

Good Evening, Everybody:

(The Hitler government of Germany put over another swift and sudden stroke today. The Foreign Service of the New York Evening Post reports that Nazi storm troopers seized control of all the Labor Unions) in the Fatherland ^{this morning.} ~~today~~ They arrested the Union leaders, representing some five and a half million working men.

They also occupied Union headquarters ^{all over the country.} This was done under the Nazi Chairman of an organization called "The Committee for the Protection of German Labor."

The sensational part of this coup is that the Labor Unions of Germany, which are politically Socialist^{ic}, have for a long time been the most powerful organizations of the kind in the whole world.

The New York Evening Post dispatch points out that this move carries out practically overnight the promise made yesterday by Chancellor Adolf Hitler in his May Day speech. The

Chancellor announced that his party intended to completely wipe out the Democratic principle from industry.

~~The Chairman of the Committee for the Protection of German Labor declared~~ However, it was ^{also stated} ~~announced~~ that the Nazis did not intend to destroy the Unions. Their purpose is to replace the Socialist leaders by chieftains selected from among the Nazis.

The raid came as a complete surprise. All the more so because it was only a few days ago that the General Council of the Labor Unions passed a resolution expressing loyalty to the government and offering to cooperate with all official plans to improve the condition of the working classes. This the Chairman of the Protection Committee characterizes as a foxy trick which did not fool the government.

While the Socialist leaders are in prison, the office staffs not only of the Unions themselves, but of their affiliates, such as ~~the~~ banks and insurance companies, are still carrying on as before. Another extraordinary feature of this stroke is that

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it took Premier Mussolini two years to destroy the Labor Unions of Italy and replace them with organizations under Fascist control. Hitler has done the same thing in three months, and that in spite of the fact that ^{the} German Unions were infinitely more powerful than those of Italy.

TOWN HALL -- ELLERY WALTER

I ran into a bit of excitement today, ^{which concerns Hitler.} Mussolini once spoke of a certain young American named Ellery Walter, as the "Supreme Adventurer." And at noon today Ellery Walter had his supreme platform adventure. They even called the police to protect him.

Ellery Walter is the young man who lost his leg while a student at the University of Washington in Seattle. But that didn't stop ^{him,} ~~this young dynamo~~. As soon as he was out of college he struck off across the world, had himself a grand time in many foreign lands, and when he came back wrote a book ^{called} ~~on "around"~~ "the World on One Leg." Then off he went again as a wandering newspaper correspondent, a teacher of English in Moscow ^{and so on.}

This forenoon Ellery was scheduled to lecture before the distinguished League for Political Education, at the Town Hall in New York. His subject was "Hitler and Germany." Just as he was approaching his climax five men sprang up from the audience, started waving their fists at him and shouting.

They ^{shrieked:-} ~~shouted~~: "This is medievalism! He's a liar! Down with him!" In a moment the place was in an uproar. The auditorium was largely occupied by women, many of them New York society leaders. They all jumped to their feet. It looked as though Ellery Walter and his one leg were in for some real excitement. Some one called the police. Then the diplomatic Dr. Robert Erskine Ely, director of the League for Political Education, tried to calm the tumult by inviting the man who appeared to be shouting the loudest to come to the platform. He was a Jewish gentleman, Richards by name. He quickly accepted the invitation, and from the platform again denounced young ~~Mr.~~ Ellery Walter, saying that he was absolutely unfair and biased against the Jews.

But there were many Jewish people present, and some of them came to the platform and insisted that Mr. Walter was absolutely fair and that the charges hurled against him were entirely unprovoked. Later, Jewish people and others came up and congratulated Mr. Walter on his striking speech. They apologized for the ^{tumult} ~~disturbance~~, saying that they ^{disturbers} simply

felt so bitter over what had occurred in Germany that they allowed their feelings to get the better of them.

This afternoon Adventurer Ellery Walter boarded the Twentieth Century bound for the Middle West, the Pacific Coast, and then the Far East. This time he is off on another journey around the world, on one leg. But ~~he goes~~ mainly to study conditions in the Orient, ~~to get~~ a glimpse of what's going on behind the news.

INFLATION

The champions of inflation won a decisive ~~six~~ victory in the House of Representatives today. This was on a test vote, a vote to limit debate to five hours. ~~Harold Bryman wire this~~ *From the National Broadcasting Company staff in Washington I have just* ~~from the New York Times~~ that the opponents of the measure led by Representative Snell of New York, the Republican leader, put up a staunch fight. But the administration moved the steam roller over them and the special rule was adopted by a vote of ~~two~~ 261 to 113. Incidentally, the rule makes all amendments to the measure out of order. The Republicans tried desperately to have the measure referred to the Committee for consideration, or at least to give the Conference Committee an opportunity to amend it. But this attempt was defeated also.

As the matter stands now, the inflation measure will be finally passed after those five hours of debate tomorrow. *This is the latest word by telephone direct from Washington.*

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THIRTY HOUR BILL

While this was going on Congressional leaders decided to shelve the thirty hour a week bill for the time being. It will be delayed for action by the next session of Congress. This was decided in the hope of making possible an adjournment of this special session by the tenth of June.

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The postponement of this measure was a sore disappointment to people who had been supporting it, especially to Miss R Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor. But it was announced that the President realizes that the thirty hour bill needs so many discussions and that so many obstacles lie in the path of its being passed, that he considers it more important to delay it for the time being and get the rest of his program through Congress in order that an adjournment may be had before the world economic conference convenes in London.

Legislation to control the sale of stocks and bonds and a stricter regulation of the Stock Exchange will also be postponed until after the summer. These facts were made known today by Mr. Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the Senate, after a conference with the President.

JUNG

Probably a good many radio listeners were disappointed this morning because Signor ^{Guido Young,} Guido Jung, Italy's Minister of Finance, did not deliver his broadcast ^{until this afternoon,} ~~according to schedule~~. The reason, ~~of course,~~ was that a heavy fog in the lower bay of New York held up not only the Conte de Savoia, the giant new Italian liner, but also ten other ships from all parts of the earth. The fog was so thick that all these eleven liners carrying a total of almost three thousand passengers from Europe, the Caribbean and from South America, had to anchor off ~~the~~ Ambrose Light.

Signor Jung, who was on his way to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt, was finally taken off the Conte de Savoia at half past four this afternoon on New York's official welcoming ^{center,} ~~area,~~ and taken to Jersey City. A large party of potentates were on the official ^{craft sent} ~~trip~~ to welcome Italy's Finance Minister. It included the Italian Consul General in New York, the Italian Ambassador to Washington, and representatives of the State Department. Several officials of the Italian Government and economic advisers accompany Signor Jung who is now ^{speeding} on his way to Washington.

JUNG

While he was being taken from Quarantine
aboard the cutter Macom
to Jersey City, Senor Jung delivered an eloquent address ~~to the~~
we folks ~~to the folks~~ *(+ over this network)* in the U.S.A. Among other things he said:

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"The way, ~~which has been~~ shown by your President
is precisely the one in which we could all best prepare for ~~the~~
the World Economic Conference in London ^{in order to} ~~and~~ assure practical
Premier results. Consequently Mussolini, who had regretfully to forgo
the pleasure of meeting the President, has charged me with
the responsibility of coming here as his spokesman and of
offering whole-hearted, ~~and~~ sincere collaboration, ^{on} ~~on the~~
~~part of every one on the staff,~~

Senor Jung ~~said~~ ^{made} other remarks
indicating that Il Duce is heartily in
sympathy with the aims of President Roosevelt

CHINA

Here's a story from China that is not war news. The Chinese are following the lead of John Bull and Uncle Sam by establishing a force of police women. This in China is astounding.

It is being started in Canton, the only Chinese city which boasts of a police force organized along modern lines. Before the Cantonese police chief gets through, he expects to have no less than two thousand women on his staff.

The Chinese have their own ideas as to what women should be in order to become coppers. For one thing, they must be over the age of eighteen, but not more than twenty. Also married women are not wanted. Then too, they must be more than four feet six inches tall. ^{Moreover} ~~Also~~ no woman ~~whose~~ who ^{has} been in prison for more than one year is eligible. *How's that?*

ART THIEVES

It isn't often that policemen have to concern themselves with matters of art. But today the New York police, more specifically those of the Borough of Brooklyn, have been keenly exercised over those paintings that were stolen recently from the Brooklyn Museum. The Inspector in charge of the assignment today announced that he has positive evidence that a couple of expert slickers belonging to an international ring that specializes in such kind of thefts, were responsible for this happening in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Times Union carries the information that twenty of the cleverest sleuths in the New York Department are on the job ~~breaking down~~ tracking down the thieves, if possible also the loot.

The cash value of these pictures is placed by the Museum authorities ~~at~~ at over forty thousand dollars. It has been discovered ~~th~~at the robbery took place sometime after six o'clock Saturday evening. But the theft was not discovered until Sunday afternoon at three when the Museum was opened to visitors. Most of the stolen paintings were small. Evidently the thieves picked

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their loot by the ease with which ~~they~~^{it} could be carried away,
rather than for intrinsic value.

Most of the stolen pictures had been acquired by the
Brooklyn Museum from the collection of the late Colonel Michael
Friedman.

IOWA

(Martial law is being strengthened in Northwest Iowa.

The National Guardsmen in charge are continuing to arrest the rebellious farmers.) One of the prisoners who goes by the picturesque name of "Wild Bill" Schumann, is a member of the Plymouth County ~~Council~~ of Counsel of Farmers' Defense. The prisoners are being held in a military stockade, also in the Plymouth County jail and the prison at Sioux City.

~~Military~~ ^{Troops} are scouring the three counties which are under martial law, making arrests of men who are accused of intimidation.

^a ~~the~~ staff correspondent ^{wire} ~~of~~ the New York Evening Post ~~wires~~ that the officers in command of the National Guard have received information that no less than six hundred men in the farming districts have been ~~procuring~~ arms and ammunitions from mail order houses. All roads around the military camp are closed. Machine gun emplacements are to be seen in important positions today, including one on the lawn of a Country Club.

TORNADO

Over one hundred people are dead and more than two hundred injured as a consequence of that tornado that tore ~~through~~ through Louisiana and Arkansas. Public buildings were ~~demolished~~ demolished; in one place the roof of the court house was torn off, houses, office buildings, ⁺ barns were wrecked by the fury of the wind.

The Governor of the state hastily ordered two companies of the National Guard to the scene.

A special dispatch to the National Broadcasting Company from police headquarters in Shreveport reports that ^{a nearby} ~~the~~ U. S. Army flying field ~~at Bossier~~ sent three truckloads of regular soldiers to assist in the relief work.

NO GEARS

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Ever since automobiles were invented folks have been saying: "I wonder if they'll ever be able to eliminate this business of shifting gears." Well, it looks as though motorists have the answer now. Newspapers and trade papers ^{all over the country are} ~~are~~ commenting on a car that is announced today, a car without gear-shift. That is, the newspaper stories tell us that the gear-shift lever is eliminated. If you want to go slowly you just touch your foot lightly to the ^{gas} pedal. If you want to go faster you shove it a little harder, and so on. *Presto, nothing to it.*

Now, if that had ^{only} ~~just~~ been invented a few years earlier when I used to take my girl for a spin! ---- maybe I'm not too old yet.

The car that has come out with this long, long expected improvement is one of the oldest makes, one that many of you have been riding in for the past thirty years. Well, improvements, striking changes, are one way to lick Old Man Depression. And this is an invention which engineers

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have long predicted and which the automobile drivers have all said they thought would come some day. The company announcing this improvement declares that it has secretly been testing the whole device for two years and that ^{it} is

fool-proof. Papers everywhere are carrying the story of this striking development in the world of automobiles. You'll find the name of the car there. It's one of the oldest makes.

ENDING - THE SKEPTIC

Here's one I ran across in "The Royal Gazette and Colonist" of Hamilton, Bermuda:-

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~~The~~ small delivery boy was ~~delivering~~^{bringing} groceries
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to a new customer. As he walked across the yard he encountered a huge dog, a dog bigger than the boy.

"Come in," said the lady of the house, "he doesn't bite."

"Yes Madam," said the boy, as he still hung back, "but, does he swallow?"

And now it's time for me to swallow my words and say S - l - u - t - m.