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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The people of Paris are angry tonight, and that <sup>of course</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> maddly. <sup>world's fairest city</sup> ~~the beautiful city they were~~ ~~digging out~~ <sup>digging through</sup> the blazing wreck of ruined buildings. With firemen standing by, <sup>they are</sup> ~~they were~~ hunting for the dead and wounded bodies of

men, women and school children, victims of the rain of destruction that came down upon them from the skies. <sup>And</sup> Tonight in Paris <sup>the</sup> cry on all sides is, "Bomb Berlin! Make the Nazis pay for what

they've done!" ~~Thus~~ Thus Hitler's attack upon Paris has had an effect quite the opposite of what was intended. Observers

declare that its principal purpose was to help in the campaign of trying to <sup>terrify</sup> ~~force~~ the French <sup>into making</sup> ~~to make~~ a separate peace. What it accomplished was to make the people all the more determined to fight back.

This was the first time in ~~in~~ nine months of war that the Parisians <sup>came in personal contact with</sup> ~~got concrete experience of~~ its horrors. The raid was

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unlike the others inflicted by the Nazis. Usually, they attack

at dawn or at night. Today they arrived just as everybody in

Paris was sitting down to lunch. <sup>Uncle Sam's</sup> Ambassador, Bill Bullitt was

drinking a glass of sherry with the French Air Minister. As he

cabled to the State Department, nobody ever expected the Germans

to attack <sup>very</sup> the center of Paris, <sup>with its cafes, shops and theaters</sup> So the whole luncheon party,

including the head of an American mission of aeronautical experts,

rushed out onto the balcony to watch. One bomb fell into a field

about a hundred yards away from them. They hurried back inside the

building just as a second bomb crashed right down through the

ceiling. It missed Ambassador ~~Bill~~ Bullitt by <sup>a scant few</sup> ~~about twelve~~ feet.

<sup>And our Ambassador now feels that he is living on borrowed time.</sup> The Nazi raiders dropped their loads of death from a

great height. In fact it was so high that they couldn't be seen

with the naked eye. People watching from the streets, could only

realize where they were when they saw the white smoke of

anti-aircraft bombs bursting aloft, thousands of ~~x~~ feet up in the

air. The bombers came over Paris in waves, wave after wave,

dropping their load of carnage and fire. From such a height,

naturally the bomb operators couldn't see their target, <sup>even</sup> ~~so they~~ <sup>except</sup> in a general way. So their

and hotels.

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lethal missiles of terror and death fell indiscriminately on restaurants, public buildings, schools, museums, apartment houses and so on. Observers report that some three hundred big bombers attacked lovely Paris on this sunny day in June.

The anti-aircraft batteries went into action and there was a veritable drum-fire of rocketing shells hurled at Hitler's noonday raiders. French interceptor planes sprang into the air as well, and many of the invaders are reported to have been brought down. Considerable damage was done on the outskirts of the city, and it is estimated that as many as a thousand shattering bombs fell on Paris. Even so it is called "only a demonstration raid." Casualties? More than two hundred. Forty-eight men, women and children killed.

Just a demonstration raid! So we can hardly guess what tales of horror will be in the news in the days to come if the planes swoop down on Paris by the thousands as they did in Flanders.

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Although the raid came at an unexpected hour, the Parisians had full warning of it. All day yesterday Nazi planes flew over the great city, making a reconnaissance and dropping leaflets. In the leaflets they notified the people of the City of Light that they were having their last quiet Sunday.

One correspondent who was in Paris today had been through many air raids during the World War. So he was able to testify that none of them could compare with <sup>this one</sup> ~~that affair of today~~ for destructive force. One rain of bombs upon a little town in the suburbs literally picked up the streets and scattered them for hundreds of yards around.

All this was sensational, dramatic, spectacular enough. But actually, <sup>of what</sup> ~~it was not of any~~ military importance <sup>was it?</sup> ~~as wars go~~. <sup>The world wonders,</sup> ~~today, just a side show.~~ The real show is in preparation to the north of Paris. Also perhaps in the Mediterranean where Mussolini's Fascisti henchmen continue to rattle sabers and even to shout defiance of the United States.

Of this war is now  
Most people in Europe believe that the real fury <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ about to break on a scale such as hasn't been seen before. Reconnaissance

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planes come back from flights over the German lines with warnings of ~~xxx~~ fearful import. Hitler has got a terrific concentration of armies massed north of the Somme, armies, tanks, bombers, <sup>of</sup> all his ~~most~~ <sup>^</sup>terribly panoply of war, ready for a do-or-die attempt to smash through General Weygand's lines.

For this attack the British and French are steeling their nerves and ~~f~~ gathering the utmost of their resources. It is expected that the actual scene of the fighting will be along the <sup>was</sup> Oise, Aisne and the Argonne.

<sup>TP</sup> <sup>As for</sup> The evacuation of Flanders, <sup>it</sup> <sup>^</sup> appears to be virtually complete. ~~At least~~ <sup>So</sup> we gather from a communique of the

British Admiralty. The evacuation of the Allied forces <sup>in</sup> ~~from~~ Flanders, ~~under the blockading of the ports,~~ says the Admiralty, was the most extensive and difficult combined operation in naval history. It was carried out in the face of <sup>an</sup> ~~defense and~~

almost ~~a~~ continuous air attack, plus increasing artillery and machine gun fire. <sup>TP WE</sup> ~~One~~ <sup>^</sup> gathers that the evacuation operations

<sup>we</sup> ~~^~~ have been completed from the fact that the Admiralty issued <sup>Some</sup> figures. ~~No fewer than~~ <sup>^</sup> two hundred and twenty-two British

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naval vessels and more than six hundred and sixty-five other  
British ships and boats were used in the evacuation of <sup>the</sup> British  
and French soldiers from the Dunkirk area. <sup>H</sup> The Germans ~~of course~~  
issued accounts of <sup>wholesale</sup> ~~a terrific~~ destruction of Allied ships.

Actually, says the British Admiralty, they lost twenty-four  
minor vessels including mine sweepers, pleasure steamers, and  
six destroyers. The German claim that they destroyed H.M.S. NELSON,  
King George's Number One battleship, is ~~merely~~ laughed at.

But evacuating the British and French forces was <sup>not</sup> ~~the~~  
the only job the Navy did in Flanders. They also rendered the  
Belgian ports useless for submarine bases by sinking concrete-filled  
ships in the channels and the sea-gates.

ITALY

As for Italy, Mussolini is still the **big** ~~enigma, on the~~  
~~fighting fronts~~ <sup>Although</sup> ~~to be sure,~~ still more evidence was piled  
up today that he <sup>is going</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~to~~ jump in. For example Italy was  
going to hold an exposition, a World's Fair, at Rome in 1942.  
It was announced today that the Rome World's Fair has been  
postponed. The Italians declare <sup>this</sup> ~~it~~ was at the request of other  
nations.

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Then again the Duce has ordered all the military  
barracks around Rome evacuated. No more soldiers in the Eternal  
City. The effect of that order ~~will~~ be to make it an open city  
and as such one that no enemy will bombard. Anyway all the  
belligerent powers have made private promises to the Vatican that  
Rome would be immune from air attack.

It is noteworthy that in all this sabre-rattling,  
Mussolini takes no part himself. He has refused steadfastly for  
some time past even to make any speeches. The last words he  
uttered in public were that from then on his actions would speak.  
But the Fascist editors make up for his silence. It is they who  
do all the ~~fire~~ <sup>fire</sup> - eating.

One of them today published a curious dispatch from Tangiers. It reported that the people of that <sup>of</sup> African city opposite Gibraltar are in a high state of excitement. Reports are current in Tangiers that the British and French are preparing to land troops ~~there~~ there. Of course it has been frequently said that Gibraltar is no longer the impregnable rock that it once was, <sup>that it</sup> ~~and~~ does not today give Great Britain <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ command of the Straits' which she has held for more than a century. And of course there have been plenty of rumors that Spanish Dictator Franco would jump at the first opportunity to get Gibraltar back. Hence this Italian rumor that the Allies are about to ~~visit~~ violate the neutrality of Tangiers to insure command of the Straits. But perhaps that means that Hitler or Mussolini, or both of them, are themselves preparing to grab Tangiers.

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SHIPS

Hitler's Propaganda Ministry continues with the charge that the British are conspiring to blow up our ships, the ships bringing refugees home from Europe. Berlin even reports that the Nazi Government has officially sent a warning to Washington.

Of course this report comes by way of D.N.B., which is the official German news agency, owned by <sup>Goebbels,</sup> Hitler's Propaganda Minister.

~~Dr. Goebbels.~~ D.N.B. claims to have its information from New York.

It declares that there was a meeting in London of a high official of the British secret service, an official of the British Admiralty, and an agent of the French secret service. That meeting was for the purpose of conspiring to sink our refugee

ships and put the blame on the Nazis. *All of which we take with many grains of salt.*

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WHITE

One of the statesmen from Maine wants to close up the German Embassy. Republican Senator White of the Pine Tree State believes that <sup>is</sup> one of the first things we ought to do by way of helping the Allies. The Maine Senator is in favor of giving France and Britain every bit of help we can short of going to war. Senator White, who is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, declares that the German diplomats in Washington aren't doing <sup>us</sup> any good <sup>whatever.</sup> ~~except to their own governments.~~ And he added that if Italy goes into the war we ought to send the Italians home too.

DEFENSE

The scramble for national defense may bring about one tax reform that minority Congressmen have <sup>long suggested:</sup> ~~been shouting for a long time.~~ For years the critics of the New Deal have been pleading that the income tax base should be broadened. ~~make more people pay income taxes, make the people in the lower brackets pay more.~~

The word from Washington today is that this is now being ~~seriously~~ considered in connection with the raising of fund<sup>s</sup> for national defense.

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The President ~~Roosevelt~~ was working today on various problems of the defense program. One of the <sup>se</sup> ~~jobs he undertook~~ ~~was~~ to cut the budget, reduce the expenses of Uncle Sam's <sup>regular</sup> government machinery. <sup>on this he wants,</sup> ~~In fact, he has been urging the heads of his government to take the estimates they prepared and revise them sharply down. He wants to make~~ a cut of as much as five hundred millions.

## DEFICIT

Even with the new taxes, Uncle Sam will have a whopping big column of red ink in his Nineteen Forty-One budget. For defense alone, the appropriations that Congress has either made or is considering, <sup>will run</sup> ~~are almost~~ up to five billion dollars, five thousand millions. And that isn't the only item of our national defense. All in all, it has been calculated that the gross deficit for the fiscal year Nineteen Forty-One will be around four billions, two hundred and seventy-seven millions, seven hundred thousand dollars. But cheer up, even at those figures it won't be the largest of all. We reached the top deficit mark, or would you say the lowest deficit mark, in Nineteen Thirty-Six - four billion, six hundred and fifty-two millions. *More astronomical figures.*

CARMODY

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Here's a suggestion for helping our defense which comes from the Federal Works Administrator, John ~~M~~ Carmody. In his job, Carmody is the boss of all federal construction work including public works and W.P.A. He points out that we have a huge army either on relief or the W.P.A. rolls, thousands of trained men, and he suggests that they could build docks, piers, railroad sidings, roads - all <sup>the</sup> ~~sorts of~~ things essential to ~~the~~ national defense, leaving military people free to concentrate on purely military matters. He points out that the army of men attached to the Federal Works agencies include<sup>s</sup> thousands of engineers, architects and expert technicians. He suggests that they be employed on defense projects that will eventually be absorbed by private industry.

LEHMAN

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An order issued today by Governor Lehman of New York illustrates the temper of the times. He has called out five hundred of the New York National Guard to keep watch over armories, arsenals and camps. New York State has something like seventy-four armories to protect, and ~~Lehman incidentally, as~~ <sup>the Governor, as</sup> National Commander of the Guard, has laid down the rule that in future they shall be used only by the soldiers and only for military purposes. Hitherto they have been occasionally rented out for dances or ~~general~~ <sup>other</sup> functions.

~~Lehman's~~ <sup>The Governor's</sup> order does not mean that National Guardsmen

will be taken away from their jobs. <sup>He also</sup> ~~He~~ suggests that they ~~can~~ <sup>be</sup>

<sup>further</sup> ~~to~~ recruited from the lists of the unemployed.

NAVY

Here's the latest from Capitol Hill in Washington.

Just a few minutes ago the Senate of the United States passed the Vinson Bill. That increases Uncle Sam's Navy by eleven per cent. The bill was passed unanimously, both parties voting practically as one.

SUPREME COURT

Whatever your religion, you must salute the flag. That is, if you <sup>are</sup> ~~re~~ in school and saluting-the-flag is part of the school curriculum. ~~Who says so?~~ The ~~Supreme~~ Supreme Court of the United States. *says you must.*

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The decision in that famous case of Jehovah's witnesses was given to the public today. It was an eight-to-one <sup>vote</sup> ~~decision~~, with Mr. Justice Harlan Stone the only dissenter. The opinion was written by one of the more recent members of the Court, Mr. Justice ~~Felix~~ Frankfurter. And he took occasion to lay down the principles at considerable length. "The flag," he said, "is the symbol of our national unity, transcending all internal differences," ~~however~~ large, <sup>Then he added:-</sup> ~~within the framework of our Constitution,~~ "It signifies government resting on the consent of the governed, liberty regulated by law, the protection of the weak against the strong, security against the exercise of arbitrary power, and absolute safety for free institutions against foreign aggression." Then said the Court:- "The right and freedom to follow the conscience in matters of religious worship must harmonize with the basic principles which protect such rights."

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The Jehovah's Witnesses, ~~you may remember~~, objected to their children saluting the flag <sup>(as they consider it due to</sup> ~~on account of the fact that~~ ~~it is~~ a breach of the Second Commandment.

Mr. Justice Stone, in his ~~dissent~~ dissent, declares that the decision of the majority seems to him the surrender of the Constitutional protection of the liberty of small minorities against the popular will. However, he was only one against eight, and so the school board of Minersville, Pennsylvania, was held perfectly justified in expelling young William and Lillian Gobitis, for not saluting the flag.

And some word-waving  
by Hugh.

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