

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight the word "News" again rhymes in extra sensational fashion with the name "Hughes". On again, off again, gone again Hughes. At the present moment he's in Siberia. This afternoon at Omsk -- waiting for daylight to fly on to Yakutsk.

That most unusual millionaire and his four companions will have been flying so far at an average speed of two hundred and eleven miles an hour. Prodigious! And they've kept it up all the way from New York.

A swift and exciting succession of reports poured in all day over the wire and across the air. Hughes and company left Moscow at one thirty-one this afternoon, six thirty-one this morning to us. A tremendous crowd of Dictator Stalin's comrades cheered the Democratic millionaire when he took off for Siberia. Hughes had been in Moscow just two hours and sixteen minutes, ~~xxx~~ long enough for the plane to be overhauled and refuelled and for the five adventurers to get a good hot meal of

Caviar, zakuski and bortsch washed down by no vodka. As a matter of fact, they hadn't intended to stay that long in Stalin's capital, but the crowds were so enormous they couldn't get away any earlier.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon, word came across the air -- Howard Hughes in Omsk. They had gone fourteen hundred and thirty-seven miles in seven hours, 'twenty-nine minutes. Thus at Omsk the elapsed time out of New York, not just the flying time, was forty-two hours and forty minutes.

Bulletin - they've just left Omsk for Yakutsk.

Luck being equal, Yakutsk, twenty-one hundred miles from Omſk, is to be Hughes's last stop in the Eastern Hemisphere. His next jump will be straight for Fairbanks, Alaska, two thousand, four hundred and fifty-six miles. ^{Then} On the American continent he'll make just one stop between Fairbanks and New York. That will be either Edmonton, Alberta, ^{or} Winnepeg; or maybe Minneapolis. So I learned just now from his friend and manager, Al Lodwick, President of ~~the~~ Stinson Aircraft Corporation. ^{Al} Lodwick tells me that they have a complete ~~weather~~ weather service ^{here} ~~right~~ at their New York headquarters; ^{and} there's one weather station sending in reports from Los Angeles, another from New Jersey, another from Long Island. In ^{that} way they make their own weather maps and keep Howard Hughes continuously in touch with ^{all} ~~all the~~ news of possible storms, wind direction, wind velocity, and so forth.

^{It al} In spite of the ~~wait at Omſk~~, Lodwick tells me that Hughes should be back in New York shortly before noon on Thursday, ~~our time~~

CHINA

The Japanese armies haven't had much luck on land in the last few days. So they're taking it out on the Chinese from the air again. The Mikado's bombing planes went on a series of raids that ranged from Hankow all the way south to Canton. Their total bag is estimated at two hundred civilians killed, ~~many~~ and many hundred wounded.

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The roads around Wuhan were jammed with thousands upon thousands of refugees. With all their worldly goods upon their shoulders or dragged along in carts, they were fleeing from the ~~cities around~~ ^{cities —} Wuhan, fleeing from the Japanese air raids. ~~Wuhan,~~ ~~you may recall, is the junction of the Han River and the Yangtze.~~ ~~The object of the raids is supposed to be southern Chinese~~ ~~resistance and to make the Japanese advance easier.~~

SPAIN

The City of Sagunto is in the news tonight, and so it was two thousand one hundred and fifty-seven years ago ^{-- then} with the Latinized name of Saguntum. In the year Two Hundred and Nineteen B.C., the city figured in one of the most dramatic episodes of history.

It was the time when the great Hannibal was in the beginning of his mighty plan to destroy Rome - marching with the Carthaginian army on ~~the~~ southern Spain, through Gaul, ^{and on} across the Alps, with one world famous victory after another ^{— right} to the very gates of Rome. His first action in that historic campaign was to attack the Iberian City of Saguntum, which had an alliance with Rome. That caused Rome to protest to Carthage, and two distinguished senators went as ambassadors and appeared before the Carthag^{inian} Senate. There they demanded that the Carthaginians order Hannibal to stop his attack on Saguntum. A debate started, ^{But} ~~and~~ the Roman ambassadors broke it off. One of them, speaking as the voice of Rome, cried out: "We offer you peace or war - take your choice." With that, there was a tumult and answering shouts - "We'll take war!".

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And so that terrific struggle, known as the Second Punic War, was on - with Hannibal storming Saguntum after a desperate siege and marching on to victories that almost destroyed Rome.

Such were the tidings more than two thousand years ago.

P Today's news is - that the battalions of Generalissimo Franco, battling down the coast, have captured a mountain stronghold, which puts them within sight of Sagunto. That town of ancient renown is one of the major objectives of their advance against the nearby great City of Valencia.

REFUGEES

The conference of political refugees went on with its work at Evian in France today. ~~Today's~~ ^{The} proceedings foreshadow fireworks by the end of the week. For on Friday, a resolution is going to be presented to the main body of the conference, ~~was~~ ^{a resolution} drawn up by ~~the three principal powers, Uncle Sam, John Bull, and France.~~ ^{Great Britain, the U.S.}

The resolution is obviously aimed at Nazi Germany, for it says: "Countries which receive refugees are entitled to expect that the country of origin will make its contribution. That contribution would be to enable all involuntary emigrants to take with them their property and possessions and emigrate in an orderly manner."

~~The Nazis of course are the principal power, confiscating~~ ^{have been impounding} the property and possessions of persecuted minorities. And it is hardly expected that Berlin will receive ~~the~~ ² resolution with ~~anything but a sneer.~~ ^{enthusiasm} ~~The word from Evian is that this is the business that has kept the American, French and British delegates in such a long, secret confab. As it stands, the resolution is a compromise.~~

NAZI

(A typical American country jury had its say today, ^{Said it} about six American Nazis;) ~~They were~~ leaders of a group that calls itself, the German-American Settlement League, Incorporated. Among their activities was the running of a Nazi camp at Yaphank, Long Island. ~~That is~~ The place where twenty years ago hundreds of thousands of American ^s were trained for the War against the country of the Nazis. They call that Yaphank place "Camp Siegfried." It's one of several similar camps in ^{the} eastern states, camps where Americans of German birth are initiated into the beauties and duties of Hitler institutions. They're taught to goose-step and say "Heil der Fuehrer!" The Swastika flag hangs as prominently as the Stars and Stripes. In fact it was brought out in court that at one meeting the picture of Adolph Hitler appeared over that of President Roosevelt.

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(For several days ^{the} a trial has been going on at Riverhead, Long Island, ~~county seat of Suffolk County, in an essentially American region.~~ ^{The} Those six leaders were charged with violating the civil rights of New York State; ~~They were~~ accused of operating an organization whose members are bound by an oath, and ^{accused} of neglecting to file with the Secretary of State a list of membership.

The defense was that they were not operating an oath bound organization. The state countered by putting on the stand an ex-Nazi, once a storm trooper in Germany. He had fallen from grace and fled for his life for America. He swore that the German-American Settlement League was bound by an oath. Thereupon Fritz Kuhn, Fuehrer of the German-American Bund, tried to swear out a warrant charging the witness with perjury. But it didn't work.

(Today the verdict of that Riverhead jury was -- guilty.)

Whereupon the judge passed sentence, and said: "Things went on in this courtroom that I did not believe could happen in these United States."

(Sentence on the president of the League was a fine of five hundred dollars and one year imprisonment.) On the other five leaders, the sentence was a fine of five hundred dollars and a suspended sentence of a year in prison. Then said the judge: "Mr. District Attorney, the court orders you to turn over the minutes of this trial to the proper federal authorities."

(Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn promptly announced that the verdict would be appealed.)

STRONG MAN

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Yesterday at Adrian, Michigan, the news was exciting. Art Weeks, a local citizen, used to be a circus strong man - one of those mighty men of muscle who lift huge weights and bend massive iron bars. So it was strenuous indeed when Art indulged in what the police called "disorderly conduct." It was still more strenuous when those same police arrested Art. It took four of them, four of the huskiest. They hung on to the strong man, and were hurled about by him ~~it was on~~ ^{in a} Homeric struggle. Finally, the four cops subdued Art, and locked him up in the local jail. And once more quiet descended upon the town.

Today's news from Adrian, Michigan, is still more exciting. The cops went to get Art and take him before the judge to be sentenced. Was there another Homeric struggle? Not at all. Art wasn't there. ^{He} had escaped. And in his getaway the strong man had ripped the jail door from its hinges and pushed the whole front of the callaboose off its foundation. The police force is now looking ~~for him~~ ^{for the Adrian Samson} but they don't know what they'll do with him when they get him. ^{quite}

The professional golfers opened their Championship Tournament today with a surprise in the ~~very~~ first round.

Harry Cooper is renowned as ~~one of the greatest shot makers,~~

And -
a wizard alike at driving and putting. [^] You would expect the

big question to be -- how did Harry make out in the final rounds?

in the first round
Today [^] he played against Felix Serifin, who is

known to be erratic -- great when he's hot, but sometimes he's

not so hot.
~~quite chilly~~ So Harry Cooper was expected to win, [^] *And* when the

course of the play found him two strokes up at the seventh

~~hole~~ -- he looked like a sure thing. Then, however, the

great shot-maker lost five holes in succession, which was a

surprise indeed. Moreover, on the twelfth green he had some

sort of lapse of consciousness and picked up his ball, --

which was truly startling. *That* ~~and~~ [^] lost him the twelfth hole.

With that combination of surprises, he was beaten --

eliminated in the first round.

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SMITH

The New York State Constitutional Convention took action today on the subject of railroad grade crossings - and former Governor Al Smith was in the thick of the proceedings. He supported Park Commissioner Moses of New York City in the contention that the State should eliminate grade crossings at its own expense. ~~The opposition took the view that the railroads should be compelled to bear a part of the expense.~~ In the course of the debate, Al Smith declared that the Roosevelt administration had failed to keep a campaign pledge of Nineteen Thirty-Two, the pledge to help the railroads - which has not been done. However, ~~the advocates of making the railroads pay won out~~ the Convention adopted an ~~amendment to the new State Constitution, an~~ amendment which would enable the state to go to court and compel the railroads to pay their share in eliminating grade crossings.

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All this leads to a point more personal and at the same time of wider interest, a point concerning the man in the Brown Derby. ~~insistent~~ *It bears upon* reports that he may run for the United States Senate. New York politics are still seething around the vacancy left by the death of Senator Copeland, and the Nineteen Twenty-Eight

candidate for the presidency is mentioned as a ^{likely} possibility.

Today's debate was ~~on~~ in full swing, with New York's United States Senator Wagner making some vigorous remarks.

Refer~~ring~~ing to Al Smith, he stumbled into a slip of speech and spoke of him as - Senator.

Al jumped to his feet with a quick come-back. "I'm not senator yet," he exclaimed. "But I might be."

Senator Wagner eased ~~out~~ of the political complications by saying with a laugh - "I didn't intend to be a ~~messiah~~ ^{messiah} prophet."

INDIANA

The Democrats held their state convention in Indianapolis today and everything went according to schedule. It was a walk-away ~~xxx~~ for Senator Van Nuys, who had been read out of the party after his vote against the Supreme Court Bill. But that's hardly news.

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It was all arranged last week. The man who introduced ~~the~~ Van Nuys's name at the convention was that ardent New Dealer, Senator Sherman Minton, the Chairman. He referred to him cordially as- "my colleague." Thereupon ~~the~~ Van Nuys was renominated on the first roll call.

When that was over, Governor Townsend, the man who had read him out of the party, jumped to his feet and grabbed the hand of ^{the} Senator.

~~Van Nuys.~~

(The Democratic
So, as we expected, ~~that~~ convention at Indianapolis ~~is~~
~~wound up~~
~~what is generally known~~ as a love feast. ^{One} ~~The other~~ important thing
it did, was to acclaim its favorite son, Paul McNutt, as the
Indian ^a candidate for president.) That also had all been arranged.

The mention of the name of ^{the} High Commissioner of the Philippines
~~was~~ ^{favorite son} the signal for the usual sort of demonstration.

$\frac{1}{2}$ The folks of Oklahoma went to the poll today for their primaries, with the thermometer over ninety in the shade. Everybody is anxious to learn how the Oklahoma Democrats will vote about the man whom F.D.R. the other day called, "My very old friend, Elmer Thomas."

Of course we have only a few first scattering returns to talk about now. And these few sound like a good omen for the President's very old friend. He has a handsome lead over Representative Gomer Smith.

And, in the race for governor, it looks bad for our own very old friend Alfalfa Bill Murray. That former constant resident of the front pages Alfalfa Bill is running a bad third.

HOCKADAY

Here's one of special interest to Flyers Jimmy Doolittle and Frank Hawks.

The law is proceeding with Woody Hockaday, the man who tried to jump into President Roosevelt's car in Oklahoma City on Saturday. He took a bad beating for it at the time, since the guard and spectators thought he was trying to attack the President. Later claimed he only wanted to talk to Mr. Roosevelt.

Today he was brought to his home town, Wichita, Kansas, and he is now in the county jail at Wichita, on a warrant charging him with insanity. Woody Hockaday once was one of the foremost citizens of Wichita, a prosperous man of affairs.

Hockaday recently tried to get Doolittle and Hawks to help him on a flight to Spain, dressed as Paul Revere, so he could land between the lines, release a Dove of Peace and thus stop the War in Spain.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.