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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

This is my first broadcast from the new studios of the N. B. C., the studios in Rockefeller Center. And I'm still a trifle bewildered by what I've seen. Trying to find this mike I thought I was travelling once more in some remote region, because I needed a guide to take me through the maze of thirty some studios. I walked into three or four of these and found each as big as a theatre. In fact there are rehearsal rooms here that will accomodate an audience larger than many a theatre. Incidentally two whole floors are entire unoccupied, waiting to be fitted up when television comes along. I guess you've heard all about it by now. So let's see what's doing in the news tonight.

POLICE

There was considerable excitement in New York and elsewhere today over the report that Father Knickerbocker's next police commissioner might be no less a celebrity than Brigadier-General Pelham D. Glassford. When you want a good man just call on Uncle Sam and borrow someone from the Army. You will recall the days when General Glassford, known in Washington society as "Happy" Glassford, was so much in the news as Superintendent of Police in Washington. We heard a lot about his tactful and able handling of the Bonus Army last year. In that capacity, the general earned many golden opinions. His men swore by him and many impartial observers claim that the Police Department of the Nation's capitol was never better managed than by Happy Glassford.

The rumor concerning the next Police Commissioner in New York also mentions the name of Brigadier-General James E. Fechet, who was former head of the U.S. Army Air Service. Either General Glassford or General Fechet, said the report, would be Mayor-elect LaGuardia's choice.

I sent a radiogram to the Major aboard the S. S. Pennsylvania somewhere in the Caribbean, where he is taking a

vacation, and I asked him whether it was true that he was considering these two men. I got an immediate reply, which read: "Not a word of truth in story and no justification for it. I did not utter a word to anyone on the subject."

Incidentally, I received that reply from the Pennsylvania within an hour and fifteen minutes after I had sent the query; and the Mayor-elect did not send his answer collect.

Later in the afternoon I had a conversation on the long distance telephone with General Glassford, who is in Phoenix, Arizona. The General informed me that he had heard nothing of this report except through the newspapers. Said he: "Of course I can't say whether I will accept or not, as the job has not been offered to me. I came to Phoenix with the idea of making my home here. I like Arizona."

So I asked him whether he had put police work behind him, to which he replied, like a flash: "No, indeed. I am still interested in police work and always shall be." And he added: "I guess it's in my blood."

In this connection it is interesting to recall that Pelham D. Glassford was the youngest man ever to graduate from West Point. He was also a youngest man ever to reach General rank in the army. In addition to being a soldier and a fine police chief, he's an accomplished painter and many of his canvasses are to be found in the homes of big-wigs in Washington, D. C.

I also got in touch with Brigadier-General Fechet in Washington, and the General said: "Haven't heard a thing! Don't know a thing about it! The news is all a big surprise to me. The newspapermen started to call me from New York this morning but I don't know a thing about it."

So, I think the General means to say that he doesn't know anything about it.

DISARMAMENT

An amusing little comedy is reported from Geneva, from the Disarmament Conference. France and other European countries made the proposal that investigation should be conducted into the extent to which certain nations were secretly preparing for war. Of course this proposal was directed at Germany, since France claims that the Hitler government is arming on a large scale.

A comical bombshell was thrown into the discussion as usual by the representatives of Russia. The Soviet spokesman said: "Sure, let's have an investigation." ~~Then~~ ^{But} they added: "Let's make it universal. Let's make it include all the nations in the world".

Thereupon the Japanese delegates got up in a hurry and ^a high state of indignation. The simple suggestion ^{from the Soviet} immediately threw all the other delegates into the utmost embarrassment. They wanted to talk disarmament but said that it was not as simple as all that. You may recall that Litvinov's idea was also suggested to the nations of the earth by President Roosevelt, with no results.

RUSSIA

As for the negotiations between Uncle Sam and the Soviet, we shall learn what's what before the end of the week. President Roosevelt wants to leave Washington Friday and take a brief vacation at his farm near Warm Springs, Georgia. So he wants to have this matter cleared up before he leaves.

No definite details concerning these negotiations have been given out except that they are progressing favorably. They will still take several days to complete because a good deal of intensive study has to be made of some of the clauses of the proposed treaty.

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The other news from Washington is that former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York has a date tomorrow to see the

President. The purpose of this visit is also kept dark. *Probably just going down to say: - "How are you Old Potato!" Maybe!*

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Then, too, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has again put up the price of gold, ~~xx~~ today's figure being \$33.45 an ounce, while the quotation in London is \$33.19.

Incidentally, ^{the} Secretary of the Treasury announced that he

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was ~~investigating~~ enthusiastically behind the President in this gold policy. ~~A statement will be issued by the Treasury later in the week on this subject.~~

Mr. Woodin was at a conference ~~at~~^{of} the White House today for the first time in a couple of months. As he left, he was asked: "When are you going to resign, Mr. Secretary?" Mr. Woodin replied: "My throat is hoarse from denying these reports."

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Then a sub-committee from the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives also called on the President. This sub-committee is ~~now~~ getting ready to draft a liquor bill which will regulate taxes and other details of the traffic. The sub-committee wanted to know what the President's ideas were on this question. It is understood that Mr. Roosevelt declined to make any recommendations at present. The committee will begin holding hearings on December 4th.

GERMANY

(9) A cable from Paris informs me that public opinion in France is exceedingly uneasy over the results of that German election, ^{yesterday,} Of course it stands out as another triumph for Chancellor Hitler and his party. (More than 95% of the electorate, that is, more than 39,000,000 Germans, cast their ballots for Hitler and his followers.) This is interpreted as endorsing Hitler in his withdrawal from the League of Nations.

It was an entirely one-sided election. Even candidates for the German Parliament were running without opposition. The few votes cast, which were not in favor of Hitler, were listed as invalid, in other words, ~~they were~~ thrown out. I ~~heard~~ hear that even the prisoners in the concentration camps voted overwhelmingly for the Nazi chief.

The only casualty in yesterday's voting occurred at Dortmund. A man distributing communistic tracts was arrested and shot. The story is that he was shot trying to escape.

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LINDBERGH

Wait a minute, here's something. When anything happens to Colonel Lindbergh and his lady, that is news.

But don't be alarmed, it's not as serious as the earliest reports indicated.

(S) The Lindberghs were forced down by a heavy fog on their way to Lisbon. The plane was undamaged -- they glided to a perfect stop in ^a~~the~~ river, the Rio Minu^o, near the frontier between Spain and Portugal, on their way from Switzerland.

They were taken to a hotel where they will spend the night. They expect to continue on their way to Lisbon tomorrow.

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Major General
Robert C. Davis.

Exec. Dir.,
NY Chapter
of Red Cross.

Nov. 13, 1933.

INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL DAVIS

This is Red Cross week. The annual Red Cross Roll Call is on. Major General Robert C. Davis, former Adjutant General of the United States Army, is Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the Red Cross.

I have asked the General to come tonight and tell us a bit about what the Red Cross is doing.

Major General Davis has a great record as a military administrator. When he retired from the Army, the New York times said: "He had a talent for organization so remarkable that he became indispensable when important executive work had to be done. The New York Times described him as: "A master of detail", and said that, "his gifts lay in the direction of complex organization." Another good man from the Army. He and General Glassford were cadets together at West Point.

And now General Davis, in these piping times of peace, what about the Red Cross?

FOR GENERAL DAVIS

Well, Lowell, you might be surprised if I told you how much urgent work the Red Cross is doing at present:

During the past year, the New York Chapter has had its greatest opportunity to render service since the war.

To handle its diversified activities, it has twenty-five different departments but time permits a reference to only a few of them.

It initiated and carried to completion a plan through which the needy in New York received over Seven Million Dollars worth of food and clothing obtained from Government wheat and cotton.

During the year, over One Hundred and Eighty-five Thousand individuals came to the Chapter House for help or advice. No one was turned away.

It converted Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand yards of cotton cloth into garments for those in need.

It made a million and a half surgical dressings for New York Hospitals and had volunteer workers serve in many of them.

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~~It distributed six thousand current magazines a month to over seventy institutions.~~

~~It transcribed into Braille hundreds of volumes of books for the blind.~~

It makes seven thousand bags containing useful ~~xx~~ articles to bring Christmas cheer to New York disabled ex-service men in hospitals and men in service overseas.

It gave lectures, demonstrations and instruction to nearly thirty-five thousand students in First Aid, Home Hygiene and Life Saving.

It furnished information on low cost healthful diets to stretch the food money of the poor.

It has an enrollment of over Two Thousand Red Cross nurses ready for emergencies and disaster.

It has a Disaster Relief Service with personnel, ~~xxxx~~ modern equipment, clothing and other necessary articles, always ready to meet any emergency.

~~The Chapter's small technical staff is able to carry on all its activities only through the assistance of~~

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~~over eight thousand devoted men and women, volunteers from
its membership.~~

The Chapter is now conducting its Annual Membership Roll Call. In order that it may continue its many services to Manhattan and the Bronx, it is hoped that every resident of these two boroughs will join the New York Chapter.

I also hope that all of you who live in other parts of the country will do likewise, join your local Red Cross Chapter.

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HORSE SHOW BALL

One of the glittering events of the year will take place in New York tonight. That will be the Horse Show Ball, which comes off in the grand ball-room of the Waldorf-Astoria. There are people who've been looking forward to this crack social affair for weeks if not months. In addition to all the big shots of the social register, the visiting officers of foreign teams competing at the Horse Show as well as our own army officers will be the most conspicuous guests. And by the way the

International Military Championship
Jumps will be made at Madison Sq.
Garden, the greatest military
jumping show in the 50 years ^{of its} history.

Saucier

~~of this~~

Here's a sociological note for you. A minister advertised for a man-servant. When a nicely dressed young man rang the bell the following morning, he assumed it was a candidate for the job. The minister said; "Well, can you start the fire and have breakfast ready by 7 o'clock every morning?"

The young man looked rather astonished, but he replied: "I suppose so."

"Well", continued the preacher, "Can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes and keep the house nice and tidy?"

At this the young man scowled and answered: "Look here, parson, I came here to see about getting married. But if it's going to be as much work as all that, you can count me out."

You can count me out too, for it's time for me to say,
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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CHICKEN COOP

One of the most moving stories I have run across in a long time is an account in the New York World-Telegram tonight written by Irene Kuhn.

Its hero and heroine are a fine example of real pluck. ~~The~~ Hard times have hit them hard, but they refuse to be licked. They lost their home - they lost everything, but they are still laughing.

They were rooming with a lady, a lady whose

kindness deserves to be mentioned. Her name is Mrs. ~~A. E.~~

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ah ^{of Flushing, L.I.}

Manan, When their money ran out, they refused to sponge any further on their landlady. They asked permission to move their few belongings into a chicken coop in the rear of their landlady's house. The husband, LeRoy Wilson, collected odds and ends from here and there, and almost starved himself to buy paint and other things that were necessary. He found an old stove on a junk heap.

The long and short of it is that he fixed up that chicken coop ^{so it's} ~~that it is~~ livable. There these plucky Wilsons are living and asking no odds from anybody. They have made their chicken coop home not only livable, but

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exceedingly attractive. Mrs. Wilson is rather emaciated.

They don't always have quite enough food! But they have something else - plenty courage.

N.Y, World-Telegram.

RADIO PARTY

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This is one of the nights when I'd like to perform an operation on myself, divide myself in two and be in two places at once. On the other hand, I couldn't be absent the day when our ^{N.B.C.} new studios are being initiated, but on the other hand I would ~~so~~ ^{at} ~~much~~ like to be down St. Petersburg, Florida, where the International Radio Club is holding its fourth annual party tonight. This is a club with members from more than two hundred radio stations in the United States, ~~in~~ Canada, ~~in~~ Cuba, ~~in~~ Venezuela, Costa Rico, Mexico, Equador, ~~and~~ Columbia, ^{& so on,} Some international affair, believe me! It includes directors, announcers, artists and all sorts of brilliant and charming fellows.

Gentlemen, I sure am sorry I can't be ^{on hand} ~~there~~ to say "Hello" to all of you in the flesh. As for poor old ~~Mr~~ Jimmy ^{Wallington} ~~Wallington~~ here, he's weeping on my shoulder with tears in his old blue beard. Jimmy wanted to go down to Florida too but he had to stay on the job for the big Radio City opening week. At any rate, between sobs, he is asking me to send you affectionate greetings.

The banquet is scheduled to begin in a couple of moments. I've been asked to declare it open. All right, consider

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yourself opened (three raps of gavel). Gentlemen, be seated.

Here's how! *S-l-u-t-m.*

Radio Club