

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The suspense is over!

In Boston today the second game of the double-header was just a ball game. Didn't mean anything much even if Boston did win. The unimportance of that second game is a clew to the vital baseball significance of the first.

The Giants went into the opener needing one win to clinch the National League Pennant. And the Boston Bees were in there to make it as tough as possible. The Bees trotted out one of their flashiest pitchers, McFayden, who can breeze them over with all sorts of curves and hops. And today McFayden was good. But Hal Schumacher was just as good. The Giants got a run in the second. The Bees got one in the sixth. The ninth came and went and still they were tied. The pitchers battle went into extra innings -- one extra inning. In the tenth the Giants scored another run, Pitcher Schumacher winning his own game. And the suspense was over. That clinched the pennant.

So the metropolis of Gotham will have a subway  
nickle series, which we've been suspecting for some days:-  
New York versus New York in the autumn classic.

## POLITICS

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A council of war in the old days suggested a military camp, with generals gathered around a map, plotting out a plan for the battle on the morrow. Today's Council of War takes us to a quiet, spacious country house, amid green lawns, on the banks of the Hudson - Dutchess County, Hyde Park, the Summer White House. Instead of generals in frowning marshal uniforms, there foregathered civilians, mighty men of politics - the President, the Vice-President, Secretary of State Hull, Attorney General Cummings, National Secretary Farley, Senators Robinson, Guffey, Byrns, Donahey, and Finance Committee Chairman Gerard. I don't suppose they gathered around a map and stuck any strategic pins, but they might have, <sup>to</sup> ~~they might have put~~ ~~a pin here and there across this whole continent, these to~~ mark places for the President to make speeches.

Today's Democratic Council of War took up the problem of the speaking tour with which President Roosevelt will climax his campaign. Hitherto, President Roosevelt has not swung out into <sup>most of those</sup> ~~those wider and widest~~ open spaces of the far west. The perilous international situation has curtailed even



his travels in the Middlewest, because he has wanted to keep close to Washington and the State Department. But now the Democratic leaders of the westernmost states are demanding that the President shall pay them a visit and speed up things Democratic out there. They want him to repeat his coast to coast speaking tour of Nineteen Thirty- Two.

Will he do it or won't he? That was debated at Hyde Park today. Little word of the deliberations has leaked out. The Council of War met in secrecy.

Meanwhile, Governor Landon is in Minneapolis tonight. His speech is scheduled to present his program for social security.

## PHILADELPHIA

Why does anybody ever call Philadelphia sleepy? Why did I do just that thing? I've been reproved, told how wrong I was, how wide awake Philadelphia is. Where did that nickname of sleepy town come from? I suppose it was because of the pious sabbath observance of good old Quakertown, the churchly quietude of the Philadelphia Sunday. That's the only reason I can think of, after what I learned today about unsleeping Philadelphia.

I phoned the office of Mayor S. Davis Wilson, and he exclaimed "Sleepy"? You would have to do some mighty lively ~~as~~ sleeping to develop the harbor Philadelphia has or to build our five million dollar air-rail-marine terminal or our giant stadium for sports."

Mayor Wilson went on to mention Philadelphia's Board of Conciliation and Arbitration which in eight months has settled forty-six strikes involving fifty thousand men and Philadelphia's war against racketeers and gunmen which has reduced crime about fifty-five percent since the beginning of the year.

"Do a few little things like that while you're snoozing and slumbering," said the Mayor with fine sarcasm. All of which convinces me that I made a mistake. I must have been asleep.



## LEAGUE

The League of Nations is waiting to find out what Mussolini is going to do. The Duce of course is exceedingly annoyed by the League's action in seating the Ethiopian delegates - thereby giving them the rank of representatives of a sovereign and independent nation, when their country has been conquered and annexed as an Italian province.

Mussolini is about to make his decision. *He already* It is <sup>already</sup> certain that Italy will take no part in the League affairs as long as the Ethiopians are there. And maybe Rome will cut loose from Geneva definitely and resign from the League. Mussolini is deciding on that right now. If Italy does withdraw, it will give us the spectacle of a world society of nations, with a majority of the great powers outside. Of the seven major nations, three in the League, Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia. Four on the outside - Germany, Japan, Italy and the United States. However, Geneva will still have Ethiopia. *But my guess is that Mussolini will stay in the League.*

With affairs like this confronting the statesmen, they are devoting some attention to an interesting side light. This deals with the problem of terrorism, political

oppositionists of various lands, who strike with direct violence -- assassination. It has long been the custom for nations to give shelter to political exiles and to refuse to expedite them, even when they have been guilty of deadly crimes, plain murder <sup>being</sup> ~~to~~ regarded as one thing - political assassination another.

Not long ago, Italy refused to give up a Croatian Terrorist whom France wanted to punish for the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia. Just a few days ago, Norway replied angrily to Soviet Russia, when Moscow stiffly demanded the extradition of Leon Trotsky, accused of plotting the assassination of Stalin and his colleagues. Norway refused on the old ground of the right of political asylum.

One obvious reason for the custom of not giving up political offenders is the reasonable assumption that they would not get fair justice at the hands of the government they were attacking. They might be accused of terrorism, when only guilty of opposition. If a terrorist cannot be fairly tried in his own country, where can he be? What about an



International Criminal Court for political cases? Why not have a tribunal, not of one nation, but of all - to try accused terrorists? That's the question now before the League. The statesmen ~~are~~ considering the feasibility of having an International Criminal Court.

## SPAIN

In Spain the Rebel advance on Madrid and Toledo came to a halt today. ~~any~~ It's difficult to say <sup>Just why because</sup> the haze of censorship is so thick. Various accounts <sup>are coming through</sup> ~~come~~ any one of which might be the explanation.

The most dramatic concerns the great El Tiempo Dam, one of Spain's greatest works of engineering. El Tiempo Dam extends across a valley leading toward Madrid from the West. The Rebels were advancing up that valley. Today's report tells us that the Left Wing Government, as a stroke of last minute desperation, threw open the flood gates of the dam. And the torrent rushed down the valley, thirteen million ~~gallons~~ gallons of water in one tremendous swirl. It overwhelmed the advancing rebel column, swamped men, guns, tanks and ammunition trucks.

That's the report from Madrid, and it may have something to do with today's halt of the Rebel advance. Still, the opening of the dam wouldn't mean anything permanent, because the flood would quickly drain away down the valley and dry up. The employment of surging waters in military strategy is nothing

*Some of the*  
new. ~~A~~ splashy page<sup>s</sup> of history tells ~~xx~~ us how the Dutch have beaten back invading armies by opening the dikes which keep out the sea - thereby flooding great areas of low lying land. In the Netherlands, however, the land would stay flooded, until the dikes were repaired, *of course* which is not true of the high ~~pat~~ plateau of central Spain.

*As to why the Rebel advance has been checked*  
Explanation number ~~two~~ gives us another reminiscence

of past history. In the days of Napoleon, Wellington fought his way to Madrid by following the same route the Rebels have been taking. General Franco has been using the Wellington strategy. On Napoleon's side, the Battle-Winning Emperor ordered his Marshals in Spain to fight Wellington's advance by coming down through the mountains and falling upon the rear of the British Army. The French tried to do that, but the British fought off the out-flanking movement. Madrid reports today that the Left Wing generals have followed the strategy of Napoleon, have attacked from the mountains and hit the Rebel rear guard. They claim they've got General Franco's columns boxed in. So maybe that's why the ~~dx~~ advance has stopped.



Or maybe it's because of airplanes. There are reports that Madrid has <sup>some</sup> ~~got~~ new squadrons of planes <sup>— got them</sup> from <sup>(Russia maybe)</sup> somewhere or other, <sup>^</sup> and are holding up the Fascists by ~~xxxx~~ hitting them from the air.

From the Rebel side we hear still another story. American correspondents with General Franco's men, not far from Toledo, report that the onward march was at a standstill today <sup>just</sup> <sup>^</sup> to give the troops a rest. A one-day holiday, taking it easy, and consolidating positions. So, that may be the explanation.

All we really know is that the Fascist sweep of victory didn't keep on sweeping today. As for the reasons - take your pick.

The new flare-up in the Far East, that latest  
peril to the peace of the world - traces to a sinister shadowy  
scene of China town. Today Japan took strong-handed action  
in Shanghai, because of the killing of a Japanese marine and  
the wounding of two others. <sup>And -</sup> The Mikado's officers investigating  
the assassination have produced an eye-witness, who tells the  
following story:-

55' Scene in Shanghai, the native quarters. It's night  
time, with the queer shows of Chinatown. The witness tells  
how he saw three Japanese marines walking along the street,  
and following them, trailing them, ~~a <sup>man</sup> who~~ ~~was a Chinaman. Suddenly,~~  
<sup>who suddenly</sup> ~~the~~ skulking stalker, whipped out a pistol and opened fire on  
the three marines ~~it~~ in front of him. Then he ducked away into  
some dark passage, leaving one marine dead and the other two  
wounded.

That's the sixth recent assassination of a Japanese  
in China, which tells of the increasing anti-Japanese bitterness  
among China's millions. It's enough to strain the patience of  
the mildest man of Nippon, but the Mikado's officers are not so

mild and long suffering. General Takayoshi Matsumuro said today: "I think the limit of patience has been reached. We must teach and advise these Chinese, but if they don't listen - then we must slap their faces."

So tonight the face-slapping is on. The Japanese have landed troops in Shanghai - in the international settlement; *Which* they have a legal right to do. ~~that~~. But they've pushed their patrols into the Chinese city, where they have no legal right. *And*

Tonight a large area of Chinese Shanghai is commanded by Japanese bayonets. Squads of marines, under the <sup>flag</sup> ~~stars~~ of the Rising Sun, march <sup>ing</sup> and counter-march <sup>ing</sup> through the streets.

Motorcycle troops wheel and manoeuvre, and frowning tanks rumble on.

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The Chinese authorities have lodged a formal protest against the Japanese invasion of their town, but the Mikado's men have rejected all protest. The Chinese now have declared martial law, preparing for the final emergency. And so tonight in Shanghai Japanese and Chinese confront each other, with tense hostility - with an explosion threatening.



In the international settlement the police maintained by the foreign consulates have been mobilized and are on guard. European and American residents are on the qui vive, expecting the worst.

Just What do they expect? Signs point to a possible repetition of Nineteen Thirty-Two, the ~~the~~ battle of Shanghai - when the warships and the regiments of Nippon fought the Chinese army and <sup>the famous Wosung</sup> ~~Chinese~~ forts - when the vicinity of the international settlement was a scene of rifle and machine gun battles and thundering cannonade.

<sup>All of which</sup>  
~~And all that~~ threatens to happen once more - if

Tokyo, its patience exhausted, decides to seize Shanghai again.

In years to come I suppose these days we are living in will be called The Straw Vote Era -- ~~This is an era of straw votes,~~ polls taken to find out ~~before anybody knows for sure.)~~ whose going to be elected. Today, however, ~~we find that one~~ we've just come upon one that doesn't concern any political campaign. It tells us things about business and banking.

The Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association is in session at San Francisco. One speaker today

was Clarence Francis, President of General Foods Corporation. He told the men of finance about a nationwide survey that his company has made, a sort of straw vote of economic opinion.

Seventy-four hundred bank presidents were questioned to ascertain the financial view. As for the popular slant, the questions were put to fifty thousand assorted people, carefully

chosen to give <sup>a</sup> cross-section of opinion.

What about prosperity? Fifty percent of the answers to that question said: "Yes, prosperity is here." The optimistic fifty percent expressed the belief that a boom is underway, a boom that will reach its peak in Nineteen Forty - maybe as early as Nineteen Thirty-Eight.

Whose financial opinion counts the most in this broad

land of ours? One of the questions was this: "Is there any man in public life with those views on money matters you agree?" Six out of ten people answer "Yes." They've got their favorites. Whose opinion ranks highest on matters of finance? The answers gave number one place to President Roosevelt, then Father Coughlin, then Senator Carter Glass, and then Governor Landon. That's an ~~xx~~ odd selection — an odd order — or what do you think?

58 1/2 How do the banks stand with the people? Fifty-seven percent of the answers declared their belief that the banks are not doing their share in promoting recovery. Among the bank presidents fifty-eight percent ~~six~~ said they thought that the public attitude toward banks was friendly. Twenty-five percent thought the public was just indifferent to the banks. Eleven percent thought the public was hostile.

59 That's the summary of the survey that was presented to the Bankers' Convention today, and with it Clarence Francis called upon the men of finance to get out and enlighten the people about banks and banking -- a campaign of public education.

59 1/4 At any rate to that question: "Is prosperity here?" 50% of the bankers said "yes" + 50% said "no." What do you think? Let's stop and argue about it while I say ~~along~~ until tomorrow.