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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

One term for the President of the United States -- a single term of six years. Many have suggested it. Not it's up before the Senate; a proposal offered by Senator Burke of Nebraska. It has been in committee for several months, the Committee on Judiciary. Today the six year single term idea was dragged out of the pigeon holes and the Senators on the committee had a hot argument about it. Then it came to a vote. And the vote was seven on one side, and seven on the other. Now the resolution is to be reported to the Senate without any recommendation one way or the other. Then when it comes out on the floor of the Upper Chamber there probably will be plenty of fireworks, including a discussion of that other notion, a third term for President Roosevelt. Congress alone couldn't change the length of the President's term in office. It would have to be done by an amendment to the Constitution, So even if this resolution won out in both the Senate and the House, it would not prevent Roosevelt from running again.

MONEY

The monetary bill which the Senate voted by such a narrow margin last night was sent to the ~~xxxx~~ White House this afternoon. President Roosevelt lost no time in signing it. But even before he had written his signature, the Treasury acted on it. Secretary Morgenthau announced a new price for foreign silver, thirty-six and three-quarters cents an ounce. That's one and a quarter cents less than the price last week, six and a quarter cents less than it was before there was all this fight about the money bill.

STRIKE

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That automobile strike at Detroit and Pontiac is spreading. The union today put out the claim that it had closed four more main factories of General Motors, making five in all with nearly four thousand workers. The union is aiming at key factories, the shutting down of which would mean that other plants would soon have to suspend operations for lack of material.

A conciliator of the Department of Labor is on the job trying to mediate the quarrel, but at latest reports he had not been able to get to first base.



We now have some inkling of the story <sup>to be</sup> told by Dr. James Monroe Smith, ex-President of Louisiana State University. The plunging he did in the wheat market was not for himself, he says. It was to build up an endowment fund for the University. ~~That~~ That is the gist of his side of the argument according to the prosecuting attorney who quoted <sup>S</sup> Smith as saying:--"I tried to do something for the University, but made a mistake."

So that's how he put himself into the position where he is accused of having embezzled a hundred thousand dollars belonging to Louisiana State.

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~~There is some corroboration for what Smith is supposed to have said. It comes from former Governor Leche, who resigned. Ten days ago he said that Smith had intimated to him something about a plan to build an endowment for the University.~~

Dr. Smith is still in jail at Baton Rouge; ~~but he's~~ there of his ~~XXXXX~~ own choice. Three different people offered to put up fifty thousand dollars bail for him but he declined, and said: "I guess I'll stay here a while." The explanation of his friends is that he doesn't want to jump out of the frying pan into the fire.



## FLOOD

Reports from that Eastern Kentucky flood area are that lines are down and details are lacking. But according to one report more than a hundred people may have perished in the flood. Two thousand people are said to be homeless.

Tonight we hear that in Breathitt County alone some seventy people are missing and seven bodies have been recovered. In Rowen County, twenty-eight bodies have been recovered and damage to dwellings, bridges, and crops and livestock, amounts to three millions. Relief workers are having a difficult time because of the roads and bridges that have been washed away.

LORELEI

Somewhere in the ~~cold~~ waters off Nova Scotia there's an American family from Cambridge, Massachusetts drifting helplessly ~~about~~ in a fifty-eight foot yacht. She is the LORELEI, a cabin cruiser with an auxiliary engine belonging to Herman Arendtz, Jr. of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Aboard her were Arendtz, his wife, their little five-year old son, and the brother of Arendtz, who is a young man of twenty-one.

With them is also a deck hand. <sup>TR</sup> They were returning to Boston from Florida. What happened to them is not yet known but a British freighter reported them by radio as disabled, two hundred and ten miles northeast of Boston. ~~The Uncle Sam's~~

Coast Guard Cutter CAYUGA ~~immediately~~ left Provincetown and hurried to the spot ~~of on the map~~ where the LORELEI was

reported. <sup>also</sup> The news <sub>^</sub> was radioed to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia,

and two cutters of the Royal ~~Canadian~~ Canadian Mounted ~~Police~~

<sup>forth</sup> Police steamed <sub>^</sub> to the rescue. <sup>The Mounties should</sup> ~~Probably the Canadians will~~

get there first as the <sup>yacht adrift is off</sup> ~~disaster~~ is supposed to be only about

~~sixty miles from Yarmouth.~~ <sup>Nova Scotia.</sup>

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DOCTOR

Hats off to Dr. William E. Thompson, of Bethel, Ohio; hats off and many happy returns of the day. It's his birthday, his one hundred and fourth. We hear something still more remarkable about that centenarian doctor of Bethel. He's still actively following his profession, has a ~~large~~ <sup>considerable</sup> practice and, says the report, "has no intention of retiring." ~~And he~~ <sup>he is</sup> ~~can be even more~~ <sup>particularly</sup> proud of the fact that he has never lost a surgical patient, and ~~he~~ has brought no fewer than one thousand babies into the world.

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There must be good lusty stock in that Thompson family. One of his grandfathers lived to be a hundred and five. Another to the age of ninety-seven, and his mother was ninety-four when she passed away. His son, who was a dentist, died last March, a youngster of eighty.

It seems almost fabulous to be talking about a man still practicing medicine who did his first surgery in the Civil War. He was a surgeon in the Seventh Ohio Infantry though illness prevented him from serving out the full term of the conflict.



QUINS

The legal row over the Dionne quintuplets is on ~~the~~  
~~the~~ again. As we heard some time ago Papa ~~five~~ Dionne is suing  
Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, and the case comes up for ~~trial~~ tomorrow ~~in~~ the  
district court in Nipissing. Papa Dionne makes the accusation that  
the Doctor has been abusing his connection with the famous five, has  
profited by the contracts with no fewer than forty-three corporations.  
On account of that law-suit, the guardians of the quintuplets have  
postponed their plans to build a new home, a house that would be  
large enough not only for the quins but also their parents and  
their numerous brothers and sisters. The plans will not be  
considered until all this litigation is over.

*and*  
A ~~curious~~ story ~~comes~~ from Mexico City, ~~It is~~

*things*  
~~but~~ but it may presage portentous, and dangerous ~~consequences~~.

~~and not far off.~~ The value of the Mexican Peso is dropping,  
dropping to ~~really~~ disastrous depths. Because its value is

so low, thirty-three factories manufacturing rayon silk have  
been obliged to cut down operation to three days a week. One

factory filed a petition in bankruptcy on the ground that it was  
unable to continue doing business because the Peso is so low.

*shut down*  
This one ~~misfortune~~ threw twelve hundred people out of work.

~~If that goes on, we don't need much imagination to see what~~

~~can happen. It's conditions such as these that bring about~~

*Hence* *are likely to follow, More*  
grave social and political disturbances, ~~For some time there~~

~~have been~~ rumblings ~~of trouble in sight~~ in Mexico.



LONDON

The British Lion is getting ready to show his claws.

First of all, the Chamberlain Government will allow credits amounting to about Three Hundred Million Dollars to friendly countries. It is believed that these countries will include Poland, Roumania and other small nations whose independence Britain and France have guaranteed. As a matter of fact, a bill to that extent passed its first reading in the House of Commons today.

The British rulers are also calling up a number of the reservists of the Air Force within the new few months. There's going to be a test mobilization of ~~xxxx~~ His Majesty's Air Squadrons. And they're going to send five squadrons of the Royal Air Force, fifty-two planes, bombers, hurricane fighters, and pursuit planes, to France on July Tenth, to take part in the celebration of the taking of the Bastile, ~~the~~ French Independence Day. Other squadrons will be sent to other points along the countries who are allies of Britain. Of course

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this is announced as merely a friendly gesture to friendly nations. Actually, it's interpreted to give Hitler and Mussolini a demonstration of how the aerial strength of the British has grown.

All this comes on top of this morning's news that the Chamberlain Government has at last stated its position definitely about ~~Danzig~~ Danzig and Poland. Great Britain will fight with Poland if there <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ any one-sided change in the status of Danzig. That's the tenor of the message to Poland.) But cynical observers are pointing out that there are loopholes in it. It does not mean that there ~~are~~ are no conditions' under which Chamberlain would consent to the ~~the~~ return of Danzig to the Reich. They also point out that Poland is trying to borrow money in London and that would enable Chamberlain to bring pressure on Poland to enter into peaceful ~~negotiations~~ negotiations with Germany, peaceful negotiations in which the Poles have everything to lose and the Germans everything to gain.

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BERLIN FOLLOW LONDON

The Germans lost no time taking a crack at Chamberlain for his decision to extend credits to the allied countries. The Nazis say ~~that~~ this move just makes <sup>Britains</sup> ~~the~~ allies into vassals of Great Britain! <sup>all</sup> ~~They would be~~ armed at British expense, ~~in order~~ to be ready when Chamberlain needs them.



POLAND

Poland sent a message to Paris today. It notified the French government that the Polish military defenses around Danzig are being reenforced. In the middle of the Vistula River, opposite the Free City, there's an island of ~~some size,~~ <sup>now</sup> and that is being heavily fortified.



HARVEST

Nazi Germany is mobilizing - but not for war. At least not yet. Hitler's chief officials have a peculiar situation on their hands. In the fields of Germany, there's a bumper crop. But there aren't enough men to reap it. So they are using all ~~their~~ stern ~~powers and~~ authority to draft people for work in the fields.

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According to the figures from Berlin, there's a labor shortage of about one million in Hitler's Reich. This shortage is larger than usual because the two hundred thousand farm workers from Poland ~~on~~ whom the Germans used to rely

at harvest time. <sup>These</sup> are not available this year. <sup>Poles are</sup> ~~They're~~ staying home, <sup>taking no</sup> ~~won't take any~~ chances, <sup>on being caught</sup> in Germany. Goering's huge armament program took a lot of men off the farms for work in the factories. So now they have <sup>a terrific shortage of</sup> ~~to cudgel their wits and look in almost every~~ ~~nook and cranny for~~ farm help.

The President of the <sup>German</sup> Labor <sup>Exchange</sup> ~~Exchange~~ is about to take one-third of the people now employed in retail trade and put them in the fields. The Nazi youth organizations, boys from

ten to eighteen years old, will give up their vacations and

help <sup>harvest</sup> ~~bring~~ the crops. ~~in~~. The student organizations at the

universities are volunteering, as they put it, "to defeat the

Polish attempt to sabotage our harvest." Workers have been

brought in from Slovakia, Italy, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria,

and even Holland, to say nothing of Bohemia and Moravia.

If the worst comes to the worst, the <sup>German</sup> army will be called upon

to help. But, ~~that will be~~ <sup>as</sup> only a last resort. To the German

mind it is shocking to have a soldier in uniform doing anything

so useful as digging beets and potatoes.



TENNIS

This was Ladies' Day at Wimbledon, ~~England~~, the semi-finals for the women's singles tennis championship of ~~all~~ England. The ~~present~~ present champion is ~~the once redoubtable and almost unbeatable~~ Helen Wills Moody. But this year Mrs. Moody <sup>there to</sup> is not ~~defending~~ her title.

<sup>However</sup> There were two American girls playing on ~~the~~ Wimbledon courts today, each <sup>pitted</sup> ~~of them playing~~ against an English <sup>tennis star,</sup> ~~woman~~. Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan of Brookline, Massachusetts, ~~was~~ <sup>versus</sup> ~~against~~ Kay Stammers, ~~the left-handed English girl champ.~~

Mrs. Fabyan gave Kay Stammers a tough fight, ~~she~~ forced the first set to seven-five and won the second easily, two-six. But in the last she wasn't strong enough. <sup>Kay Stammers</sup> ~~so the English girl~~ won. ~~That~~ <sup>So there will not be</sup> ~~wiped out all patriotic hopes for~~ an all-America final <sup>for the</sup> ~~in the~~ women's ~~as it will be in the men's~~ championship.

~~However, that still left one American in the running, and what a run it was. Our own California ace, San Francisco's Alice Marble, <sup>met</sup> ~~was playing~~ the Danish champion Mrs. Hilde Sperling.~~

<sup>8</sup> ~~Our own Alice Marble won the <sup>2</sup> match in twenty minutes. ~~Unless it's~~ <sup>That sounds like</sup> ~~mistaken, that's either~~ a record or pretty near it: ~~—just imagine,~~~~

twenty minutes for two sets. The Danish lady didn't win a game.

The score was six-love, seven-love. In the first set Mrs. Sperling



got only nine points; in the second she had to be satisfied with five. The report <sup>is</sup> ~~from the courtside is~~ that Miss Marble was *red hot - in top form* simply ~~terrific and that her opponent could hardly get a racquet on the ball.~~

~~This helps to make the Wimbledon show exciting for us.~~

## CAMEL

An English court has just decided that the beast that can go without water on long desert treks is a domestic animal. It all came about this way;;

An engineer went to a zoo near London and was feeding the camel apples. Anybody who has been in Africa or Asia will tell you this is not a safe thing to do. For camels are notoriously ill natured and ungrateful. Well the camel in the zoo bit the engineer. And, he sued the zoo. The decision of the court is that "Camels are domestic animals."

And long ago it became law in England that every domestic animal is entitled to at least one bite. Therefore the camel was entitled to take a chunk out of the engineer. There's one Englishman who says he's off camels for life.