

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight we find President Roosevelt pictured in an entirely new role - as a possible mediator in the Spanish Civil War. Franklin Delano Roosevelt acting to bring about peace in Spain.

Whence comes this report? From one of the leading American authorities on foreign affairs, William Philip Sims, Foreign Editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, who daily writes luminous comment on the twists and tangles of international affairs.

He writes today that London and Paris are more concerned than ever about the Spanish trouble. Right now the non-intervention powers are ready to put into effect their program for blockading Spain and stopping all outside interference. If that complicated scheme should break down, and the nations should begin jumping into Spain again, there would be the gravest danger of another World War. But even if the neutral blockade should succeed, succeed to perfection - that would only leave Spain to welter in its own blood, an isolated Spain grinding away to

destruction. Spain would remain a sore thumb, as Foreign Editor Simms puts it.

But who is there to intervene and try to bring about peace? Not Great Britain - both Madrid and Franco regard London with mistrust. France and Russia, Germany and Italy are taking definite sides. So what great western power is left? The United States. Its chief - President Roosevelt.

Writing in the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM today, William Philip Simms declares that right now London and Paris are considering - an invitation to Washington. They're debating a scheme whereby they'd ask President Roosevelt to use his good offices for peace negotiations backed up by the great prestige of the United States.

Today's WORLD TELEGRAM article says they may ask President Roosevelt to act in conjunction with the Latin-American republics. William Philip Simms points out that Latin-America so closely tied to Spain by blood and culture, is eager for the Civil War to end. As former Spanish colonies, the southern republics are logical candidates to mediate for Spanish peace. But the Latin-American countries are divided, with opposing sym-

pathies. Who would be a likely personality to lead in any effort they might make? The answer harks back to the Pan-American Peace Conference last December. There, President Roosevelt achieved much prestige as a Pan-American leader. That might put him at the head of a Pan-American effort for peace in Spain.

Spain to be rescued by the hemisphere that Spain discovered - that would be historic justice!

FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

Just to make things complete and a hundred per cent, the President is mentioned in connectiln with another international affair today - this of an economic sort, world trade, world finance, This comes with the announcement that Premier Van Zeeland of Belgium is to visit the White House in June.

The two chiefs of government are alike in one thing - backed up by great election victories. The Roosevelt landslide of last November was matched in its way the other day by the Van Zeeland triumph in Belgium, when the Premier completely overwhelmed the Rexist Fascist candidate, Degrelle, and took eighty per cent of the vote.

Van Zeeland is a close personal friend of King Leopold. They're such chums, that the monarch asked the Premier to send his little daughter to the private school for royalty, the school that Leopold and his late Queen Astrid established for the children of the reigning family. The King wanted Van Zeeland's daughter to attend as a particular playmate for little Princess Charlotte. So, with all kinds of royal support andhis tremendous election day success, Van Zeeland stands high in European affairs.

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Now we find him consulted by London and Paris on economic affairs and these discussions are reported to be paving the way for a world conference - Britain and France looking to Van Zeeland for personal leadership in a general discussion of international industry and finance. On top of that -- Van Zeeland is to visit the President of the United States. Inevitably, it is surmised, that the purpose of the visit is - American participation in the World Economic Conference. This report is insistant, in spite of declarations by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull - that the United States has no intention of going into any international confabulation.

It may of course, be that the Van Zeeland trip to the U. S. A. amounts to nothing more than an alumnus returning to his Alma Mater to be invested with an honorary degree. Princeton is the Alma Mater in question - for the Premier of Belgium is a graduate of old Nassau.

An appropriately international figure for a World Economic Conference.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The word unconstitutional was pronounced today. It was spoken, not by the Supreme Court, but by a lower federal tribunal - the Circuit Court of Appeals of Boston. Unconstitutional - and it applies to ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> most important of laws, a keystone of the New Deal. The court knocked out two sections of the Social Security Act - Section eight, which provides for old-age pensions; and section nine, which is the unemployment insurance part of it.

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It all began with a stockholder in two companies. He sued to keep the ~~Edison~~ Edison Electric ~~Illuminating Company of~~<sup>of</sup> Boston from acting under the old-age pension provision. He sued the Boston and Maine Railroad to stop it from paying money for employment insurance. And today the Circuit Court decided in his favor in both cases.

So once more the word is - take it to the Supreme Court. The case will be appealed on up the line, and the highest tribunal will be called upon to give another basic New Deal decision - this time on the all-important issue of Social Security.

PRESS

I quite agree with what H.L. Mencken said today before the American Society of Newspapers Editors. <sup>of the Baltimore Sun,</sup> Mencken, in addition to being a brilliant and scathing critic, is also one of the soundest newspaper men in America. He called today for more showmanship in the presentation of editorial opinion. He said that if the pen of the editor is to exert greater influence, it will have to work with more play-up and display. He reasoned that mankind at large is not over-logical - that people can be reached by appeals to their feelings. Now, that sounds sensible. Logic can be dramatized. Reasoning is not altogether separate from human emotion, and rationality can appeal to feeling.

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Mencken said another good thing to the editors in Washington. He condemned the tendency to give only one side of the news, only one argument in a controversy. Present both the pro and the con, is his idea. "Strike a better balance," said he.

Well Mr. Mencken that's what we try to do on this Sunoco radio hour.

ADD PRESS

At the conclusion of the great press gathering now in Washington, an even larger conclave of editors and publishers will follow in New York. Newspaper men from all parts of America are about to converge on Manhattan for the annual Associated Press meeting at the Waldorf next Monday. In today's RADIO DAILY I was interested to note that over two hundred radio stations are now controlled by or are affiliated with newspapers.



STRIKE

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An ocean liner steamed out of New York harbor today - with a full crew, but no passengers. Meaning, that New York's maritime strike has been settled. The officials of the International Mercantile Marine and leaders of the Union put their signatures to an agreement, with the result that the men went immediately back to work on all the Company ships.

The strike began a couple of days ago, on the liner PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, <sup>tying</sup> ~~with~~ the ship ~~was tied~~ up <sup>at the</sup> dock.

Its passengers had to take other means of transportation. So

today when the liner sailed, the strike settlement provided a full crew, complete from deck-hand to skipper, but not a single <sup>ticket buying</sup> ~~passenger~~.  
<sup>voyager.</sup>  
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Labor events moved with dramatic swiftness on the Ford front. A leader in the union formed at the Ford factory in Kansas City was set upon and beaten by four men, who knocked him down and slugged him with blackjacks and pistols. That caused the

<sup>Kansas City</sup>  
union to hold a meeting and vote to stage a strike, and force the withdrawal of Company thugs - they say. One of the leaders in

this strike vote left the meeting hall - only to be attacked by four men, who beat him up with pistols and blackjacks.

The assault on the two union men brought an ultimatum to the Ford Company in Detroit. The union chiefs issued this declaration to Ford: "If you want peace in Kansas City, you can have peace. If you want war, you can have war."

Company officials say they don't know anything about the assaults and sluggings in Kansas City. They claim complete ignorance of who did the trick and why.

A declaration today by John Lewis and the C. I. O. gives the labor situation a more peaceful aspect. The union chiefs announced the fullest cooperation with the Wagner Act. They proclaimed a policy of cutting down the number of strikes they'll try to hold their men in check, persuading them not to jump in with hasty action. The John Lewis C.I.O. attitude as expressed today is that both capital and labor need a period of cooling off, take it easy, don't get excited.

## SHOOTING

In a post-office at Topeka, Kansas, three men might have been seen standing about, for the past several days. Apparently they were merely loitering, but if you watched them closely you might have seen them covetly<sup>^</sup> scrutinizing every ~~person~~ who came to the window for mail. Hour after hour, day after day, they looked over hundreds of individuals - patient, dogged.

They were G-men on the trail, on the watch for a stick-up man.

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Several weeks ago there was a headline: "eighteen thousand dollar bank robbery at Katonah, New York," and the G-men put the finger of suspicion on one Rudolph Brinker. They began a nationwide search for him, seeking clues, getting information, picking up the trail. The chase led to the Topeka post office. They had word that Brinker would call ~~for~~ there for his mail. So three G-men were watching for him, a long, patient vigil.

Today, the end of the vigil came in melodramatic fashion. A man stepped up to the mail window. A quick signal of recognition, and federal agent Baker stepped up to him, pistol drawn - "Put up your hands!" The suspect raised his hands above his head, and as he did so there was a crash of gunfire. The man

was not alone. There was a pal behind him, watching him. And this accomplice blazed bullets into the G-man making the arrest. Federal Agent Baker fell, dangerously wounded.

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And now there was gunfire all over the place, as the two other G-men closed in <sup>and</sup> ~~on~~ the two fugitives <sup>dashed to</sup> ~~from~~ a car they had outside. There was an exchange of a score of shots in the crowded post office and the street. One bystander was hit and injured. It is believed that one of the two fugitives was wounded. But they both got away in their car.

Tonight the manhunt is on - the police far and wide on the lookout for a black coupe. ~~That~~ car was last reported speeding through Rossville, Kansas - the fugitives driving wildly.

AIMEE

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In Los Angeles today a denial was spoken, a vehement and emphatic "no, not true." This occurred in a lawsuit, the star of which is - Sister Aimee Semple McPherson, Evangelist of the Four Square Gospel. Not that Sister Aimee is suing or being sued - she's just a witness. Her daughter is suing her lawyer, and Sister Aimee is testifying for - the lawyer.

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She was in court today, the cynosure of all eyes - fashionably dressed with perfectly curled blond hair. Sister Aimee listened intently, because on the witness stand the affairs of her Angelus Temple were being discussed. A lawyer was questioning the Angelus Temple business manager, and was referring to an inspiring gospel service one night, in which Sister Aimee preached a soul-stirring sermon. The lawyer's questions evoked a picture of the Four Square Evangelist preaching her final call to religion, descending radiantly from the pulpit, and exclaiming to her business manager:

"How am I doing<sup>1</sup>, how am I doing<sup>1</sup>?"

To which the Angelus business manager is supposed to

## CORONATION

The deluge of Coronation news comes flooding more and more copiously. Perhaps you'll not want too much of it. But I feel that if I were to omit the item I have here -- I'd be accused of ducking a tough job. Because the first thing we hear about is -- the M'dadwa of M'goukawiwi. That's a tough one to pronounce, but the Coronation Committee in London is wrestling with the problem of whether or not that African potentate shall have a place in the royal procession. If he does they may have to allow him to be accompanied by Jum-Jum the sacred crocodile -- his inseparable companion.

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have replied: "You did great! The collections are fine!"

Today, when Sister Aimee heard that insinuation about collections, she left the courtroom with a faltering step - and fainted. A man standing nearby caught her as she fell, and for that gallant gesture he was awarded with a red, red rose from Sister Aimee's corsage.

Meanwhile, on the witness stand the business manager was uttering his vigorous, vehement denial. No - he didn't mention the collections. Perish the thought.

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Empire includes so many strange and barbaric principalities. The Committee for example, has to consider the royal majesty of the Bassomi, of Gopahungi. Also the Padalu of Pokmo. And then there's the Bahopi of Sliwiziland. Also, the Hijiwana, Queen of the Waspidili Pigmies, and, the ambassador of the Noti of Buttabuttagatawmi.

Buttabutta - gotta - go - homi -

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.