

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Passion and desperation rang through a courtroom in Moscow today. (Stark melodrama right from the beginning of that trial of the twenty-one former Bolshevik leaders. Tragic irony was present in the mere personalities of those prisoners who are believed to be doomed. There among the accused was Henry Yagoda. As head of the Ogpu, the Russian Secret police, in his time he sent thousands to premature graves.) He was an actor in many a drama similar to this one. Then the victims were associates of his own, -- friends, comrades, whom he prosecuted. Today, there he was, a victim this former Commissar of the dread Ogpu.

Actually, every man of those twenty-one, has in the years past, clamored for the condemnation and execution of others. It now turns out, at least the prosecution so charges, that those others were associates and fellow conspirators of the men on trial today.

There was an unexpected bit of theatre early in the proceedings. (As the names of the prisoners were called, they rose

in their seats and answered ^{with} one word, "Guilty." In the middle of the list there was a sudden interruption. A gray, stooping, respectable man in his late fifties, refused to play up to his part. In a low, trembling voice he said: "No, I am not guilty. My confession was false. I confessed because I thought it was hopeless to do otherwise. But I'm not guilty." That man was Nicholas Krestinsky, ~~for~~ ^{holder of} nine years ~~he held~~ one of the key jobs under the Soviet. For nine years he held the title of Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Berlin.) Krestinsky is the only man of ~~twenty~~ the twenty-one who denied he was a conspirator, a spy, a traitor, a murderer and - worst of all - a Trotskyist. As he made that denial, the cat-like prosecutor turned to two of the other defendants and said: "Isn't he a Trotskyist?" And those two fellow prisoners chorused: "Yes, he is." Things became a bit awkward later for former Ambassador Krestinsky. The prosecutor produced a letter which seemed to contradict Krestinsky's claim that he had ceased being a Trotskyist in Nineteen Twenty-Seven. Then said Krestinsky: "How about that other letter you must have seized when

my apartment was raided?" To which the prosecutor retorted sharply: "Never mind the other letter."

~~All of this must have been a somewhat shocking experience for Uncle Sam's Ambassador to Moscow, Joseph E. Davies. Several of the prisoners, including Krestinsky, ~~are his personal~~ friends. They've dined at the American Embassy in Moscow, they've entertained the American Ambassador and his wife.~~

(Still another of the prisoners, Christian Rakovsky, was a fellow diplomat. In fact, he was considered one of the top-notch Ambassadors of the Soviet.

Then there is Dr. Levin, the famous Russian physician, superintendent of the Kremlin Hospital. He's ^{the one} accused of having murdered the writer, Maxim Gorky, at the instigation of Trotsky.

He has confessed it, told in detail how he did it. It seems ^{the} ~~too~~ ^{wilder} than an Edgar Allan Poe nightmare. Incredible!
~~the confession~~ Trotsky, according to the confession of still another prisoner, wanted Gorky killed because he was too close and loyal a friend of Stalin.) ~~Dr. Levin on one occasion was called in to treat Ambassador Davies.~~

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To us a weird, unfathomable business. ^{One man, the missing} ~~is all this to our western~~
^{central figure,}
~~eyes~~ One man describes it as "grandiose nonsense, the delirium

of a lunatic armed with enormous power." Such are the words of
^{spoken}
Leon Trotsky from his exile in Mexico.

As Trotsky was saying this, the man ~~in~~ he and Lenin
overthrew, was arriving in New York harbor. Alexander Kerensky,
for a brief period Premier of Republican Russia, ~~is~~ here for a

lecture tour. ^{Today Kerensky} ~~Naturally, he~~ was asked his opinion. ~~about what's~~

~~going on in the country of his birth.~~ The once Menchevik leader,

secured his monocle in his eye, ^{and} ~~as he~~ replied: "Stalin has been
executing from twenty to twenty-five men a day. There are five

million in the concentration camps all the time. These purges -

they will continue. But," he added, "the end of the dictatorship

is absolutely near." ^{It} Thereat one of the reporters was unkind

enough to remind him that he had made the same prophecy when he was

here last. That was eleven years ago. And Kerensky ^{dropped the monocle and} snapped: ~~out~~

"I never pretended to be a historical prophet."

AUSTRIA

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The trouble in Austria today has been like a grass fire that you get under control in one place, only to have it flare up in another. (Having squelched the Nazi turbulence in Graz, troops had to be moved north to Linz, not far from Vienna. *And* That's getting pretty close to the German border. The Nazis at Linz are threatening to defy the law on Sunday with illegal mass meetings all over the place. ^{So} The government has mobilized police reserves throughout the countryside. But all day there have been demonstrations in Linz, acts of terror against the Jews.)

A grapevine report from Vienna has it that Chancellor Schuschnigg has decided upon a new policy toward the Nazi disorders. Hitherto it has been the custom to arrest the small fry and let the leaders alone, though keeping them under strict watch. In the future, Schuschnigg will hold the leaders responsible for any illegal acts of the rank and file of the Swastika followers. *(And)* He's about to issue an ultimatum:- Nazi leaders must either stop the turbulence of their followers and publicly repudiate their acts, or else face exile ^{to} Germany; or imprisonment.)

BRITISH DEFENSE

Some while
~~ago~~ ago

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that John Bull would spend seven and one half billions ~~of~~ dollars on armaments. ~~That was~~ To be spread, ~~of course~~, over five years.

Today, a White Paper issued by the ^{London} government says the sum ~~actually~~ spent will be ~~even~~ larger. ~~But it doesn't say how much larger.~~

~~This year~~ In the coming year sixteen new warships will be commissioned, seventeen thousand men will be added to the personnel ^{of} ~~the British~~ ^{His Majesty's} Navy, millions of dollars spent on air defense.

(The keels of nine new men-o-war will be laid down. Two capital ships, four large battle cruisers, three smaller cruisers.)

~~And even~~ Before those seven and a half billion dollars are spent, John Bull will have the strongest navy and the largest air force in the world. ~~That's a large order~~ And then what? No doubt that will mean a change in foreign policy.

GUSTAF

The beautiful City of Nice on the Riviera ^{came near} ~~almost~~ witnessing ^{ing} a strange sight today, the spectacle of a King making his own bed. There was a strike of hotel employees in Nice, no work done at any of the six principal hotels. Staying at one of them was His Majesty, King Gustaf of Sweden. The management notified His Majesty of the predicament and assumed that the royal party would leave Nice and return to Stockholm. "Nonsense," replied His Majesty. "I'm having a good time, why should I cut short my vacation?" And he added: "Here I am and here I stay."

Apparently that melted even the stony hearts of the strikers, for the management was able to negotiate enough service for the royal tennis player so that at least he wouldn't have to press the royal pants or boil the royal eggs for breakfast.

REORGANIZATION

For many years the Comptroller-General of the United States has been a thorn in the side of many statesmen. When the job was created, the law provided that ^{this watch dog of the treasury} ~~a Comptroller General~~, once appointed could ~~not~~ⁿ either be fired by the President ⁿ or eased out by Congress. Washington correspondents have told us that on this account the Comptroller-General has been able to do a great deal of sound, good work protecting the public fund^s and preventing skullduggeries. So doing, he has irritated many of the great and famous. ~~When McCarl held the office, he was constantly annoying eminent personages. He watched every item like a hawk and made many a magnifico pay out of his own pocket for little items that had been supplied out of the public purse.~~

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In President Roosevelt's latest plan for reorganizing the government, there will be no Comptroller-General. The post to be abolished. Instead, there will be an Auditor-General. Senator Schwellenbach of Washington, introduced the bill and said: "The post of Comptroller-General is useless. It is a delusion and a snare." And he added: "The Comptroller-General doesn't do the Congress any good."

PERSHING

There was poignant significance in three words spoken from a sick bed this morning. The patient had been in a coma for days.

This morning
Today, he opened his eyes, looked around, and ~~said~~ ^{said:} "Where am I?"

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~~For the first time in his seventy-seven years, Black Jack Pershing, Fourth General of the armies of the United States, was lost.~~ Through ^{six military} ~~the six major~~ campaigns, such a thing had never happened to him. In the Indian Wars, in Cuba, in the Philippines, in Manchuria, in Mexico, and in France, Black Jack Pershing had always known ~~exactly~~ where he was. ~~It took a great illness to give him that strange experience.~~

Yes, That was a happy turn of events in that sick room in Tucson, Arizona. It means that, in spite of his seventy-seven years, General Pershing is recovering. Later on, as one of his physicians started to leave his bedside, the patient snapped, in the old tones that shouted commands in the field: "You come back here!" Or else say you'll be right back!" To which he added in the voice of the drill ground: "And you'd better be."

"Hm-m-m," said the doctor, "if you can growl like that,

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you're getting better." Whereupon he ordered the patient a breakfast of hot cereal and grapefruit.

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PLANE

No trace ~~has been found yet~~ of that missing plane. Late today three of Uncle Sam's army pilots started flying over the Sierras, east of Fresno. Long before that, a rescue party of three hundred men on foot ~~started plodding laboriously~~ ^{set off} through the deep snow ^s in the mountains. To make their task worst^e, a ^{heavy} ~~thick~~ ^{icy} ~~rain~~ began to pelt down from the skies.

The search for the plane and the nine missing people aboard her, was delayed for a while by ^{an ugly incident: -} ~~a cruel thing~~. A message came over the air that the airship had been found with everybody aboard alive and well. ^{But it turned out} ~~later that was found~~ ^{One wonders} to be a hoax. ^{What low form} of animal life ^{could} ~~can~~ find pleasure or profit in that kind of joke?

~~Two of the passengers aboard that missing plane are under-graduates at Leland Stanford University. They were flying home to Mansfield, Ohio, where their father is seriously ill. Nobody has dared to tell the sick man about the plane.~~

Late tonight a terrifying report was received by the searching party. The last time the T.W.A. liner was sighted was ^{around} ~~about~~ nine twenty P.M. yesterday evening, Pacific coast time; ~~That was~~ at Huntington ~~Lk~~ Lake. Ten minutes later, people living

near Shaver Lake, fifteen miles away, heard a crash. ~~So the~~

~~searchers had to change their directions~~ [↗] Perhaps the
clue to tragedy.

FLOOD

It's difficult to imagine what can have happened in Los Angeles. As we have ~~see~~ often heard, it never rains in the city of the angels. So what was it that flooded several highways to the sea, inundated all the lowlands, ruined whole families, filled the streets with a substance that looked, tasted and felt like water? ^{Maybe} ~~Probably~~, it was ^{- well} ~~that~~ liquid sunshine? Nevertheless, frantic calls for help went to the police, the sheriff's office, and the Red Cross. ^{Tonight} There's a shortage of boats ~~which were~~ sadly needed to rescue families marooned in their houses. ^{And boats} ~~Some folks~~ ~~stayed in their homes. Boats were needed to carry them~~ provisions. In the hill districts, streets were blocked by landslides. Trees toppled across the highways, their roots loosened by water. ~~Thousands of acres are flooded, houses crashed, highways impassable. Four people are known to be dead, two women, a little boy, and a baby.~~

~~But~~

Just a minute, there's worse to come. A bulletin just

^{in says} ~~came in that~~ rain is still falling in the city of the angels.

They've had ten inches of it in four days, almost half of that today. And the outlook is for more. The city is officially

preparing to face the fact of a major disaster. The mayor summoned the Emergency Relief Council to coordinate relief activities.

Five thousand people are homeless. ~~The list of deaths has risen to~~ *Six dead.*

~~Property damage~~ estimated at five million dollars/ Hundreds

~~of people are~~ *at this moment* waiting in terror lest the furious downpour break ~~down~~ *the great emergency*

~~the~~ flood dams.

KIDNAP

The story of the kidnapped boy of New Rochelle, New York, follows a grim pattern. Today it came to light that Murray Levine, the missing boy's father, had received a third ransom note.

The text, printed on a toy typewriter, gave Mr. Levine directions of how the sixty thousand dollars in ransom should be paid.

On the back of that note was a sentence written in pencil.

It read: "Please give these men the money. I have a bad cold."

Signed Peter. The handwriting was identified to be that of twelve year old Peter Levine.

That note was received on Monday. But it was hitherto successfully kept from public knowledge. On Monday there was a telephone call to the house of Dr. Nowak, Rabbi of the

synagogue that the Levines attend. A person with a guttural

foreign
~~German~~ voice told the Rabbi to look under a tin pan in a vacant

lot next to the synagogue. First, the tin pan could not be

found. Later, the Rabbi's secretary located the pan and found

the note. We don't know whether Mr. Levine followed the

instructions in that note. But one thing is definite, the boy

has not yet been returned.

PRISONER

A Pittsburgh gentleman was in the sneezer last week, accused of theft. He was afraid of what might happen to him when he came to trial. His clothes were shabby and he had no means to put up a good front. So the gentleman who shares his cell said good-naturedly, "Take mine, I've got a fairly good suit." ~~of clothes.~~

The gentleman accused of theft looked so nice in court, dolled up in those borrowed clothes, that he was acquitted, set free.

Today he's back in jail again. He forgot to return that borrowed suit, says his cell mate.

STUDENTS

Some withering remarks were made today by the eminent Dr. Conant, President of Harvard ~~University~~. At least one quarter of the students in the medical colleges and perhaps one half, ought to be dropped, he said. They should be replaced by more talented young men and women who can't afford to go to college under the present set-up. Too many under-graduates are recruited from the rich or well-to-do classes. ^{Said he:—} In the lower income bracketts of the country there is an untapped reservoir of promising youngsters who ought to be helped, ^{who} ~~They~~ could really benefit by a higher education, whereas many of those now in college aren't doing themselves or anybody else any good.

SCHOOL

1/2 A serious mishap befell an academy for ^{Young} gentlemen near Montour Falls, New York. All the silverware disappeared. There wasn't ⁿ either knife, fork or spoon with which the food could be eaten.

Did the headmaster send for the police? He did not.

He had his own ideas about what had happened to his silverware.

For he remembered that only a year ago all the chairs in the dining room, almost a hundred of them, mysteriously disappeared.

After a few days, those chairs were found, hidden away in a barn.

~~So that is why~~ ^{So,} the headmaster ~~didn't call in the police. He knew~~

~~a trick worth two or three of that. He~~ announced that until the silverware showed up again, there would be no food requiring the

use of ~~either~~ knife, fork or ~~any~~ spoon. ~~So~~ For breakfast ^{the} ~~those~~

young gentlemen had milk and toast. For lunch, sandwiches and

hot chocolate. What they'll have for dinner tonight depends

entirely upon the presence or absence of that silverware. The bets are that it will show up. And s-l-u-t-m.

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