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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A subdued American Legion nursing a hang-over from yesterday's enthusiasm settled down to business today in a subdued New York City. After the din and excitement of yesterday the quiet of today was almost thunderous -- by contrast. Except for some excellent voluntary band concerts outside the R.C.A. Building, you'd hardly have known the Legion was in town. As a matter of fact until a late hour this afternoon I suspect a goodly number of the buddies were still sleeping it off. The Convention was an hour and three quarters late convening at the Metropolitan Opera House this morning. Commander Colmery and other Legion officials spoke with noticeably hoarse voices. But the Brethren were not worried. They were asleep in the boxes at the Met.

One of the most exciting events of the day was the discovery of "Elmer." For the last three days you've probably heard over the radio frequent shouts of; "Where's Elmer?" Elmer was found in a hotel room trying under adverse conditions to write a speech. It's the speech he plans to make accepting the nomination

for National Commander at the Convention ~~on~~ on the "Original Elmer" ticket. Elmer had a hard job writing that speech as the room was full of buddies urging him on with raucous shouts of "Hurrray for Elmer." One of the buddies was soaking his sore feet in a dish of rice pudding. He said it was a recipe he got from his father who was a cop. Now that you know ~~where Elmer~~ where Elmer ^{is} you may want to know who ^{is} Elmer!

His full name is Elmer Ryder. He is a tax expert in Chicago and was once a second baseman in the ~~League~~ ^{Three-I} League ~~out~~ in the Mid-West.

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The slogan "Where's Elmer" originated at the ~~Rex~~ Peoria Convention of the Legion in 1933. In the crowd was a friend of Elmer's named Blanche Osborne. She wanted to find Elmer and decided the best way to do it was to let her wishes be known. So ~~xxx~~ for hours she strode the streets and halls of Peoria screaming at the top of a powerful pair of lungs: "Where's Elmer?"

The most important bit of business transacted by the Legion Convention today was to ~~xxx~~ decide to go to Los Angeles next year. Of course that's hardly news since it has long been

understood. Chicago and Denver withdrew their bids and Los Angeles was nominated by acclamation.

With that accomplished, the Legionnaires listened to an address by Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor. He explained:- "We have so much in common as to make it comparatively easy to promote understanding and cooperation." Then he pointed to the opposition of the A. F. of L., Communism, Fascism, and Nazism. But not C.I.O.ism.

Mr. Green made no overt reference to his enemies of the C. I. O. But he said: "Unfortunately attempts have been made by the Communists to seek and secure control of the organized labor movement of the United States."

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt told of family plans for his western trip. Mrs. Roosevelt will accompany him, and when they reach Seattle they will be joined by his son and secretary, Lieutenant Colonel James Roosevelt, and Mrs. Jimmy. There will be a sort of family reunion in Seattle, at the home of Daughter Anna Roosevelt Boettiger and her husband Son-In-Law John, who is running William Randolph Hearst's Seattle newspaper, the "P.I."

Before he left Hyde Park the President made an interesting announcement about the census he is going to have taken of the unemployed. It will be done not by the election machinery but by Uncle Sam's mail carriers. John Biggers, Administrator of the Census, explained:- "By this means we will avoid asking the unemployed to go to registration centers and stand in long lines waiting their turn." He also added:- "The Post Office has a trained personnel, and ought to be able to do this better and more cheaply."

BLACK

At last a defender of Mr. Justice Black and of his appointment comes to the front. And he's a notable, even a formidable, defender. Uncle George Norris, the veteran and universally respected Senator from Nebraska, said: "The only objection I had to the appointment of Senator Black is that he was needed in the Senate as much as he was needed in the court."

Mr. Norris was asked: "What about Mr. Black's Ku Klux Klan affiliations?" Uncle George replied: "I've always been opposed to the Klan. But quite a few members of Congress, and many good people elsewhere, have at some time in their lives been members of that organization."

A voice raised in opposition to Justice Black today was that of Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. "Unless Congress is assured that Mr. Black is not a member of the Klan, there will undoubtedly be a resolution adopted in Congress demanding his immediate resignation," said this Senator.

DOUGLAS

There's been a good deal of argument and anxiety in the Stock Market world about William Orville Douglas, the new Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In some quarters there has been fear that his appointment might mean something drastic and radical. For he has been a caustic critic of some of the practices prevalent in Wall Street. But-- Chairman Douglas arrived in Washington today and set a lot of fears at rest. He was asked, "What will be your policy?" And he replied, "Action." That sounded ominous, but then Mr. Douglas explained himself saying, "By action I do not mean castigation, I do not mean ruinous theories of social experimentation." "We will seek to maintain a free market, not a fixed market."

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Congressman Vinson of Kentucky has an idea about taxes which should interest many people, to put it mildly. He is Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House. And he announces today that the Committee is considering a suggestion of having taxes on small incomes deducted by the employer and paid by him to Uncle Sam instead of leaving it up to the small taxpayer himself. Such a system has been in practice in Great Britain for many years. Do I hear cheers for Mr. Vinson?

If the Republicans carry New Jersey in the November election, the next governor ~~of New Jersey~~ will be a Presbyterian clergyman. The Reverend Dr. Lester H. Clee, Senator from Essex County, won the Republican primaries with a lead of fifty thousand, six hundred and forty-two votes. That includes all but five hundred and twenty-eight election districts. ~~of course~~ The Democratic nomination was won by United States Senator ~~to~~ Harry Moore. And if he wins the election, he'll break a record by becoming Governor ~~New Jersey~~ for the third time. ^{He} Dr. Clee has a unique and spectacular record behind him.

Outside his own parish, nobody knew anything about him until three years ago when he became Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly. Then he became Senator and leader of the opposition to Governor Hoffman.

Still no news from T.O.M. Sopwith's yacht, the missing ENDEAVOUR THE FIRST. One of Uncle Sam's Coast Guard cutters returned today from the fruitless search. Caustic persons are pointing out that the hunt for the missing British yacht is apparently confined to American Coast Guard ships.

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Brown University today conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dr. Heinrich Bruening, once Chancellor of the German Reich. Dr. Bruening's forced resignation in Nineteen Thirty-Two brought about the situation which ended in Adolph Hitler taking the chancellorship. Dr. Bruening took no chances but promptly left Germany as soon as the Hitler regime was in power. He's an American now, lecturing at Harvard.

SPAIN

A couple of sensational incidents ~~is~~^S ~~on the Mediterranean littoral~~ seem to indicate that ~~General~~ Franco's Nationalists don't care whether they become embroiled with France or not. A band of one hundred and fifty Spanish Rebel soldiers tried to force their way across the International Bridge into France. The purpose, ~~was~~ to rescue their Chief, Major Troncoso, whom the French had arrested on a charge of being the leader of the plot to seize the Spanish Government submarine at Brest last Saturday. The invaders didn't know that ~~Max~~ Major Troncoso had been removed to the jail at Bayonne in expectation of just such an attempt. ~~Incidentally~~ ^T the invading Spanish Rebels were driven back with machine guns by the French Mobile guards.

In retaliation for that the French Consul at Malaga was arrested by ~~agents of General~~ Franco.

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The situation is serious. The French border has ^{now} been closed to all Spanish citizens. And ~~at the same time~~ the Spanish rebels are threatening reprisals.

A French liner was attacked in the Mediterranean today by an airplane. As before, nobody knows the nationality of the plane.

CHINA

The destruction of Nanking is on! Japan's reply to Uncle Sam's protest against the destruction of Nanking from the air was, figuratively speaking, a thumb to the nose. A hundred of the Mikado's war pilots rained bombs upon the Chinese capital this morning.) Washington retorted with a new protest, still more vigorous. The bombardment of Nankig is "unwarranted and contrary to the principles of humanity!" said Secretary Hull. To that he adds the earnest hope that further bombing in and around Nanking will be avoided. The protest was delivered to the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo today.

The bombing of Nanking, though fierce, was not effective. The bombs killed a few people and didn't do much damage. And -- there were raids around Canton, which created frightful havoc. So we learn today from a one-sided report.

Further news from the Far East is that Tokyo has finally admitted that it was a Japanese pilot who shot and wounded the British ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull Hugessen. The Japanese government explained that it was all due to a misunderstanding Tokyo said. The spokesman of Japan added:- "the

Japanese government will take suitable steps whenever it is established that Japanese aviators killed or wounded, intentionally or through negligence, nationals belonging to a third country." Whereupon the British government promptly replied that it considered the incident closed.

PERU

A report from Peru reached Washington today which some people thought significant. The government of Peru has published a decree reserving all the helium gas produced in that country for the Peruvian government, forbidding it to be either exported or exploited for private purposes. The report was conveyed to our Department of Commerce, which greeted it with a cynical smile. For -- no helium has been discovered in Peru.

BASEBALL

So (the New York Yankees have the American League pennant ^{mathematically} ~~comfortably~~ in the bag. That was settled early this afternoon ~~ix~~ when they won the first game of a double-header from the lowly St. Louis Browns. ^{The} Ruppert Rifles can now afford to lose all the remaining game^s of the season. And even though ^{second place} the Detroit Tigers win all of theirs, the New Yorkers will still have the pennant. ~~But~~ as soon as the score went up on the board at the stadium this afternoon, the Management of the Club announced that tickets would be immediately placed on sale for three games in the World Series, the first, ~~the~~ second, and ~~the~~ sixth. It still remains to be seen whether the third, fourth and fifth will be played at Wrigley Field in Chicago or at the Polo Grounds in New York. ~~Naturally, New York fans are on tenterhooks hoping for another ~~ix~~ five cent World Series. ~~But~~~~ ^{for} the race in the National League is still in the lap of the Gods.

PHILBIN

Two and a half years ago Philip H. Philbin Jr, left New York, left the county. He left because he was earnestly wanted by Uncle Sam's agents on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Those two years and a half he has passed hunting big game in India, and Africa, and enjoying himself in other countries. Uncle Sam's men knew where he was all the time, because they read about him in the newspapers under date lines from England, France, Ireland, Belgium, Egypt and Asia. But they couldn't send after him, because they couldn't extradite him on the mail charge. He finally made his way back into the U.S.A. through Canada and was living on Park Avenue when today he was arrested. Quite a world traveller, but he may not travel so much in the near future.

MOODY

Mrs. Helen Wills Moddy is peeved. She went to the tennis courts at Los Angeles expecting to play in the mixed doubles with Baron Godfried von Cramm, the German ace. In fact she went there with that distinct understanding. Unfortunately, Baron von Cramm was not a party to the understanding. He hadn't heard anything about it and when the news was broken to him he said: "Sorry, impossible." He's playing in the men's singles and also in the men's doubles, and that, he said, is enough. So Mrs. Moddy walked off the courts where she was champion for so many years, and, they say she was not wearing her famous poker face.

Ab Jenkins, speed merchant, gave us his attempt for a forty-eight hour motor run on the Salt Flats of Bonneville, Utah. The track had become too soft for high speed driving, so Ab quit after twenty-four hours of it. Before he stopped, he smashed several records including his own and nearly killed himself. His car, MORMON MEDIA, struck one of the soft stretches on the flats, a rear tire exploded, and fragments of steel pierced Ab's right arm. But as soon as his

wounds were bandaged he took the wheel again and continued until the twenty-four hours were up. His average for the twenty-four was a hundred and fifty-seven point twenty six miles per hour. That's four and a half miles an hour more than his previous world's record established last year.

ENDING

Five million dollars for a birthday present, that's the gift received today by Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr. He spent part of it buying a four hundred and fifty acre farm in Maryland, a farm to raise horses. By the terms of his father's will, the young man, who became twenty-five today, receives five million every ^{five} years until he has twenty millions. A long time between birthday gifts, but every little bit helps. And ----SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.