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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Let's start with some good news. A real item about peace. A radiogram from Berlin announces the signing of an agreement between Germany and Poland. For a long time political observers have been afraid that the friction between these two countries, over the Danzig Corridor, would provide the fuse to explode the European dynamite magazine. The treaty agreed on between Warsaw and Berlin is for ten years. It is along the general lines of the pact of Paris commonly known as the Briand Kellogg Peace Pact.

CUBA

Still another foreign country has recognized the government of President Mendieta in Cuba. It was formally announced today in Brussels that Belgium has climbed on the bandwagon.

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DISARMAMENT

John Bull seems still to be contemplating disarmament.

A committee of the British Cabinet has met twice this week to discuss what their policy should be on this question. Parliament is about to reconvene on Monday and it is believed the Government is going to state its position then.

But here's a bit of news by way of contrast. That widely heralded meeting of the British Empire Naval Conference has been held at Singapore aboard His Majesty's Warship Kent. Among the dignitaries at the conference was the White Rajah of Sarawak. The Rajah urged that more British warships should be concentrated in the Pacific. There are important oil fields in Sarawak (which by the way is a section of North Borneo,) and the Rajah thinks there should be a strong naval force there to protect them.

STAVISKY

The noise of the Stavisky scandal in France grows louder. A radiogram from Paris indicates that even the cabinet members are now quarrelling about it among them selves. They say that five ^{of the colleagues} of Premier Chautemps ~~colleagues~~ have suggested that the entire French government ~~should~~ resign because of the way the country feels about the Bayonne mess.

Here's something ~~still~~ later:- All Paris firmly believes that the cabinet will positively resign tonight.

The fat is surely in the fire in France, ^{still} a ^{later} radiogram this afternoon brought the news that the Minister of Justice had definitely tendered his resignation. Premier Chautemps refused to accept it. In order to keep his cabinet intact the French Prime Minister yielded to an argument that he has been resisting for some time. There has been a loud clamor for a parliamentary investigation of the Stavisky affair. The Premier objected vehemently claiming that it would be fatal both in a

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political and economical way, considering present conditions in France. Now the Premier has consented to appoint a commission to investigate, but not a parliamentary committee. The French Cabinet seems to be in a tough spot.

RETALIATION

President Roosevelt is going to be in a position to put an end to discrimination by European Governments against American firms. The Ways and Means Committee of the House has voted an amendment to the revenue bill. This enables the President to impose penalty taxes against foreign corporations doing business in the United States, that is, corporations of those countries that have discriminated against us.

Representative Vincent of Kentucky admitted that this amendment was aimed principally at France. The French Government is the principal offender in this business of discriminating against us. Americans and American firms doing business there are required to pay taxes not only on the income they earn in France but on every penny they earn in the United States and elsewhere.

SILVER

People in the silver states will ^{cheer} ~~be glad to hear~~

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this next item. It concerns ^{certain} ~~some~~ information given out
today down here in Washington by Senator ^{Key} Pittman of Nevada.

He said that the price of silver all over the world will go
up under the President's money program.

As for gold a big shipment is on its way from Paris
to New York. This is the first consignment of the yellow
metal ^{bought by} ~~which~~ Uncle Sam ~~has bought~~ on the ~~markets of~~ London
and Paris ~~markets~~.

MONEY

President Roosevelt won a decided victory in the Senate today. But it was a fairly close call. It had to do with the Money Bill. The Senators were considering the amendment which provided that the two billion dollar stabilization fund should be handled not by the Secretary of the Treasury but by a board of five members. The amendment was defeated, but only by means of the administration's steam roller. It was a strictly party vote-- fifty-four to thirty-six.

TO WIPE OUT SLUMS

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An important war was started in Washington today. War against slums, a campaign to rid cities of disgraceful tenements. Representatives of fifty national organizations will start firing their heavy guns in this war at a big meeting at the Willard Hotel tomorrow. Cabinet members, the wife of the President, and altruistic people from many states will be on hand. The President himself will receive a delegation at the White House, after the luncheon.

One of the main features of the National Recovery Act is the providing of funds for the elimination of slums. Twenty five million dollars has already been ear-marked for this work in New York City, six million for Detroit, and so on. In New York this probably will mean the tearing down of some of the shocking districts on the East Side. And the building of some of the skyscraper apartments, where people can get plenty of sunlight, skyscrapers that will ~~enable~~ enable them to live within walking distance of their work. That can only be accomplished by the erection

of tall buildings, which of course would not crowd them together. At any rate, the war against slums is on.

Now will be a fine time to get rid of them.

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These should be anxious days for the Kingfish.

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Not one but several organizations in Louisiana have filed charges against both Senator Long and Senator Overton the colleague he helped to elect. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections is now debating whether to hold public hearings and investigate these charges. We shall know all about this next week when the decision is ~~to be~~ announced. If they do hold an investigation what a show it will be!

POTTSTOWN

The first iron ever smelted from iron ore ^{in this country} was made in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. I have just come from Pottstown, ~~I found it~~ one of the thriftiest towns in the country. They ~~all~~ ^{people there} told me that prosperity was definitely returning. They ^{some of which concern all of us,} could feel it in their industries. Most of the joints in your automobile come from Pottstown. ^{TP} At present they are busy turning out the largest bridge in the world, the iron for that huge bridge that is being built across the Golden Gate at San Francisco.

Pottstown is in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, and there are no finer people of this continent. I heard of one baker, ~~there,~~ who all through the depression has given away more than a thousand loaves a week to families where the bread winner was out of work.

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Tonight from Washington I am going south to the mountains of southern West Virginia, -- Charleston, Montgomery, Logan and Clendenin, to see how they are getting on in the soft coal country.

DILLINGER

The notorious Dillinger gang is now in the city prison out at Tucson, Arizona, after having been tracked all over the continent. They are wanted on charges of murder and bank robbery, ^{-- wanted} by the police of no fewer than six states. The authorities of St. Paul would also like to see them and ask them about the kidnapping of the banker Edward Bremer.

They were finally captured as a result of the burning down of the hotel in which they were stopping, ^{with them were} ~~along with~~ three of their women. The firemen recognized them from pictures that had been published in a detective magazine. (Fulton Oursler, editor of Liberty and other magazines, tells me this is a common thing - - for criminals to be caught because their pictures have been published in magazines.)

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When they were burned out the members of the Dillinger gang moved into a rooming house not far from the hotel. The firemen tipped off the police who promptly surrounded the

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house. Three of the gang and their women were captured by plain clothes cops without firing a shot. An hour later John Dillinger, leader of the gang walked into the arms of the police. If he had stopped to buy a newspaper extra on the street corner he might have read about the arrest of his confederates and escaped.

A husky squad of Indiana State Troopers are already on their way to Tuscon. They will bring killer Dillinger and his gang back to the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City from which they escaped. His was one of the most spectacular jail breaks of recent years. Dillinger not only got out himself but helped ten others convicts to escape. Before he can be put on trial in the other states that want him he must complete his term at Michigan City, for robbery.

Later in the day the Grand Jury of Lake County, Indiana was hurriedly convened. In record time the jurors returned an indictment charging Dillinger and one of his accomplices

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If found guilty they will get the death penalty because

there is no alternative under the law of Indiana. The

prosecutor of Lake County, Indiana, declares it will not be

necessary to take extradition proceedings to get the men back from

Arizona. Dillinger was under parole in Indiana and broke it.

Nevertheless the State Police on the way to Tucson are taking

precautions of carrying extradition papers.

TUT TUT

Two recent events have caused the revival of the ~~old~~ myth about the curse of ~~our~~ old ~~friend~~ King Tut. You all remember the report ~~that~~ there was an inscription inside the King Tut's tomb, ^{that} ~~reading~~ ^{as follows:-} "Here lies the great king and whoso disturbs this tomb on him may the curse of ~~Pharaoh~~ Pharaoh rest." Meaning that death would promptly overtake ~~anybody~~ anybody who took part in the opening of that tomb. This legend spread all over the world and an extraordinary number of people have believed it to be gospel truth. The two events which caused it to be revived were the death of the writer, Arthur Weigall, and more recently the illness of Doctor Albert Lythgoe, former curator of Egyptology at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Rumors were current that Doctor Lythgoe was suffering from a mysterious illness. That he consulted New York physicians who were unable to diagnose it.

Today this legend was punctured by no less an authority than Herbert Winlock, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and one of the most learned men alive on the subject of Egypt. He

himself was one of those present when the tomb was opened. Today Mr. Winlock had considerable fun with the newspapers responsible for spreading the King Tut superstition. In the first place he said Mr. Lythgoe is not suffering from a mysterious illness. He is sixty six years old and has Arterio Sclerosis. In the second place he did not consult New York physicians. He has been in Boston over a year.

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Mr. Winlock goes on to ridicule this legend still further. He says that of those who were present at the opening of the tomb only six have died, one at the age of seventy seven, and the other at sixty-eight. A great deal was made out of the fact that Lord Carnarvon who financed the whole business died shortly after the tomb was opened. Lord Carnarvon was fifty seven, had been in poor health most of his life and had had two serious operations before he ever went near the tomb of ~~the~~ King Tut. As for Arthur Weigall, Mr. Winlock shows that he had nothing to do with the excavation of King Tut. He only saw the tomb later on as a tourist. Sixteen of the people who were present at the opening of His Majesty's

sarcophagus are still alive including Mr. Winlock himself.

The deaths of several people have been attributed to the curse.

But most of them never even saw the tomb.

Finally says Mr. Winlock; "No inscription about a curse was ever found inside King ~~Ward~~ Tut's tomb. And that ought to settle the legend! But I doubt if it will. It's the sort of thing many people like to believe and it's a good yarn. Mr. Winlock intimates that the superstition was circulated by newspapers who were sore at Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter because they had made exclusive contracts for the publication rights of the facts about King Tut.

So, to sum it all up, concerning ^{the} curse of King Tut, Mr.

Winlock says, "Tut tut;

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POLECAT

Residents of Monterey Heights, San Francisco, have been much annoyed lately. The trouble? An invasion of the animal that looks grand on a lady's coat but is not so welcome at a picnic. These pretty pussies recently migrated to San Francisco in such numbers that night after night the police ~~stations~~ received calls for "help, help." Finally the police got tired of dashing out to Monterey Heights with shotguns. So the residents had to get together and hire an expert trapper, a modern Daniel Boone. This man now sets his traps every night and the first thing in the morning makes the rounds, ~~to collect his trophies.~~ And every day he gets his stripped trophies from the front lawns of the good burghers of San Francisco who are wearing clothespins on their noses.

BEAR ENDING

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And, speaking of that live bear of mine, I am flooded with letters telling me how to make the old boy to go to sleep. One is from Ed Smith, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Ed Says: "Bring your bear to Little Rock, Arkansas and let him listen to the present proceedings of the Special Session of the Arkansas Legislature. That will put him to sleep so that even the angel Gabriel will be unable to wake him up.

I've been on Capitol Hill this afternoon, listening to the Senate, and I heartily agree with George Sutherland of Muncie, Indiana who writes: "If your bear has insomnia get him a seat in the gallery of the United States Senate.

But E. R. Mosier of Brooklyn, prescribes a still easier way. Says he: "In regard to your non-sleeping bear, here's the cure. Just put a radio in front of his cage at 6:45 P. M. Eastern Standard Time. Before seven Mr. Bear will be asleep. And maybe I've put you folks to sleep too, so I am off for West Virginia and

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.