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"Bowdoin"

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GOOD EVENING ALL:

Naturally the first thing you want to know is, where is Lowell Thomas? To answer quickly, he's at sea, on a most interesting cruise; but he'll be back at this microphone Monday.

Lowell's had precious few nights off in the last few years. Actually he holds the record of having been on the air more than eight uninterrupted years, except for that dash to the English Coronation last year. That gives him one of the longest continuous runs in the history of radio, one of the longest of all sponsored programs on a national chain. For six of these years he has been continuously under one sponsor, the Sun Oil Company, which I believe is another record. You will admit he's earned a night off.

Tonight he's with Commander Donald MacMillan, the Arctic explorer, who is starting from Booth Bay, Maine, aboard his famous sailing ship, the BOWDOIN, on his seventeenth expedition to the Arctic regions. However, Lowell Thomas is not going to the



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this time. Commander MacMillan is going to put him ashore Sunday night. And we can expect him to have something interesting to tell Monday evening.

ROOSEVELT

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President Roosevelt returned to Washington from his short rest at Hyde Park to face one of the most hectic days of the year. On his desk was a young mountain of bills passed by Congress, still to be signed. In addition to that, he had conferences with Postmaster General Farley, with ~~Senator~~ <sup>majority leader</sup> Barkley of Kentucky, ~~the majority leader~~, a cabinet meeting and a press conference. Reporters asked him what about those rumors that Uncle Sam's dollar is going to be devalued again. The President's only reply was that it sounded like a report concocted on Wall Street.

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In addition to all this, he had one of the heaviest days of routine appointments. About an hour ago he left the White House for a quick dash through Washington's traffic to Anacostia. At the home of Under-Secretary Welles of the State Department, Mr. Roosevelt attended the annual dinner of what is ~~known~~ called the "Little Cabinet." The dinner was set for an early hour to enable the President to return to the White House and put the finishing touches on the fireside chat that he will broadcast at half past ~~ten tonight, that is, a half past ten Eastern Daylight Saving Time~~ tonight.



SPIES

The air fairly crackled with spy stories today. ~~First of~~

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~~Even~~ President Roosevelt took up the subject. He said both the army and the navy should have more money for counter-espionage.

Senator Pitman of Nevada, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, intimated that he might introduce a new law in the next session of Congress, to cope with spying.

At the same time in Berlin, our Ambassador Hugh Wilson was paying a visit to Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop. It was admitted that the purpose of his visit was to protest <sup>against</sup> ~~about~~ Nazi espionage in the United States. Curiously enough, a <sup>spy</sup> ~~man~~ was beheaded in Berlin today, ~~as a spy~~. He was a German, the fifth spy to be executed in <sup>the last few</sup> ~~almost as many~~ days.

## TEMPLE

On this perhaps busiest day of his year President Roosevelt put aside spy stories, bills, everything to receive a little lady not yet tenyears old. Of course it was Shirley Temple. For the benefit of the Temple fans, perhaps I should add that she wore a blue frock and a red ribbon around her yellow curls.

Now what do you suppose they talked about! They discussed teeth. Said Miss Shirley as she came out of the White House: "I told him I lost a tooth, it feel out last night when I was eating a sandwich." And what did the President say? He told her about all the teeth that his grandchildren, Sistie and Buzzie Dahl had lost. Mademoiselle Temple then told the President about the salmon she had caught at Vancouver Island, which aroused the presidential admiration, not to say envy. Then they asked her: "Did you like the President?" And she replied: "Oh yes, very much. He told us to come back next year."



DWYER

Here's a strange and sensational sequel to a murder case in Maine. One morning last October, an eighteen year old lad was arrested in New Jersey. He was arrested *for a traffic violation.* ~~by traffic cops.~~ *the cops* When ~~they~~ examined the car which he was driving, they found the dead ~~bodies~~ of an elderly man and woman stuck in the trunk.

*Paul* DWYER They were Dr. and Mrs. Littlefield of South Paris, Maine. The boy was arrested, the police obtained a confession from him, said he had murdered both the aged doctor and his sixty-four year old wife, who had been his benefactors. The reason for the murder always seemed obscure. Afterwards, the boy repudiated his confession. Nevertheless, he was convicted, sentenced to imprisonment for life. He has been in the Maine Penitentiary at Thomaston ever since.

Certain circumstances have come up to make the law officers of South Paris dissatisfied with that settlement of the case. A special Assistant Attorney General was appointed to investigate. Young Dwyer, the eighteen year old boy in prison, persisted in denying that he had killed Dr. and Mrs. Littlefield, told a different and more circumstantial story.

Today, another man was indicted by the grand jury and

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Charged with that double murder. The man so indicted is a former deputy sheriff. He is also the father of the girl who used to be the sweetheart of eighteen year old Paul Dwyer.



BARBARA

conflict

The ~~problem~~ between the dime store heiress and her Danish Count becomes more bewildering. The latest is that Countess Barbara, who gave up her American citizenship a few months ago, will try to regain it. She's afraid her present status as a subject of the King of Denmark may cause her to lose custody of little two year old Lance.

It's still impossible to make out whether it's the little boy or the Woolworth millions that are at the bottom of this international melodrama. It is impossible to make out why even a summons should have been issued in Bow Street police court to a man who up to now seems to have committed no offense against the British laws.

One fact is known: that high officials of Scotland Yard and a big shot British banker paid a visit to Countess Barbara's mansion in London. The banker is Sir John Milbank, head of the

Milbank Trust, an exceedingly big bank in British finance.

*He has advised Barbara to hide the child in some remote spot in England.*

He is supposed to have the direction of a considerable part of

52 the huge fortune owned by the Countess.

If she really wants to become an American citizen once more, she will have a long road to hoe. If she divorces the Count

von Haugwitz-Reventlow, it will take her three years. If she doesn't, she'll have to wait five years. And she will have to go through the same process as any alien immigrant from Galicia, Greece or Damascus.



CIRCUS

Death was a ~~xx~~ visitor at the strike-bound Big Top in Scranton, Pennsylvania today. Two Scranton TRIBUNE photographers were flying about fifty feet above the paralyzed show when their motor stopped. One jumped from the plane but the fall killed him. The other died a few minutes after being pulled from the wreckage. The plane narrowly missed the main tent and some of the animal wagons.

Meanwhile the Mayor of Scranton has ordered the Big Show out of town on sanitary grounds. Officials of the company including young John Ringling North himself, are playing valet and stable-boy to the animals.

## EXPEDITION

Now comes word that Mount St. Agnes, one of the peaks in the Chugah Mountain Range, Alaska was climbed last week for absolutely the first time. It was done by an expedition headed by Bradford Washburn, Norman Bright, Peter Gabriel and Norman Dyrenfurth. They are all friends of Lowell Thomas. All came through in tip-top condition except Dyrenfurth whose feet were frozen.

Mount St. Agnes is only fourteen thousand feet high, but the ascent took Washburn and his companions a whole month.

"Out of twenty-eight days," Washburn said, "the sun shone only twice, and wind blew eighty miles an hour. The base camp was buried by snow for thirty-six hours.



## REGATTA

We have just heard that Harvard won by a length and a half in the Harvard-Yale Regatta held on the River Thames of New London, Connecticut. today. For the first time in several years the spectators did not include President Roosevelt, nor was there a young Roosevelt rowing today.

Nevertheless, there was a big, rich and fashionable turnout. The fleet of yachts was as big as ever, yachts of all sizes.

So far it has been Harvard's day. The Harvard freshmen won by two and a half lengths. The Junior Varsity had a close race for it, but came in ahead with a slight lead. That was a surprise event, since the Yale Juniors had been unbeaten up to today, while the Harvard Juniors had been defeated once.

All this makes a good prelude to the most exciting regatta of all, the Intercollegiate Rowing Races at Poughkeepsie next Monday. That's the one that gets the crowds.

HUGHES

~~For some time we've been hearing that~~ Howard Hughes, who made the fastest coast to coast airplane flights, is going out after a new record. He's going to try to beat the time made by Post and Gatty around the world. Some of his friends say he has about completed all his preparations. Hughes never takes any of these flights without the utmost preliminary care and organization. But all that is accomplished. He may take off at any moment.

This was confirmed by a bulletin from Paris. Mr. Hughes has asked the American Embassy to arrange for his landing at Le Bourget, the airdrome outside Paris, some time after noon on Saturday. From Los Angeles to Paris, in such a short time, will surely be a sensational record, if he makes it.



You might suppose the Mikado's armies had on their hands all the fighting they can take care of at present. But another loud bit of sabre rattling was done in Tokyo today. Placards appeared all over the city, urging the Japanese to prepare for what is called "an inevitable Russo-Japanese war." The authors of these posters were two Fascist organizations with army connections. One of them reads: "Don't walk into the Red Russian trap. The fundamental solution of the China problem can be found only through chastisement of Russia." And another read: "Red Russia is a more villainous enemy than Great Britain."

The younger officers, from majors down, in the Japanese Army, have insisted from the start that the old generals were all wrong - that they should have smashed Russia out of Asia first, then let China fall into their laps.

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willing to risk a way unless there was some immediate profit in sight so the old generals promised them that the cotton lands of northChina would save their spending two hundred million dollars a year for American cotton. Open appearance of the placards may indicate that a big-scale mutiny within the Japanese army is not far off.


Even China and Russia do not seem sufficient for Japanese enterprise. From this side of the Pacific, from fishermen in Alaska, comes the cable: "Bering Sea covered with Japanese boats and nets," and our fishermen, while thanking the federal government for sending coast guard cutters up there, complain that the cutters limit their supervision to within three miles of our shores -- which means no protection whatever for what these fishermen claim as "American fish."



FIGHT

You might suppose we were more or less through with follow-ups on the Louis-Schmeling fight. But here's one from London which sounds important, if true. Joe Louis's manager has received an offer to take his man to England in September, for another fight against Tommy Farr. The idea is to stage it at the gigantic Wembley Stadium <sup>outside London</sup> which has a seating capacity of a hundred thousand. The promoter on the other side guarantees Joe Louis two hundred thousand dollars in American money, clear of all English taxes.

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Canadians should be particularly interested. The promoter who makes this offer is Armand Vincent, who used to promote sporting events in Montreal. One considerable drawback to the proposal is that Louis is supposed to have a date to fight Max Baer in New York in that same September.



McCORMICK

In the mountains of New Mexico, east of Albuquerque, two young men are missing. One of them bears two celebrated names. He is twenty-one year old Medill McCormick, a scion of the multimillionaire harvester family of Chicago. He's also a grandson of the late Mark Hanna, who was a Warwick in the Republican Party, a maker of presidents. Young McCormick's mother is Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms.

With a companion of his own age, young McCormick went on a hiking trip last Wednesday. <sup>They</sup> He went into a canyon in the Sandia range. They <sup>intended to drive</sup> ~~drove~~ their car as far as they could, then continued on foot. When they didn't return last night, McCormick's mother became anxious and notified the police. They searched the canyon and failed to find either the young men or the car in which they had driven.

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Tonight Governor Tingley of New Mexico is prepared to send a company of the New Mexico National Guard cavalry into that mountain range to look for the young men.



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Well, here's a strange romance - and encouragement for celebrities, who are called on to write their autographs and shake hands.

Four years ago the St. Louis Cardinals were playing

an exhibition game at Wichita, Kansas. After the game

Dizzy and Pepper Martin were standing in the lobby of the

hotel. To them came a Wichita citizen, Mr. S. A. Murphy,

with his small son. He wanted to shake hands with Dizzy

and Pepper. The ball players gave the boy an autographed

ball and a Pepper Martin baseball bat. They also introduced

him to the rest of the gashouse gang.

One year later Dean and Martin received a letter

from this Mr. Murphy. He said he was giving them five ~~acres~~

acres of land "out of gratitude for your kindness to my boy."

Last year Dizzy and Pepper received the deeds to those five

acres. The next thing they heard was that there were

intimations of oil on their land. A month ago Murphy wrote

to Dean "Drilling has started on your land. It looks as

though you and Pepper may have something." A telegram

arrived in New York for Dizzy yesterday. It was signed Murphy,

and it read "Your well came in today. More power to you."

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