

Good Evening, Everybody:

A touch of surprise is given to the news from Asia today. A report which, to be sure is not yet confirmed, has it that the Chinese Governor of the province of Reicho has surrendered to the Japanese forces. Of course, this communication comes from Japanese headquarters in Manchukuo. It adds that representatives of General Tang, the Governor of Reicho, are on their way to Japanese headquarters to discuss terms of surrender.

*T* The Japs had announced yesterday that having smashed through the Chinese first line of resistance, their advance guard would halt for a few days in order to allow the supply trains to catch up with the fighting forces. It seems now that this was just a bit of bluff. Today the Mikado's soldiers crashed through China's second line of defense. They captured the town of *Chifung* Chihfeng. This is an important strategic point in the drive on the capital.

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It is an industrial and railroad center only ninety-two miles *away*.  
~~from the capital of the province.~~

The Chinese are not admitting all these claims.

For their part, they announce that their front line has been extended twenty-five miles on the south, in a surprise movement to outflank the Japs.

BERLIN

In Germany the gagging of the press has become more emphatic than ever. President von Hindenburg signed another decree today which is called an emergency edict against the betrayal of the German people. It provides that persons who publish news abroad either true or false, of which the government does not approve, may be jailed for not less than three months. In other words, <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ American and other foreign correspondents in Berlin have got to cable what the government wants them to, or

*down to the deutecher hoosegow they must go.*

The national election in Germany, the third within a year, is only four days off. Correspondents say that outwardly the republic appears to be quiet. But under the surface there is something like panic amongst the ranks of those opposed to Chancellor Hitler and his Nazi cabinet.

A man hunt for Communists is going on all over the country. Hundreds of people are being arrested, not only among the Communists, but the other opponents of the Nazis. H. R. Knickerbocker cables the New York Evening Post that the leaders of

all the opposing parties, as well as members of the former Cabinets, are prepared for the worst.

It seems, however, that there is another aspect of the situation in Germany. Although she is in the throes of a political struggle, there are already signs of stability. ~~is~~

~~Germany~~ For the first time since the Republic was erected, the parties and groups which possess both the economic power and the armed power, have combined. Furthermore, since Adolf Hitler rose to the Chancellorship, he has abandoned the extreme statements that he used to give out while he was in opposition. In the seat of power he shows a tendency to caution and to conservatism. Commerce in Germany is already on the upswing, and confidence in ~~the~~ business circles<sup>s</sup> is increasing.

IRELAND

(Well, here's something from Dublin again. The Dail, the Irish parliament, passed a bill abolishing the oath of allegiance to the British Crown. It was passed by a vote of seventy-five to forty-nine. Political observers ~~believe~~<sup>see in</sup> this is another step towards the establishment of an Irish Republic in place of the <sup>present</sup> Free State, ~~which it is at present~~.

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The mysterious disappearance of Ernest Liebold, General Secretary to Henry Ford, is no longer either a mystery or a disappearance. After the entire state had been hunting for him nearly twenty-four hours, Mr. Liebold telephoned to the general headquarters of the Ford concern that he was at Trav<sup>er</sup>~~er~~ City, Michigan. Nothing had been heard from him since eleven o'clock Monday morning, and all sorts of anxiety had been aroused. Mr. Liebold explained that he went away for a rest. He was worn out, he says, mentally exhausted. He now is rested and will return to Detroit shortly.

ROOSEVELT

President-elect Roosevelt made an announcement today confirming rumors which have been current for some time. It concerns the staff of the White House. The head of the staff will be Louis McHenry Howe, the Senior Secretary. Marvin Hunter McIntyre will be the Secretary in charge of the front part of the White House. He will be the man whom visitors will have to pass before seeing the President. Mr. Roosevelt's contact man with the public and press is to be Stephen T. Early.

Previous to this announcement Mr. Roosevelt confirmed the stories of the appointments of the last two members of his cabinet. They are Daniel C. Roper, as Secretary of Commerce, and Frances T. Perkins, ~~of New York~~, as Secretary of Labor. Miss Perkins is the first woman ever named to a cabinet portfolio in the U. S. A.

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Incidentally, her appointment has ~~aroused~~ the first ~~xxxx~~ vehement objection. Labor does not approve Miss Perkins, and says so in no mild terms. William Green, President of

A. F. of L. announces that the Federation can never become reconciled to the selection of Miss Perkins.

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Two prominent households this week have been in the throes of an arduous ordeal -- packing. Both at the White House and at Mr. Roosevelt's country house the business of moving was hustling along. The procession from Hyde Park to New York and Washington began this afternoon. Many of the Roosevelt effects are already on their way to the White House. The dogs have been taken today. Mr. Roosevelt left Hyde Park late this afternoon for New York. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will arrive in Washington tomorrow evening, to begin ~~an strenuous~~ round of receptions and other functions.

Washington is already dolled up for the Inaugural, and visitors are beginning to pour into the capital.



CABINET

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Most of the new Cabinet is either in Washington today or ~~EXNEX~~ expected tomorrow. Several ministers are already at work as hard as though March fourth were ~~Monday~~ here. Both the new Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, and the New Secretary of the Treasury, William Woodin, are taking charge, and the new Director of the Budget, Lewis Douglas, has been hard at work for several days.

Mr. Roosevelt had a conference late today, in New York, with Secretary Woodin, about ~~bx~~ the banking situation. Mr. Woodin came from Washington. At the last moment before leaving Hyde Park, Mr. Roosevelt received a <sup>telephone</sup> report from Mr. Woodin on the national banking situation. Reporters say that when this conversation was over Mr. Roosevelt seemed to be in a jovial mood. It is announced that they have the situation well in hand.

CONGRESS

(Late advices in this evening's news have it that Mr. Roosevelt may call a special session of Congress for March twentieth. According to previous rumors this extra session was not to be until April seventeenth, but the necessity for emergency legislation on the banking and relief, ~~situation~~, it is said, make it necessary not to wait ~~so~~<sup>so</sup> long.)

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BANKRUPTCY

The House of Representatives today passed the Bankruptcy and Debt Revision bill, the measure designed for the relief of debtors. It was sent to President Hoover for his consideration this afternoon. It is said that both Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt have approved the act and that Mr. Hoover will lose no time in signing it.

The other day in the Evening Bulletin of Providence I saw a report that former Gov. Harry Byrd of Virginia would take the place of Senator Swanson, when the Senator becomes Secretary of the Navy. Tonight in the Brooklyn Times Union I see a final confirmation of this.

CERMAK

There is more favorable news from Mayor Tony Cermak. The physicians announce that he ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> noticeably better. For the first time in several days he ~~has~~ been able to take nourishment. And he spent the most restful night since complications set in.

COPS

New Yorkers and visitors to New York must not be surprised if when speaking to a policeman in <sup>the</sup> future he replies in the cultivated accents of a university man. A reporter of the New York Sun has been making a survey of the new crop of men who are studying to become policemen and join New York's force "the finest". He finds that among them are actors, professional golfers, teachers, musicians, and thousands of other people who formerly would never even have considered becoming a copper.

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Then too, an astonishingly large number of women are going in for police work. No less than four hundred of the girls have been taking lessons for months so as to pass the <sup>lady coppers</sup> civil service examination. ~~for the New York Police Department.~~ The percentage of college trained persons is especially high among the women.

In one school which trains people to pass these examinations are lawyers, doctors, and dentists. One of the men is a graduate of Harvard. Another was once a famous halfback. ~~in another university.~~

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Another fact brought out in this survey is that although quite a number of boxers try to become cops, as a rule they can't pass the physical examination. Eighty per cent of them have bad eyes, *blacked too often I suppose.*

BASEBALL

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Joe Williams in tonight's New York World Telegram has an interesting story about Tom Yawkey, the young millionaire who has just bought the Boston Red Sox. There <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ been much curiosity about him because hitherto he was quite unknown in sporting circles. So baseball fans wanted to know: "What kind of a guy is he?" ~~xxxxx~~ Joe Williams says that when he met young Mr. Yawkey, ~~xxx~~ he exclaimed: "You look a bit like Hack Wilson." "Well," replied Mr. Yawkey, "I wish I could hit like him." <sup>P</sup> Mr. Yawkey explained the principal reason he bought the Boston Club is that he is in his own words: "Just a fan". And he adds: "I've always wanted to own a Ball Club. Fortunately I was in a position to buy one. I bought it both as a sporting gesture and as a business investment." Mr. Yawkey is sure it will bring dividends on both counts. As a matter of fact, Mr. Yawkey's father, a <sup>millionaire</sup> lumber man in ~~xx~~ Michigan, was once part owner of the Detroit Tigers. <sup>P</sup> He said that when the Red Sox Club was first offered to him he held off for a while. He wanted to be sure to get a

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certain fellow as manager. That certain fellow was Eddie  
Collins of the Athletics. ~~xxxx~~

Well, Mr. ~~Y~~awkey got Mr. Eddie Collins, and this  
coming season we shall see what we shall see.



PING PONG

~~Now for a~~ <sup>big</sup> bit of news ~~from~~ the sporting world! ~~is that a~~  
~~big event begins tonight. It is~~ the tournament for the eastern  
Ping Pong ~~championship~~ <sup>gets under way</sup> ~~it will be played~~ tonight,  
~~tomorrow and Friday evening~~ in the grand ballroom of the hotel  
New Yorker. Most of the prominent Ping Pong virtuosi of the east  
will be there. One of them, by the way, Alfred H. Chapin, Jr.,  
is a former tennis star. This tournament will be the preliminary  
to the tournament for the national championship which is to be  
played next week at the Palmer house <sup>in Chicago.</sup> Incidentally, the President  
of the American Ping Pong Association is no less a celebrity than  
Sidney Lenz, the ~~senior~~ contract bridge magnifico.

I learn today that Ping Pong championships have curious  
rules. The competitors are not allowed to play in their vests or  
their suspenders. The Tournament Committee ~~has~~ <sup>bars</sup> them  
because they detract from the dignity of the game. If you want  
to be a Ping Pong champion, you've got to play in your shirt,  
without your vest, <sup>and you must</sup> ~~and~~ wear a belt. Furthermore, you have to wear

a colored shirt. Why? Because if you wear a white shirt you furnish a blind background for the little <sup>white</sup> celluloid ball.

These, it seems, ~~are~~ the law<sup>s</sup> of the Medes and Persians for Ping Pong tournaments.

This is also the first tournament in which women ~~have been~~ <sup>are</sup> allowed to compete. Hitherto the dear ladies were barred because they weren't considered good enough. Since then they've been practising up and they say that some of them are better than the men.

One of the few times I pinged the pong was with a woman, Mrs. P. W. at the Famous Hotel Algonguin and she gave me an awful trimming. So I'll ~~never know~~ <sup>never know</sup> what it ~~would~~ feels like to be the Ping Pong

champion of America.

LIES

The Literary Digest quotes an item from a paper called the Nebraska Awgwan. A doughboy of one of Uncle Sam's military posts went to his Colonel and asked for leave to go home to help his wife with the spring housecleaning. Said the Colonel: "Well, I hate to refuse you, but I've just received a letter from your wife saying that you are no use around the house." The soldier saluted and turned to go. At the door he stopped, turned around, and saluted again and said: "Colonel, there are two ~~men~~ <sup>liars</sup> in this regiment ~~who handle the truth loosely~~, and I'm ~~am~~ one of them. I ain't ~~got~~ <sup>got</sup> no wife."

Well, you might say one good lie deserves another.

WELSH

To some people this is the first of March. To others it is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, when we are all supposed to deny ourselves ~~of~~ something or other. To still another large section of the population it is something more. This is St. David's Day, the anniversary of the Patron Saint of the Welsh people. Because of my name I am supposed to be a Welshman myself, but I must admit that the origin is quite far <sup>- exceedingly remote,</sup> back. The Cymrians will tell you that anybody named Thomas is bound to be of Welsh origin, as well as anybody who's named Evans, Davies, Davis, Williams, Morgan, and so forth.

Well, a good many people figure Wales as being somewhere in ~~either~~ Australia or some other weird part of the ~~world~~. As a matter of fact, the Welsh have a language of their own, and it is their modest claim that it will be the language of Heaven. That's a thought for the Tall Story Club. ~~It is~~ ~~suggested that not very many people are able to speak the Welsh~~ ~~tongue, though it is an exceedingly liquid and musical tongue.~~

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The Welsh even sing their hymns in their own language. The songs of the ancient Welsh bards are today to a Welshman more alive than contemporary music. Their national Eisteddfod, a music festival that is held in Wales every year, produces some of the most beautiful choral singing to be heard anywhere in the world. This I learned on the authority of competent professional musicians. They say that the minute you get four or even three

Welshmen together a choral society is promptly founded, *just as when Greek meets Greek they start a restaurant.*

All over the United States and Canada the folks of Welsh descent are ~~setting together~~ *at this moment* to celebrate the feast of St. David. In Boston, for instance, they are having a supper and concert at Tremont Temple. But in every other town you will hear the famous march of the "Men of Harlech", and other great Welsh songs.

Since I have a Welsh name here's a greeting for any Cymrians who may be listening in: Keriad ah kinahneye i-rrr merrked -- Farrwell kan ee varree.

And in case the non-Welsh are curious, it means Love and kisses to the ladies, and so long until tomorrow.