

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.

The State of affairs in Mexico is an enigma tonight, with a bewildering puzzle of reports. It isn't so much a matter of one rumor contradicting another, as a series of contrasting dispatches that don't seem to fit into any reasonable pattern.

Revolt has broken out! That's one flash. Telling that partisans of General Cedillo have started fighting in the hills, and have cut the railroad line. Government planes fighting with Rebel bands. If it is true, that a Cedillo insurrection has really broken out in the state of San Luis Potosi - why then revolt may spread far and wide for a Mexican Civil War.

At Laredo Texas, five daughters of General Cedillo crossed the border into Texas today. That suggests an impression of the Cedillo family fleeing from -- revolt.

President Cardenas is in the state of San Luis Potosi backed by an army of ten thousand men.

Today Mexican government officials denounced Cedillo as a Rebel, and accused him of ^{ing}plot to assassinate President Cardenas and massacre the radical leaders of Mexican labor.

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Yet on top of all of that, here's a report that Cardenas and Cedillo had an interview today, met and talked things over. The ~~dispatch~~ dispatch says that the result of ^{their}~~that~~ conversation isn't known.

And in Mexico City a newspaper prints an interview that ~~with~~[^] one of its reporters had with Cedillo, and quotes the general as saying -- he never even thought of revolt. ~~E~~ Cedillo declared his friendship for Cardenas and blamed the trouble on Red politicians in the labor unions. He said he expected the President to allow him to keep the weapons and munitions he has accumulated. "These," ~~xx~~ he said, "are to be used only to defend order and legality."

The ^tCedillo accumulation of weapons and munitions -- that seems to be the crux of the whole affair. The general is known to have ^{stored}~~accumulated~~ quantities of war supplies in his San Louis Potosi stronghold. Therein lies his power. Cardenas wants to seize the Cedillo ~~military~~ army-equipment. ~~Will~~ Will

Cedillo give it up? That's the question -- as we get a

puzzle of ^{varying} ~~various~~ reports.

SPAIN

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The report from Rome is that Mussolini will not go ahead with the Franco-Italian agreement until France has definitely closed the frontiers of the Pyrenees, stopping the stream of war supplies to Left Wing Spain.

The Duce is said to be disturbed by the way the civil war is dragging on, because that keeps his agreement with England from going into effect. The Anglo-Italian accord ^{taken} ~~goes into~~ force when the Italians withdraw from Spain, and that's to be done when the civil war is over.

So Rome wants France to put a stop to the supply of munitions that enables Barcelona to keep on resisting. It is said also that the Duce, backed by the Germans, is insisting that Franco launch a headlong and overwhelming attack on all fronts and win the war in a hurry. But Franco doesn't agree to this, so we are told. He prefers to take it easy, and win the campaign methodically through the summer.

So the Spanish War once more threatens to bring on a crisis. It has caused a suspension of the Franco-Italian talks, and threatens to disrupt them altogether.

There are perilous rumors of French and Italian moves in Africa -- such as Italian troop-concentrations in Libya, on the border of French Tunis. This latter is denied by Paris tonight - the French Foreign Office denying that Italy has concentrated two divisions on the Tunisian frontier.

London is eager for a Rome-Paris settlement, and is calling a meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee again -- for another act of the non-intervention comedy.

Here's a late dispatch saying that Great Britain has put pressure on France and that Paris is shutting down the flow of munitions across the Pyrenees.

A sidelight on the European complication comes from the Far East - a report that Great Britain, France and the United States are preparing to get together to curb the Japanese conquest of China, keep Tokyo from shutting them out of Chinese markets, maintain the "open door". That squares with interpretations we've been having that London's urgency for a settlement in Europe is because London wants a free hand to do something about the Japanese sweep in Asia.

They were sweeping on today, those regiments of the Rising Sun

for the capture of Shanghai and the knock-out of the Chinese government - before Britain and the Western powers are able to interfere. A swift Japanese victory, however, is handicapped by the escape of the strongest units of the Chinese army from the defeated ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Suchow~~ city of Suchow. They're still in the war.

And today, the Chinese report that ^{their own} ~~Chinese~~ war planes winged their way over Japan, high above Osaka. They dropped no bombs - only pamphlets. The Osaka crowds were jubilantly celebrating the ~~xxxxx~~ ^{Chinese} Suchow victory, when the ^{Chinese} planes dropped showers of leaflets - proclaiming Chinese resistance to the end.

DUEL

Paris had its much talked of duel today - between Bernstein, the playwright, and Bourdet, Director of the Comedie Francaise. It was all because of Judith, a lady named Judith - a lady of long ago, biblical. The Old Testament Judith cut off the head of Holofernes, but today's Judith duel was not quite that sanguinary and fatal. Still, it was not one of those bloodless affairs of the field of honor. It must have been quite exciting, judging by the play-by-play, round-by-round description. For it was fought by rounds - with dueling swords.

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Playwright Bernstein, a veteran of eight duels, was calm and skillful. Theatre Manager Bourdet, who had never had an encounter on the field of honor before, was nervous, but he was the more aggressive, as they crossed swords. In the first round, the agitated Bourdet attacked with a flashing display of fencing. But the calm Bernstein parried each thrust. In the second round, the flaming Bourdet made a high thrust, and almost stuck his sword in his enemy's face. Then again he lunged, and almost ran Bernstein through the chest. But the playwright parried each time. He not only parried, he made a lunge of his own and stabbed Bourdet in the arm, ran his ^{rapier} sword right through the biceps.

That was first blood, whereupon the seconds called the duel off, Bernstein the winner. Then the question - would they be reconciled? No - the two embittered gentlemen of the theatre were still so angry at each other, they refused any reconciliation.

RAILROADS

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The R.F.C. Railroad Bill is to be delayed. Leaders in the House of Representatives agreed on that today - postpone action on the measure that would enable the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend a lot of money to the railroads. This decision in the House is because of action taken in the Senate, where they are tacking an amendment on the R.F.C. Railroad Bill. This amendment would provide - no loans to the railroads, if they cut wages. It is pointed out in the House that the railroad executives have announced that they'll have to cut wages, even if they do get R.F.C. loans. So what's the use of doing anything about the bill now, when it's going to run into a wage-cut blind alley?

Meanwhile, the railroad labor-leaders announced today that if the companies insist on going ahead with their proposed fifteen per cent wage cut, there'll be a railroad strike.

PHOSPHATES

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At last - we have the phosphates. It's quite a while ago since the President announced that he would send a phosphate special message to Congress - calling upon the lawmakers to legislate in behalf of the important chemical. Then came a long phosphate delay, which was explained several weeks ago by the presidential statement that he had lost the documents. The chief executive had mislaid the voluminous technical papers prepared for ~~in~~ him on the chemical subject. But now - he must have found the documents, because today he sent the special message to Congress.

It proposes that a national policy be formulated to develop and conserve the phosphate resources of the nation.

The President must have indeed found the documents, because the special message gives Congress a lot of scientific wisdom on the subject of phosphates. Those chemicals are of vital importance for agricultural fertilizer and war munitions. "I cannot over-emphasize," declares the special message, "the importance of phosphorous, not only to agriculture and soil conservation but also to the physical health and economic-security of the nation. Many of our soil types," the message goes on, "are deficient in

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phosphorous, thus causing low yields and poor quality of crops and pastures."

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Sure, he found the documents, because - listen to this, all in the special message: "The world supply of phosphate rock is seventeen billion tons. Of this, two billion tons are in the United States, ~~with Great Britain, France and Russia controlling the remainder.~~ Ninety per cent of the phosphate that we use as agricultural fertilizer ~~gives~~ comes from Florida and Tennessee.

Yet, the government possesses ^{vast} ~~two million acres of~~ phosphate lands in Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. ("It is evident," proclaims the special message, "that our main reliance for an adequate supply of phosphate must eventually be placed on our western deposits.")

Yes, the President found the documents, and he sure went to work on them - and on Congress!

LEWIS

To the White House today, as a luncheon guest of the President, went John L. Lewis, chief of the C.I.O. We are told that the luncheon hospitality ^{was} ~~is~~ not in the nature of a political conference. Nevertheless, the surmise can't be downed that the President and his frowning browed, deep voiced guest, ^{did} ~~will~~ get around to the subject of the Pennsylvania primaries, in which the C.I.O. faction was beaten.

Today likewise ^{was} ~~marked~~ ^(by) the first official statement ^{from} ~~by~~ the C.I.O. on the theme of Pennsylvania. The C.I.O. attitude, as set forth, is that the primaries showed the progress of ~~the~~ union power in politics. Even though the ticket backed by the John Lewis unions was beaten, their candidate for governor polled half a million votes, and was defeated by the Democratic machine in the large cities - that's the way the C.I.O. is explaining things today.

There's a report of C.I.O. negotiations with the Mayor Hague forces in Jersey City. The flare-up of the Hague dictatorship-controversy began with restraints and restrictions placed upon Jersey City activities of the John Lewis group.

One statement ^{tonight} ~~is~~ is that the Hague regime is willing to establish

a park or some other outdoor speaking place, where C.I.O. and other labor leaders can harangue the crowds. That is said to be part of the settlement under discussion. The negotiations have gone far enough to evoke an optimistic prediction from Morris Ernst, lawyer for the C.I.O. and also for the American Civil Liberties Union. He says: "We'll have this whole case cleared up by the end of the week, and Jersey City back in the United States again."

TRIAL

The gathering of Kentucky jurors to try the Harlan County mining case seems to have affected the state of health down that way.

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~~It may be that~~ they don't think it so healthy to serve on the jury in the lawsuit involving the mine wars in bloody Harlan. (Jurors ^{we} had been picked in the prosecution of a whole legion of defendants, individuals and corporations - for anti-union activity in ~~violations~~ violent strike troubles.)

Today, a farmer on the jury told the court he had suffered a heart attack. After some conversation with the judge, he was excused.

Whereupon, another juror, with a farm in the hills, spoke up: "Judge," said he, "I'm not feeling well either. This jury business is very confining."

"But it isn't as hard work as you do on your farm," objected the judge.

"No," responded the juror, "but it's more confining."

"It seems there's something wrong with a lot of you." "And,"

his Honor decreed: "You'd better stay and serve."

It isn't astonishing that aches and pains should develop

in the jury that will be called upon to pronounce guilty or not guilty down there in the mining section of the southern mountains - where sudden death is an old tradition. ^RJust as an illustration of that, here's a dispatch from Jenkins, Kentucky.

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Many years ago, two mountain families had a disagreement over the boundary line dividing their farms, and ever since there has been a smoldering hatred between the two clans - Banks and Breeding by name. A news flash ^{today} ~~from down that way~~ tells that John Banks was walking along near Grand Forks, when he met Anderson Breeding. At sight of each other, they grabbed for their guns. Banks fired first, and today is in jail charged with the killing.

TRAFFIC

Mack McMeachin

In Kansas City traffic Sergeant McMeachin was all set to catch some speeders - he had a nice speed trap fixed up. And then - nothing happened. Not a single speeder, not one traffic violation. The trap caught nothing. The automobile drivers of Kansas City seemed singularly law-abiding today.

That made the police sergeant suspicious - he ^{knew} ~~had noticed~~ some of the drivers around Kansas City and their habits. So he started out to take a look, and up the street he found two small boys, ~~They were~~ carrying a banner, waving it at the passing cars. On the banner was written - "Speed trap ahead."

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To complete the sergeant's indignation, he recognized the two lads. They were a couple of mischevious boys whom he had chased home earlier in the day. Instead of going home, they were getting revenge. This time the sergeant saw that they went home, returned to his speed trap, and promptly caught a couple of traffic violators.

BIBLE

I have a profound regard for the Bible. I come from a family in which the reading of the Good Book was a constant practice. But just the same - sometimes there can be too much

Bible. That's the contention of a wife in Cambridge, Massachusetts,

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today got a divorce from her husband who ~~is suing her husband for divorce~~ on grounds of cruelty, ~~she~~ ^{public} ~~testified~~ ^{cruelty. She} that it was a practice of her husband to place on her

bureau slips of paper inscribed with biblical texts. Now, that seems a pious sort of practice. However, she ~~gives~~ an example of

what those ~~scriptural~~ ^{spiritual} texts were like. She says she found neatly placed on the bureau this verse from the Psalms, reading:-

"Deliver my soul, Oh Lord, from lying lips and a deceitful tongue, or what shall be done unto thee by false tongues."

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The wife claims that was too much Bible - she calls it cruelty. And it does seem like a rather cruel choice of text.

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But here's a good choice of text - though somewhat unbiblical - see you in church. And s-l-u-Monday.