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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The outstanding event in Europe today is the offer Hitler has made to France. The gist of it is: no war between us for ten years, or, if you prefer, for twenty-five years. And he suggest that the French and German governments make a gentleman's agreement to that effect.

This will undoubtedly be the first thing discussed when the four powers get together again, France, Germany, Italy and England. Hitler Has already announced that he has no claims on any French territory, and offers to confirm this with a gentleman's agreement.

WATERWAYS

~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler is preparing to cash in on his recent victories not only quickly but methodically. The Nazi government today allowed part of their plans for Czechoslovakia to become public. They ^{are} ~~is~~ getting ready to tie up Czechoslovakia with a highway and canal system of the German Reich. In fact, the Nazis will lose no time extending their economic empire from the northeast to the Black Sea.

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First of all, the new Midland Canal was opened for traffic today. That's a waterway which connects all the German rivers. It enables goods to be shipped from the most easterly regions of East Prussia to the Rhineland. The next thing they're planning is a deep water canal between Silesia and Vienna. That will connect up the Danube and the River Oder. Then they'll build an express highway to run parallel with the canal through Czechoslovakia.

It's intimated that the Czechs will benefit from these projects as well as the Germans. These canals and highways will be owned jointly by the Reich and the Czech republic and the Nazi government has no intention of invading the sovereignty of the Czechs.

HUNGARY

(Czechoslovakia ~~is~~ to lose another ~~striking~~ slice
of its territory. ~~It will go~~ ^{Yes} to Hungary. The differences
between the Czech Government and Hungary were left up to
Italy and Germany ~~to~~ ^{by} a court of arbitration. A dispatch
from Rome reported that the Italians and Germans have made
their decision. Hungary gets eleven thousand square miles of
Czech territory, with one million population.)

RIOT

Twenty-four people in Milwaukee are under arrest today but out on bail. It's the result of a Nazi riot.

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The German-American Citizens' Alliance held a Concord Day Celebration last night. They were commemorating the arrival of the first German immigrants to America's shores. One of the speakers was John C. Shafter, former Representative in Congress. He was talking about Communism. In the middle of his speech a voice from the hall ~~interrupted, xx with~~ interrupted with a shout: "How can a man who belongs to the Silver Shirts presume to talk of American Democracy?"

The heckler's
That started it. ~~He~~[^] neighbors tried to throw him out. His friends came to his rescue. And ~~that~~^{it all} developed into a free-for-all. The police rushed in, and thereupon blows and bruises were exchanged freely. The cops arrested eighteen people in the hall. When they got them outside, their friends tried to rescue them, and six more were pinched for interfering with the

~~police~~

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STOCK EXCHANGE

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Here's another aftermath of the crimes and conviction of Richard F. Whitney, former President of the New York Stock Exchange. A rigorous and drastic program of reform has been drawn up ~~by the government~~ for the conduct not only of the New York Stock Exchange but securities markets all over the country. This program was devised by the Securities and Exchange Commission in collaboration with the new management of the New York Stock Exchange. Chairman Douglas of the S.E.C. says the following is the most important reform: "No member firm may carry a margin account for any other member of the exchange or any other broker or dealer." Says Chairman Douglas: "This is designed to cut down speculation by members of the Exchange."

But that's only one detail. There's also going to be a ~~re~~ rule that no governor or officer or employee of any stock or produce exchange may loan money or securities to or borrow money or securities from any firm that's a member of an exchange. ~~the~~ Also, the accounts of firms that are members of the Exchange must be audited by independent public accountants at least once

a year. Moreover, all members must submit short reports on their condition to the Exchange four times a year.

These are just a few of the new rules that are going to be enforced on the exchanges.

EXECUTION

A prisoner was executed for murder today, at the Utah Penitentiary in Salt Lake City. They don't electrocute their murderers out there, they shoot them. But this was an execution unique in the history of this country, if not of the world. With the victim's consent, a doctor attached a scientific instrument to his heart before he was shot. It was a cardiograph to record his heartbeats. Before he died, the man said: "I've never been any good and this is the best and quickest way out."

He was forty years old but of his last twenty-seven years he passed thirteen in one prison or another.

The record made by the instrument showed that his heart stopped beating fifteen and a half seconds after it was pierced by a bullet. And one wonders, what has science learned from that?

ROBBERS

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Uncle Sam's G-men in Chicago say they have a confession from the last of a formidable gang of robbers. According to his confession, the Bentz mob, to which this fellow belonged, held up no fewer than eighteen banks and post-offices throughout five states. They got no less than a hundred and ten thousand dollars, ranging from sixty thousand they stole from a bank in New Jersey to fifteen hundred they got from a raid on Belgium, Wisconsin.

Most of that mob were long since convicted, sentenced and sent to ~~the snoozer~~ ^{jail.} When the G-men caught ~~the~~ ^{the} last member ^{of the gang} in Chicago, all he had was three hundred dollars and two revolvers.

SOUTH DAKOTA HOLD UP

One of the coolest ^{bank} robberies you ever heard of was pulled off at Brookings, South Dakota today. And one of the people who did it was a pretty young girl, eighteen years old, ^{of course} and blonde. With her was a man of about thirty who wielded a machine gun. They got inside the bank before it was opened for business. ^{There} ~~and~~ they sat for two whole hours for the time lock to open on the bank's vault. As each employee entered they saw the man sitting calmly on a chair at the rear of the bank, methodically waving ^{the} a machine gun. The girl stood in the main lobby holding a pistol under her ^{coat}. She watched all the customers as they came in. ~~the~~ ^{TP} The employees were warned ~~to~~ to go on with business as though ~~it~~ nothing had happened. But said the hold-up couple, "Don't make a false move or this place will be messed up."

In due course the time lock on the ~~the vault~~ ^{vault} opened. The man scooped up all the available cash, fifteen thousand dollars, and put it in a sack. Then he and his ^{pistol-waving blonde} ~~girl~~ ~~companion~~ ^{companion} compelled the manager and the assistant manager to

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walk ahead of them out of the door. And compelled them to stand on the running boards of the car as the two drove off. A mile out of town the bank officials were allowed to jump off and start walking back.

HERO

Toronto has a new hero in the person of a fourteen year old boy. The lad accomplished an act today which saved seven lives; and did it alone. His first name is Verdun, named for the great French fortress of which we heard so much during the War. His family name is LaFortune

A man with his wife and four children, accompanied also by a friend, were out on the icy waters of Lake Ontario. The two men, jobless, had patched together an old motor boat. In this, with the woman and the children, they were on their way to Georgian Bay in hopes of getting work. They hadn't gone far when a connecting rod burned out. And the boat was a leak. It began to settle. So there were those seven souls in a sinking boat, on a lake swept by high winds. Their plight was seen by young Verdun LaFortune. He jumped into a rowboat and started the rescue. But after a few yards, the waves of the lake swamped his boat. Whereupon that stout fourteen year old lad swam and swam through the icy water until he reached a lifesaving station. Just in time. A lifeboat put out and saved the four children, the mother, and the two men, as the boat was about to sink.

SPORT

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On the side of Spelter Mountain in West Virginia, a rescue gang has been at work for twelve days. Fifteen men and women have been digging day and night in shifts. They've been hacking at a thirty foot stone wall to save a life. The life they're trying to save is that of a dog.

~~You may say that~~ ^{He} must be quite a dog. ~~if all those~~
~~people are at it so hard to save his life,~~ You're right; he is. He's the friend of everybody in that part of America. ~~He's a~~ Beagle hound rejoicing, ~~in the name~~ ^d of Sport. Anybody around there who starts for a walk, just whistles and in two seconds Sport comes ^{on the run.} ~~galloping along~~

Another famous animal ^{in those parts is} ~~hangs around there,~~ the three-legged fox of Spelter Mountain. The legend is that he lost his leg in a trap. ^{And the folks} ~~But the~~ ^{of} Spelter Mountain say that losing his left made that fox the smartest that ever lived.

Twelve days ago, Sport, the Beagle hound, went out hunting by himself, ~~They say he went~~ hunting for that three-legged fox. And they think the three-legged ^{one} ~~fox~~ led Sport into a trap, a hole in the rocky side of Spelter Mountain, from which he can't

get out. For two days nobody knew where Sport was. It was Buddy, his kennel mate, a one year old sheep dog, who caught the scent and led the rescue. Nobody could see the dog in his rocky prison but they could hear him whining. They've been feeding him by shoving food through a three inch crack in the rocky wall. And they're digging and drilling to get him out. Lucky sport to have so many friends.

MENUHIN

Yehudi Menuhin, the brilliant young violinist, has an engagement to play with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday. ^{But he'll not be there. He was} ~~He was invited,~~ notified that in order to play with a

union orchestra he would have to join the union. Said ~~Menuhin~~ ^{Yehudi}

"I won't do it." And he explained: "I sympathize with the union

and its members. But I'm an individual artist, I have no need

for collective bargaining." And he added: "My freedom as an

artist is at stake." For playing with that orchestra ~~Menuhin~~ ^{Yehudi would}

~~will~~ receive three thousand dollars. To join the union it ~~will~~ ^{would}

cost him seventy-five dollars. Nevertheless, he stands by his guns.

Members of the orchestra were sympathetic and proposed a modification of the rules. But the Board of Governors of the American Guild of Musical Artists say no. They held a meeting today and telephoned to Los Angeles, saying: "Menuhin must join the union or he can't play on Thursday."

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HALLOWE'EN

The Boston cops have hit on a new way of coping with Hollowe'en. For, while tonight is ~~going to be a~~ ^{the} night of traditional fun for youngsters, it means only a headache for policemen all over the country. It's lots of fun stealing the gate of a quick tempered householder or parking a cow in the second story bedroom of an aged lady's home. But it's not such good ~~fun~~ ^{fun} for the officers who have to find the gate and restore the cow where it belongs.

So the Boston police have hit on this idea. There'll be Hallowe'en parties at police stations all over Greater Boston. The cops will dig into their own resources, even their ~~pocketbooks~~ ^{own}, to stage moving pictures, vaudeville, the usual games, and of course refreshments. It's hoped that in that way they will get at least a few thousand of the prankful youngsters where they can keep an eye on them. But those who don't come to the party will be taken care of too. The police commissioner has ordered three hundred extra cops on patrol duty in Boston.

INVASION

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You may well imagine that everybody who has anything to do with radio was much concerned today, distressed over the amazing panic caused by *last night's* fiction-broadcast. It should be hardly necessary to say that not a soul connected with that venture ever dreamed that even the most sensational drama, when acted over the air, would have any such effect. All because of a technical peculiarity.

Many people dial^{ed} into the middle of a program. And that's what happened last night. They dialed bang into the dramatization of H.G. Wells's "The War of the Worlds." Consequently, they missed the opening explanation. They actually thought they were listening to bulletins of a sensational news broadcast. Never dreamed it was mere play acting.

The latest today is that the heads of the Columbia Broadcasting System, who regret all this which they could not have foreseen, have now taken measures to prevent any possibility of such a thing ever occurring again. Today they adopted a rule that never again will a news broadcast be simulated in the middle of the action of a fiction story under circumstances that cause alarm.

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As one of the Federal Communications Commission has

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observed today, it shows not only the influence and power, but the responsibility of radio. The prompt action taken by the radio heads themselves will probably make any action by the Federal Communications Commission unnecessary. One member of the F.C.C., Commissioner Walker said today:- "Probably the broadcasters are as anxious to straighten things out as anybody." Chairman McNinch said the Commission would proceed with the utmost caution and not put itself ~~in~~ in the position of ~~ERE~~ censoring what shall or shall not be broadcast.

Some of the effects of last night's "War of the World" were highly interesting, to say the least. Two professors of geology from Princeton University sallied forth with flashlights to hunt for that gigantic meteorite. They heard it had fallen at Grovers Mills, New Jersey.

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The reporters and managing editors of the "Memphis News-Scimitar" heard the meteorite part of the melodrama and rushed to the office, all ready to get out an extra edition of their paper. Even in Canada, newspaper offices and radio stations were overwhelmed with telephone calls.

Anyway it was an exciting broadcast. And caused more hullabaloo than this one. And s-l-u-t-m.