And all through the day testimony brought forward cases of policy ~~racketeers~~ racketeers arrested and dismissed by Judges.

All this to bolster up District Attorney Dewey's contention that ~~Tammany~~ ~~District~~ Leader Hines was employed by the Schultz mob to influence and coerce Judges.

The witness called "Spasm" told moreover of twenty-five hundred dollars taken in two different weeks from the money due him. He was told the cash was for a campaign fund -- to elect, as he said "a Democratic man." This pointed to the Dewey charges that the policy mob helped to elect his own predecessor District Attorney Dodge.

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Altogether the testimony was an education in the ways of the racketeers and the policy game.

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And that is the civilization to which you Arctic Explorers are returning as you head south tonight -- & so long until Monday.