

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Some very down right statements were made in Washington today. The speaker was Colonel Lindbergh. (Called as a witness before the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives, <sup>Colonel</sup> Lindbergh stated his opinions clearly and plainly.

He announced himself against the Lease-Lend Bill under consideration. "I am opposed to it," he declared. "I am opposed for two reasons:- First it's one more step away from democracy; second, it's one step closer to war -- and I don't know how many more steps we can take and still be short of war."

The Lone Eagle remarked that he was in favor of a negotiated peace. "I would prefer to see neither side win," he said. "I believe a complete victory for either side will result in the prostration of Europe such as we never before have seen." He repeated that in ~~that~~ this sentence:- Quote; "It would be better for us if the war ends without a conclusive victory."

He ~~said~~ his opinion was that Great Britain could not win the war -- even if we went in. "Even with the active help of the United States," he opined, "Britain could not invade the continent and win unless there is a German internal collapse."

He amplified that opinion with this: "I believe that if we enter this war it would be disastrous for this country. I can see no possible success," he ~~if~~ added, "in any war we might wage -- that involves invasion of the continent of Europe."

He was asked did he think that Germany was sure to win?

"She already controls the continent," Lindbergh answered. "I don't say she can invade England."

Lindbergh estimated that Germany in Nineteen Thirty-Eight had facilities for building twenty thousand war planes. He said he thought those facilities had been greatly increased since then. He was asked about the comparative quality of German and British planes. "In a number of instances," he responded, "the best individual planes are built in England -- such as Spitfires. But," he qualified, "the average of the British Air Force is below the average of the German."

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Lindbergh thought that the repeal of our neutrality law was a mistake. He said he believed that Great Britain would be better off if we had kept the neutrality law. Because in that case there <sup>might</sup> ~~would~~ have been no war. He was reminded that the war had already started when the Neutrality Law was repealed. He came back with the statement that Europe fully expected the repeal. ~~"Except for that,"~~ said he, ~~"it's possible that the quarrel might have been adjusted -- without war."~~ <sup>It</sup> "I think," he stated, "that Europe would be in a more peaceful condition if we <sup>took</sup> ~~take~~ no part in her wars -- either the last or this one."

It was pointed out to Lindbergh that we depend for our defense on the British fleet. To this he answered. "Whenever a nation has depended on another for its strength, it has been a failure. I don't believe," he <sup>went on,</sup> ~~added,~~ "that we have depended on the British Navy in any recent years. I don't want the British Navy to go down," he asserted. "But I don't want to see the ~~destination~~ <sup>future</sup> of this country placed in the future of the British Navy."

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He was asked ~~whether~~ he thought that if Hitler wins, we'd have to come to some agreement with him. To this Lindbergh assented --

yes, we would. "In somewhat the same sense as we <sup>have</sup>~~had~~ with Russia,"  
said he.

Altogether it was exceedingly plain speaking of a sort that will displease many people, but throughout Lindbergh was applauded by the audience in the committee room. Once the applause was so loud, that Chairman Bloom intervened to gain silence.

General Hugh Johnson followed Lindbergh on the stand, and started out with testimony in pretty much the same key as Lindbergh's. Warning this nation against a getting into the European war.

## WAR FLYER

A tremendous war story of narrow escape comes from London today. It tells of British fighter planes caught in a shower of bombs. A formation of three was flying over the English Channel - led by Douglas Bader, Commander of the Canadian squadron in the R.A.F. Douglas Bader is of especial renown as the war pilot without legs. Though maimed in such fashion, he is an ace in the battle of the sky.

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The three British planes were flying along, when suddenly they saw a Junker<sup>s</sup> bomber two thousand feet above. Up they zoomed to the attack, climbing steeply to open fire from below. The pilot of the Junker<sup>s</sup> saw them, as they were coming up beneath him. He did the natural thing - jettisoned his cargo of bombs, so he could fly faster for a getaway. Down flashed ~~the~~ a rain of bombs and two of the British fighters were right in the way - in the middle of the shower of high explosive. One of them was piloted by Douglas Bader, the legless Canadian ace. He saw bombs whirling down toward him. <sup>So</sup> He made a swift maneuver. They flashed past close beside him. He had his luck with him - not a bomb touched his plane. The same for the other British fighter,

falling bombs all around, but not a one <sup>hit</sup> ~~reached the plane.~~

~~The falling missiles~~ <sup>they merely</sup> burst in the Channel far below.

The Britishers continued their attack, and shot down  
the bomber.

LONDON FIRE

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Here's news - London had a fire, an ordinary fire, nothing to do with air raids. It sounds odd for the British capital to report a blaze with the comment familiar enough in peacetime - "origin unknown." It must have been a place of considerable interest - to get a mention for having had a fire ~~now~~ nowadays in London. It was. The Cheshire Cheese. That historic tavern made famous by Dr. Johnson, Goldsmith and Dickens. It was long a favorite haunt for American tourists to visit - and sample the famous beefsteak pudding <sup>at</sup> ~~of~~ Cheshire Cheese. The fire of unknown origin destroyed a lot of historic relics, but was extinguished before it had got very far. They say that within a week or so they'll have the Cheshire Cheese open again - business as usual.

LIBYA

It is officially stated by British headquarters at Cairo that fourteen thousand prisoners were captured in the taking of Tobruk. The prisoners include two more Italian generals and an

admiral. The capture of Tobruk brings the number of prisoners

the British have taken in the north African campaign up to *more than*

hundred thousand - including sixteen generals. The attacking

forces are driving on. Their next objective is the Italian base

*at* Derna. The Italian defenses there are already being approached

by tank units. It is not indicated what kind of resistance the

Italians may make at Derna, which may turn out to be another

Bardia and Tobruk.

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RUMANIA

Rumania reports that the revolt has been suppressed.

It is clear now that one faction of the IRON GUARD <sup>rebelled,</sup> ~~revolted,~~ made a decidedly serious attempt to seize power. The Rebels captured a number of radio stations, including the one at Bucharest. They've been ousted from the Bucharest station, and been defeated in a whole series of clashes - so states the Rumanian government. Claiming - that the revolt is over.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Today Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura sailed from Japan to take his post as the new Japanese Ambassador to Washington. What significant signs do we observe in the approach of Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura? Let's take a look with attentive eyes, scrutinizing eyes. Let's focus our attentive scrutinizing eyes on -- some glass eyes. When Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura sailed, he took with him a pocketful of glass eyes.

The Admiral was wounded in the fighting between the Japanese and Chinese at Shanghai. He lost one eye, and has a sphere of glass to take its place. Going to Washington, he has taken along an extra supply of glass eyes. If war were expected he wouldn't be over there for so long, and wouldn't need those extra artificial orbs. Here's what the new Japanese Ambassador himself says: "I thought I'd take along three or four extra eyes to see me through the years.

Question:- Can glass eyes see you through the years?

DRAFT DECISION

Today a federal judge handed down the first decision on the constitutionality of the draft. In New York, five young men are under indictment for failure to register. They made an appeal on the grounds that the Selective Service Act is contrary to the Constitution. The decision ~~was~~ as given by Federal Judge Bondy points out that the Supreme Court has in time past upheld the right of the government to raise armies by conscription. Hitherto this has been in time of war. The Judge added the opinion that there was nothing in the Constitution to indicate that the government might draft men only in time of war.

So he upheld the constitutionality of ~~the draft~~ ~~conscription~~ *selective service.*

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Today we have the details of that affair at Pontiac, Illinois - the draft dodger died today -- all because of objection to conscription.

Earnest Eisle, a farmer's son, refused to register. He said he was against what he called "the brutality of war." His father supported him in his stand. Today, a deputy marshal and deputy sheriff went to the Eisle farm to arrest the son. In the farmhouse parlor there was a long discussion between the officers, the young man and his father. They talked for forty-five minutes. Then finally the deputy marshal put his hand on the shoulder of the youth and said, "Let's get going."

Whereupon the father lashed out with a punch, and knocked the deputy marshal across the room. The son made for the deputy sheriff, and they fought savagely. The father drew a jack-knife and slashed at the back of the deputy sheriff. Both officers drew their pistols and opened fire. The youth was hit by bullets. The father darted away. The officers were taking the draft objector to their car, when the father appeared with a shotgun. He never had a chance to fire, the officers shot first, and wounded him.

This ended the affray, the most violent incident yet reported in the operation of the Selective Service Law.

DEBT

Congress will soon get a bill to raise the limit of the national debt. "In a day or two," said Chairman Doughton of the House Ways and Means Committee. This announcement followed a conference of congressional leaders with Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

The present national debt limit laid down by law is forty-five billion dollars, to which has been added an extra four ~~billions~~ billion ~~dollars~~ for national-defense-debt.

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Chairman Doughton said it hasn't been decided how high they'll try to raise the lid on the national debt, but added that one figure suggested is - sixty-five billion <sup>5,</sup>~~dollars~~, that to include defense expenditures.

Secretary Morgenthau stated that the sixty-five billion dollar figure had not been proposed by the Treasury. It's a congressional idea. President Roosevelt, in his recent budget message to Congress, gave the opinion that there needn't be any limit at all - no necessity of a law to say the national debt shall go so high and no higher.

## CRASH

They're investigating the crash of the big passenger liner at St. Louis, but thus far there's no explanation. It appears that the huge plane was circling close to earth, was banking - and slipped downward. One wing hit and cut off the top of a tree, and the falling plane slashed down telegraph wires. The pilot and one man were killed, and twelve others including passengers were injured.

THEFT

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At Los Angeles, Charles Nicol is a professional magician. For years he has entertained audiences with sleight of hand, one of his cleverest tricks being - to show you how deftly he could pick your pocket. Magician Charles Nicol, as a part of the entertaining witchcraft, has picked thousands of pockets.

He's not so good, however, at - finding things. *at*

Finding a dog, ~~for example~~. Last evening he was approached by a lady in distress - an attractive brunette. She had lost her dog. Would the kind gentleman help her ~~to~~ find it? She was so pretty that the kind gentleman would indeed help her. And they went looking for the dog - but all in vain. They never did find Fido.

Today Magician Charles Nicol went to the police and reported - something missing. Two hundred and eighty dollars which he had pinned in his watch pocket - that's ~~what was~~ missing. The police questioned him about his movements and said, "Oh yes, that beautiful brunette who lost her dog." They informed him that recently there had been several complaints against her - ~~for~~ for using the lost dog trick to pick the pockets of men who were helping her to find Fido.

EGG

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Here's a story which might suggest a revision of the old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" You might say - "Which came first, the chicken or the TWO eggs?" I don't know whether or not this is a prodigy for science, but at Albany, New York today, Louise Manitta cracked open a soft boiled egg for breakfast. Inside ~~of it~~ she found another egg, a smaller one naturally - but it had a perfect shell. A one hundred per cent egg. It's a strange and portentous world these days when the fruit of the hen becomes duplex - two in one.



SPONSOR

Any radio performer will tell you <sup>that a</sup> ~~the~~ sponsor is a wonderful thing. Here's a news story, however, which would indicate that a sponsor can be more wonderful than we of radio would ever suspect. In a New York court today there was a testimony concerning a forty-year old man and a sixty-nine year old woman. The forty-year old man was on the witness stand and was asked how he had been able to get along for ten years without working.

"Well," he replied, "she sponsored me with gifts and jewelry, and cash and property. Perhaps a hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

That certainly was being sponsored. The judge asked:- "Why did she give you all this money?"

"Well," replied the witness, "I've been kind to her, and she has been kind to me. She sponsored me, judge, and I sponsored her."

There was sponsoring all over the place -- even more so than in radio.

And now, in behalf of my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, ~~here's~~

Hugh James.

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