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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(Here's a dispatch ~~that came~~ from Munich, just off the wire. 'Hitler had hardly finished delivering his fiery speech at Munich today when a terrific explosion crashed out in the cellar of the beer hall, where he had been speaking. The bomb, or whatever it was, exploded only twenty-seven minutes after the end of the speech. The Fuehrer himself escaped. But, several of his followers were killed instantaneously.) Those who perished are supposed to have been his own comrades of the Nineteen Twenty-Three abortive Munich putsch, charter members of the Nazi party.

It was not revealed whether any of the dead were high-ranking Nazis, but such prominent leaders as Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebels and Deputy Party Leader Rudolph Hess had been among the brown-shirted audience crowding the beer cellar to hear Hitler.

Munich police authorities said they were not permitted to divulge details of the blast itself or the number of casualties.

Although the explosion occurred twenty-seven minutes after Hitler finished his speech in which he told the Nazi veterans that he had ordered Germany prepared for five years of war, it was believed that a shorter period of time actually had elapsed between his departure and the blast.

HITLER

Hitler Munich

There was an obvious theatrical background to the speech [^] that ~~Chancellor Hitler~~ made today. For he delivered it from (the same beer hall ~~in Munich~~ where the famous and futile Nazi putsch was born sixteen years ago,) The putsch which led to the death of several of Hitler's followers, ~~and~~ to a spectacular serio-comic trial, and to several years' imprisonment for Hitler himself.

Naturally, he referred to it in dramatic terms and remarked that in spite of its failure it was the beginning of eventual success. You couldn't accuse him of being incorrect in that remark.

~~Nobody can deny that~~ the Nazis have come a long way since that putsch.

For the rest, ^{his} ~~the~~ Munich speech contained nothing ~~that was both~~ new ^{or} ~~and~~ remarkable. He spoke confidently of future victory and ~~he~~ said that the day the war broke out he gave orders to Field Marshal Goering to prepare Germany for a war that would last five years. And he added ~~in~~ these words:- "We have developed all German resources to the last detail. They will never lay us low either militarily or economically. There can be only one victor, and that is we," *said he.*

~~Incidentally, he accused Winston Churchill of starting the war.~~

The ~~most~~ remarkable part of ~~this speech by the Fuehrer~~ was not what he said but what he did ^{not} say. It had been predicted that he would give an outline of peace proposals, in answer to the move made by King Leopold ^{and} ~~of Brussels and~~ Queen Wilhelmina. ~~of Holland. Not a hint about peace did the~~ ^{But - not a reference to peace;} ~~Fuehrer give, just defiance.~~ ^{nor to Leopold or Wilhelmina.}

CHURCHILL

For weeks the Germans have been claiming that their bombing airplanes had sunk a second British aircraft carrier, H.M.S. ARK ROYAL. Today Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the House of Commons that the ARK ROYAL had just captured a valuable prize, a merchant vessel. He told the Commons further that the British were disposing of German submarines more effectively than ever; ~~They were~~ sinking from two to four U-boats a week. On the other hand, the Germans were building two new ones each week. So, he warned the House that continued losses must be expected.

Then he made an admission about the sinking of the great battleship, the ROYAL OAK. At the outset of the war, he said, the naval base at Scapa Flow had been insufficiently protected. ~~But~~ Since then, ^{the defenses there} ~~however, the Scapa Flow defenses,~~ have been perfected.

WEAPONS

Several weeks ago, one of Hitler's threats against England intimated that the Nazis have a deadly weapon which they have not used yet, because it was too deadly. But he hinted that if they were provoked too much they might use it.

Today an official of the British Bureau of Scientific Research announced that Britain also has a secret weapon. He said the British did not imagine that there would be no surprise in this war coming from the enemy. But, he added, the British ^{also have a} ~~certainly have got a~~ surprise ~~in turn~~ for the Germans. So far it hasn't been used, through humane considerations.

TURKEY

~~A tiny item from Istanbul, once known as Constantinople,~~
~~seems to be fraught with much meaning.~~ The Government of Turkey
has determined to demobilize, ~~that is to~~ send home, all the
soldiers who were called to the colors when the war scare struck
the Near East. ^{Which} ~~That~~ seems to indicate that the Turks have put
aside the probability of an attack upon the Dardanelles, an
assault by Soviet Russia. ~~In other words, it means peace on the~~
~~shores of the Black Sea. Or does it?~~

~~Incidentally,~~ ^{the} Turkish National Assembly today
unanimously ratified the treaty for mutual assistance with
Great Britain and France.

MANILA EMBARGO

There's a movement in Manila for an embargo ^{on} ~~Japan~~ exports ~~from the Islands~~ to Japan. Francis Sayre, our High Commissioner of the Philippines, today received a petition signed by forty-eight thousand names. Those names represent five organizations of Filipinos, Americans and Chinese. One of them is called The Congress of Democracy and Collective Security. They ^{all} want the Congress of the United States to pass an act prohibiting shipments to Japan from the Philippines. They also asked Uncle Sam to sanction a Filipino boycott of Japanese goods. To that request the High Commissioner replied it would have to be decided by the State Department.

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ALASKA

"Let's fortify Alaska," is the cry that comes from
Washington today. ^{So says} ~~It was uttered by~~ Anthony Dimond, delegate
to Congress from ^{our Far North,} ~~the Territory~~ Since the ^{new} Communist manifesto, ^{and}
~~he says, and~~ Molotov's attacks on the President and the U.S.A.,
^{Diamond declares we would}
~~we~~ be a bunch of Star-Spangled fools not to prepare for
anything." Such were the words of Alaska's delegate.

As a matter of fact, the War Department is spending
thirteen millions on air bases and coastal defenses in Alaska.
But Delegate Dimond wants fifty millions more.

ARMY EXPANSION

It is revealed by what are described as "well informed sources in the administration", that the next Congress will be asked to appropriate perhaps one billion, six hundred and fifty thousand millions to boost our peace-time army to six hundred thousand men. The legitimate peace-time strength at present is two hundred and eighty thousand, but the actual strength of the Army is short of that, only two hundred and twenty-seven thousand.

The army chiefs plan ~~ix~~ in case of attack, to put one million men into the field at ninety days' notice.

SHIPS

There's a controversy between the United States Maritime Commission and Secretary Hull. Or at least, a decided difference of opinion. It's over the transfer of eight ships of the United States lines to Panama registry. The State Department says it would be a violation, in spirit at least, ~~and~~ of the recently passed Neutrality Act. The Maritime Commission has been drawing up a memorandum to send to President Roosevelt, arguing that it would not be a violation of the Neutrality Act.

WAR CONTRACT

An obscure bit of news from Flint, Michigan, ^{but it} might be another straw to show the wind's direction. It concerns the signing of a contract between an American Federation of Labor union and a company manufacturing carburetors at Flint, Michigan. This contract is the first to include a war clause. That clause assures the employees of ~~that carburetor company~~ of their jobs in case they enlist or are drafted into military service. ~~Those that survive, after the war will get their jobs back when without losing any seniority rating.~~

BROWDER

~~There was quite a good deal of~~ Earl Browder in the news *again*
today. ~~Browder, the American Communist Fuehrer.~~ First, of all,
~~comes~~ a report from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the Red leader
was to have lectured next Wednesday. Harvard ~~University~~ won't
permit it. *not,* ~~The lecture is forbidden by the Cambridge does not~~
because Browder is Secretary-General of the Communist Party,
but because he is a defendant on bail, indicted by a federal
grand jury on that passport charge.

In New York, Browder himself ~~gave tongue, not in retort~~
~~to that embargo by the Harvard faculty, but in a slam at President~~
~~Roosevelt.~~ ~~He~~ retorted to a published statement attributed
recently to close friends of the President. *F. D. R. was*
~~those close friends~~
~~were quoted as saying that Mr. Roosevelt had~~ *quoted as saying that he* ~~felt~~ felt that the
speech by Browder at Boston on Sunday almost invited a charge of
conspiracy against the government. ~~It was the speech, you may~~
~~recall, in which~~ *then - in that speech -* Browder said that a Socialist revolution in the
United States ~~was~~ *today* indicated. Browder's retort *was* that the
statement by close friends of the President amounted to a threat
to muzzle free speech. ~~He said that was the greatest danger to~~

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To which he
~~the American people today. Then Browder~~ added his opinion that
his words about the United States in relation to a future
Socialist system were ~~quite~~ sober and measured. He describes
the statement of the President's close friends as a striking
example of war hysteria.

And (at Washington Mrs. Roosevelt for the first time
expressed herself candidly about Communists. She was asked what
she thought about that Boston speech of Browder's, and the
First Lady replied that no American could approve of the activities
of persons who acknowledged their first allegiance to foreign
governments) and who at the direction of foreign countries undertake
activities in this country. "At the same time," she added,
"we must be extremely careful not to curtail our basic liberties."

ELECTION

The returns from the elections all over the country were not long in producing some amusing reactions. The immediate aftermath of the rousing defeat of the Ham and Eggs Amendment in California, was a move to recall Governor Olson. Those "Ham and Eggers" are sure sore at California's Governor! The reason? They helped elect him; but during the last phase of the amendment campaign, Olson came out in opposition to their beloved Ham and Eggs. And are they fed up! No ham and eggs. The Governor to blame, say they.

Then there was the Ohio version. You might call that "Eggs without Ham", since its beneficiaries would have to be over sixty and would get only fifty dollars a month. There the final count was more than three to one against.

Here are some other highlights: In Philadelphia, the Republicans elected a mayor, seven county officials, and twenty councilmen out of twenty-two, also ten magistrates out of sixteen; and a state senator.

Reading, Pennsylvania, for some time has had a Socialist city government. But they get what is known as in sporting

circles as the ~~good old~~ heavo. Reading elected a Democratic mayor.

In Westfield, Massachusetts, a woman was elected to the head of the city government, the first woman mayor in the Bay State. ~~She~~ ^Q former school teacher, a gray-haired lady who wants to be like Mrs. Roosevelt, ^{she said - adding} ~~and she announces~~ that radicals had better stay away from the City Hall at Westfield, Mass.

In Paterson, New Jersey, the Republicans swept their candidate into the mayor's office, not only with their ballots but with brooms. Two hundred and fifty G.O.P. voters, each of them armed with a broom, marched upon City Hall, sweeping as they went, sweeping ~~especially~~ every Democrat off the sidewalk.

In New York, the voters legalized the pari-mutuels, the voting machines, much to the disgust of ~~New York City's~~ Mayor LaGuardia. ~~And there was more discomfiture for "Butch",~~ ^{Also} ~~as he likes to be called,~~ The Tammany machine got a new lease on life, ^{by} ^{ing} elected several judges, and, according to latest reports it looks as though the Wigwam might have elected a majority ~~to~~ ^{city} the council. That means headaches for ^{La Guardia.} ~~Butch,~~ ~~having a~~ ~~contumacious council to face for the next two years.~~

GAFFNEY

You may recall that on Monday a group of men were indicted by a federal grand jury, charged with using the mails to defraud, and so forth. At that time a statement was made which brought in the name of Governor Moore of New Jersey. The leader of the group of indicted was named Gaffney, and he was referred to as a colonel on the New Jersey staff. Today Governor Moore, told the United Press that Gaffney was a lieutenant Colonel on his staff for just two days, forty-eight hours. And that was a year and a half ago."

RINGLING

~~Another crisis in the affairs of ^{the} a great circus family.~~

R The State of Florida has brought action against John Ringling North and Ida Ringling North, nephew and sister of the late John Ringling, *of circus fame.*

The State was one of the principal heirs under *the* John Ringling's will. ~~The last survivors of those marvelous five brothers~~ *He* left Florida not only his art museum but his home at Sarasota. So now the State of Florida asks the courts to remove John Ringling North and his mother as executors of *the* ~~John Ringling's~~ estate. The ~~State~~ officials want it thrown into receivership. They say that Mrs. North and her son are not managing the affairs of the estate properly and economically.

"HERO"

Last Sunday there was a fire at a home in Clayton,
New Jersey. ~~The flames were burning it down when~~ ^A seventeen
year old young ^{chap} ~~man~~ rushed up, broke down the door, and rescued
~~the~~ five children, ~~that were in the house.~~

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For two days Stanton Cheeseman, that's the lad's name,
was a hero ~~in Clayton, New Jersey.~~ But today, ~~the hero became~~
~~sadly bent.~~ ~~For~~ the police announce that Cheeseman has
confessed that he started ~~that~~ ^{the} fire himself, burned the house
down, to win the love of a pretty girl. He had wooed her in
vain, she had spurned him. He thought the sure way to get her
was to become a hero. Today he's a prisoner, charged with arson.

A policeman at Santa Monica, California, saw a pretty girl on the beach. ^{That's} ~~Now that may strike you as being~~ hardly news; but, in this case the young lady had on not even a bathing suit. The copper looked twice -- and was his face red!

Said the damsel in dulcet terms: "I am Eve," and then she added, "Won't you please get me some pink blankets?"

The officer had no pink blankets, but he swiped a curtain off a clothes-line, and took Eve to the calabose.

WIFE SWAPPING

At Red Bay, Alabama, lived two neighbors, farmers with their wives; Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Brand. Last February the wives brought suit for divorce, with Farmer Johnson paying the court costs of both suits.

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The divorces were granted but the judge warned them not to get married again for another sixty days. ~~But rustic love was too impatient.~~ However, The two couples ~~could not wait, they~~ drove over the state line to Fulton, Mississippi, and ~~married again.~~ ^{got hitched.} However, ~~they didn't marry as before.~~ Farmer Johnson married the ex-Mrs. Brand, and Farmer Brand married the ex-Mrs. Johnson.

They also did a little shuffling around with the children. The new Mrs. Brand kept her own two ~~children by Farmer Johnson~~ in addition to two of the ex-Mrs. Brand's.

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And the new Mrs. Johnson kept the three youngest of the children of the ex-Mrs. Johnson. ~~that she had acquired as Mrs. Brand.~~ It sounds a bit complicated but you get the general idea. The new Mrs. Brand and her husband, who is a W.P.A. worker, also got two hundred and fifteen acres of Farmer Johnson's fertile land in Mississippi.

All this came out in court today. At Russellville,

WIFE SWAPPING

Alabama, those two rural couples were placed on trial, charged with bigamy. Russellville today presented a spectacle somewhat similar to a county fair. The town was crowded with people who drove in from all surrounding points to watch the trial. The judge, inclined to the view that Farmer Johnson had been the instigator of the involved matrimonial deal. And Hugh have you something a little less-involved than that for us?