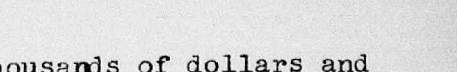


GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Father Divine, in hot water last night over that rumpus in Heaven, is in still hotter water tonight. His principal lady disciple has gone back on him. The lady's name is Viola Wilson. In the Divine Heaven she is known as ~~Faith~~ "Faithful Mary." But tonight she's anything but faithful. In the days when he used to refer to her as "my so-called wife," she referred to him as "God." But today she said: "He ain't God, the Father. He's just a so-and-so man." And the adjective she added is one we don't use on the air.

It seems that Father Divine's promised land in Ulster County, New York, was all in Faithful Mary's name. She was one of the treasurers of the Divine cult. And she also holds the deeds to a great deal of real estate not only in Ulster County, but in Harlem. They had a fight about the Promised Land in Ulster County. When the Father ordered her to come across with the deeds, Faithful Mary declined and said, "Nothing doing." She had previously turned over other property in her name - thousands of dollars and six or



seven houses in New York City. But at last drew the line as she explained today, "When he said I had to give him this place at High Falls too, I says to him: 'Peace, I don't want to do it.'" Whereupon the Father said if she didn't obey him he'd tell the angels. He also said he'd put her back in the kitchen and not let her sit beside him at the banquets no more.

Although Father Divine's lawyer said the cult leader was going to surrender to the police, he hadn't yet done so at a late hour this afternoon. Father Divine, it is announced, will surrender to the District Attorney of New York County, for he has a great deal of respect for the District Attorney, but not ~~too~~ much for the police.

The man who was stabbed in the fracas is in a serious condition at the hospital. But he'll probably pull through.

LABOR

There'll be no attempt to amend the Wagner Labor Act at present. At least that's the sentiment of the ~~big~~ conference between Capital and Labor called by Secretary Perkins. Officially, they've reached no conclusions yet. But the inclination, on the part of the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Labor leaders, is that, for the time being, we ought to try ~~to amend~~ the Act ^{as} ~~is~~ and see how it works. In the meantime, both the employers and the labor representatives agree to consider all contracts as binding and sacred.

We've been hearing with increasing volume the opinion that the unions should be made legally responsible, somewhat as they are in England. In other words, that a union should be made liable to suit for breach of contract if it starts a strike after making an agreement with an employer. It is said that such a proposal has been confidentially recommended to the President by the Business Advisory Council of the Secretary of Commerce. Reports from ^{the} ~~Secretary~~ Perkins's conference indicate that both sides are going to wait and see before discussing anything of this sort.

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ARTISTS' CONGRESS

When even artists organize, that is indeed an extraordinary and historic trend. The painters, etchers, sculptors, of America have evidently been inspired to emulate the C.I.O. They've organized an Artists' Congress covering the entire country. And as a beginning they are holding exhibitions in eight key cities. The first of them is now open in the International Building of Rockefeller Center.

The Philadelphia show opens at the Artists' Union headquarters, April Twenty-sixth. There will also be similar exhibitions in Los Angeles and Chicago, Cleveland and New Orleans, Detroit and Portland, Oregon. While in Paris, Berlin, Hongkong, Boston, Philadelphia, et cetera, et cetera, it'll be a Tuft's collegiate birthday -- 85 years old for Tufts.

BUDGET

President Roosevelt has had many a hard nut to crack since Nineteen Thirty-Three, but not one of them has been harder than the job he's tackling now. This business of cutting down the expenses and forcing up Uncle Sam's income is bringing headaches in Washington such as have seldom been felt before. The order of the day is -- cut, slash, pare down. Blue pencil ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ all appropriations to the extent of ten per cent. Somewhere, somehow, Uncle Sam's outgo has got to be diminished by one billion dollars. And only by ruthless cutting can it be done.

This means that many of the pet projects of the New Deal will have ~~it~~ to be either dropped or put on woefully short funds. Five hundred and fifty millions off the Flood Control Appropriation; one hundred millions off Crop Insurance; thirty millions off the government's plan for Slum Clearance and Low Cost Housing; a hundred millions off the education bill. And the project to help tenant-farmers will suffer to the tune of a hundred and thirty-five millions. Five hundred thousand people may have to be dropped from the W.P.A. rolls, which now are supporting two

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million one hundred thousand. But that's not definite. At his press conference, the President told the Washington correspondents that there wouldn't be much of a cut in the Works Progress Administration. As a matter of fact, Administrator Harry Hopkins had already announced that he had hoped to cut the W.P.A. lists to one million six hundred thousand by July First. But the disastrous floods in January ^{upset that.} ~~rose hob with that plan.~~

So the fact remains, as Mr. Roosevelt told Congress, the situation has got to be faced realistically. In other words, we now see the President talking economy as forcefully and emphatically as any of his critics and opponents did during the last campaign.

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But even if all those economies are affected, we are told we must prepare to face a raise in income tax all along the line. That means especially for people in the low ~~income~~ brackets. However, the belief is Congress won't tackle that until ~~the~~ the fall. The legislators will have plenty of grief cutting those appropriations and then explaining the sad news to open-handed constituents. Of course, the prospect of upping the

income tax is one that no congressman or congress-woman faces with delight. However, they'll have a pretty useful argument to offer when they go to sooth the taxpayers' feelings. "Look at England," they can say. "How would you like to live there and have to pay that flat twenty-five per cent income tax, no matter how small the amount of money you make?"

It has been figured out that even before this new and terrific levy was announced by England's Chancellor of the Exchequer, British taxpayers in the lower brackets have been paying more than ten times as much as low income Americans. So there's a mite of consolation.

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Cabinet ministers in England have one ordeal to face which members of an American cabinet escape. They have to run a severe gauntlet of personal criticism, meet their critics face to face in the House, explain, defend themselves, answer questions. That was what the Right Honourable Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was up against today. It was ^{about} ~~over~~ his budget, of course, ~~the~~ those terrific taxes. Socialists and Laborites were joined by strict conservatives in angry criticism of ~~these~~ ^{the} high levies. One of the conservatives described Mr. Chamberlain's measure as a tax to soak enterprise. "Weird ~~fixure~~ finance!" "reckless extravagance!" were among the angry charges hurled forth.

All this led to some interesting speculation. If the conservatives were so angry at ~~Mr~~ Neville Chamberlain, it was said, they might turn against him, might obstruct the plan to have him succeed ^{Prime Minister} ~~Premier~~ Stanley Baldwin after the Coronation.

MUSSO

The rumor that Mussolini is about to pay a visit to Germany and see Hitler, is intriguing. The principal topic they are supposed to discuss is Austria. Hitherto, Mussolini has consistently said to the Nazis ; "Hands off Austria." But now the belief is that he is going to say: "Go as far as you like in Austria, it's okay with me."

Though official relations between Vienna and Rome have been friendly, the Austrian people at large have by no means taken kindly to the Italian influence, a virtual protectorate which Italy has maintained over Vienna and environs. That was forcibly demonstrated some days ago at a soccer match. The Italian team came on the field and gave the Fascist salute. The Viennese reply to that was a loud and vociferous Bronx cheer from the stands; and that attitude was maintained throughout the rest of the game. In fact, the proceedings became so uproarious the game was never finished.

Hitler's right hand man, Colonel General Goering, left Berlin today for Italy. Ostensibly he is taking his wife south for a visit. But the truth is, they say, that he is going to arrange this meeting between the Duce and the Fuehrer at Hitler's Bavarian home two weeks from now.

SPAIN

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Excitement over the Spanish Civil War broke out in an entirely new place today. The people of the Netherlands are in a state of fury over the information that the Rebels executed the officers of a Dutch steamship sunk in the Bay of Biscay on the Sixth of April. They were tried, says an Amsterdam newspaper, by a court martial and shot.

There's ~~certain~~ doubt and confusion about the story. The Dutch Legation at Lisbon reports to the Foreign Minister of the Netherlands that the crew of that Dutch vessel was taken prisoner but subsequently freed and sent home. So there's a possibility that the officers of the ship were also set at liberty. The freighter when she was seized by a Rebel warship, was flying the flag of the Republic of Panama.

As for doings in Spain, it looks as though General Franco's much quarreled over blockade about Bilbao was broken. Indeed, it looks as though he had given it up. When Captain Roberts took the SEVEN SEAS SPRAY to Bilbao with four thousand tons of provisions for the beleaguered people, the whole situation seemed to change in a flash. The Rebel crusiers which were

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blockading the city, left in a hurry. They were seen today passing through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean. Thereupon all the British ships that had been waiting at Bayonne started to get up steam. The government has warned them, however, that they will run that blockade at their own risk. Though the risk ^{now doesn't seem} ~~isn't so~~ grave.

One celebrated statesman of Europe declares that the game is up, that General Franco has virtually lost his rebellion. That statesman was the Right Honorable David Lloyd George. He made the statement to the House of Commons. He didn't base it on the breaking of ~~that~~^{the} blockade, but upon his *own* opinion. Premier Mussolini is fed up, says L.G., tired of the trouble and worry that the civil war is causing all around. Hitler too is sick of it all. Without their support, the Nationalist cause is hopeless.

However, the Nationalists don't seem to be aware of it. For today they poured on Madrid the most ~~ex~~ terrific, savage bombardment that the city has yet had to endure in five and a half months of siege. The Madrillenos were running

around the streets terror-stricken. Women screaming and running to shelter, people afraid to go home, taking refuge in subways and basements. Street cars were struck by shells and groups of people in the capital were blown to pieces. *Spanish* bedevilment redoubled.

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FLYNN

The Knights of Columbus are much excited about Errol Flynn, adventurer, writer, actor. They are investigating his activities in Spain. "He and some of his friends are the most pernicious kind of parlor pinks," says the Secretary of the Los Angeles Knights of Columbus.

It's all because of an interview Flynn is supposed to have given out in Barcelona. He was asked whether it were true that Hollywood had contributed money to help out the Spanish government. To this Errol Flynn is supposed to have replied: "Yes, Fred March, Jim Cagney and I started it. So far we've raised one million, five hundred thousand dollars."

Hollywood pinks - so they say.

UMPIRE

I had a faint hope of being able to sneak away to a ball game this afternoon but it was raining buckets. As a bit of consolation I'll give you a baseball yarn from the latest issue of the COMMENTATOR. It's a piece by Charles Hanna, called "The Care and Feeding of Umpires." Charlie Hanna tells a story which he says is historic but I never heard it before. The veteran umpire, Sheridan, was calling the balls and strikes behind the plate and getting the goat of a lady fan who sat in a front box behind the foul screen. She finally reached such a pitch of fury that she shrieked at Sheridan: "If I were your wife I'd give you poison!"

Sheridan turned his portly body around, took off his mask and cap, bowed profoundly, and replied: "Madam, if you were my wife, I'd take poison."

CLARK GABLE

There was an impassioned scene in a court of justice of Los Angeles, California. The court and the spectators heard with ^a~~the~~ right, round pronunciation, the ~~trial~~ tirade: "Hit's a blinkin' houtrage!" That's what it is, that a mother 'as to hendure this in defense of 'er own rights and the rights of 'er hoffspring."

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The scene took place at the trial of the woman accused by Clark Gable of using the mails to defraud. The buxom forty-seven year old Mrs. Violet Wells Norton, her ~~thin~~ chin quivering in rage, was the person who made that angry speech in the tones of the Cockney region from which she came.

I suppose everybody remembers that Mrs. Norton had accused Bill Gable, as he is called in Hollywood, as being the father of her fourteen year old daughter. And for that she's now being prosecuted by Uncle Sam's law officers. The lady sticks to her guns, insists that she knew Gable in England fifteen years ago under the name of "Frank Billings." As he walked into the courtroom, she arose from her chair and shouted: "That's 'im; that's ~~him~~ Frank Billings!"

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When the excitement from that subsided, the government proceeded to put witnesses on the stand who swore that fifteen years ago Mr. Gable was a lumberjack in the State of Washington. Yesterday, of course, he himself testified that he had never been in England, had never used the name of "Billings", had never met Mrs. Norton nor seen her until they met in court.

In one stage of the proceedings, however, Mrs. Norton covered her face ~~and~~ with her hands and her shoulders shook convulsively. People thought she was sobbing. But when she lowered her hands it was seen that as a matter of fact the lady was laughing. ~~At any rate, that~~ ^{The} trial is providing southern California, ^{with the biggest feature production} ~~and the county in general, with a diverting show~~ of the year. And s - l - u - t - m.

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