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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

It looks now as though
~~Tonight it seems that~~ the fighting in Flanders

was a mere prologue to the gigantic battle that rages tonight.

Hitler made good his threat and let loose upon the French the

full
~~awful~~ forces of the Teutonic fury, yes, the old Furor Teutonicus

as described by the ancient Roman historian, Tacitus. On a

front a hundred and ten miles long, an army of seven hundred

thousand *soldiers,* ~~men,~~ two thousand five hundred tanks, and one thousand
and 15,000 other motorized vehicles,
dive-bombing planes, hurred themselves in a Nazi frenzy upon the

defenders. In fact, according to some estimates, the armies pitted

against each other number two million men! A line of death and

destruction one hundred and ten miles long from the mouth of the

Somme ~~river~~ to the Aisne at Soissons.

And what has it accomplished, this day of fighting

such as
ferocity never dreamed of by Napoleon or Hannibal or Caesar,

not even by ^{Attila} ~~Attila~~ the Hun? After less than eighteen hours of this crashing attack, the Germans ~~xxx~~ announce that they ^{are} ~~are~~ sweeping along toward the open road to Paris. Military experts in Berlin are freely prophesying that the ^{Nazis} ~~boche~~ will be in Paris in a week, or at most a fortnight. ^{It} ~~The~~ grim truth ^{appears to be} ~~is~~ that they have crashed through the Weygand line. They themselves claim to have done it in several places. ^{TP} The French admit that German tanks got through their lines, but they say it was at no important points. And the statement in Paris tonight, at the end of ^{is} ~~the~~ first day of fury, was that the results were favorable. The ^{Paris} High Command reports that the German attacks in general were checked and that even where tanks had got ^{ten} ~~got~~ through, French troops held all the strong points.

^{as we have heard,}
The German High Command ⁱⁿ declares that they broke the Weygand defenses at several points, particularly at the mouth of the Somme and at Ham, east of Laon. The Nazis also say they've reached the canal ^{aw} ~~joining~~ ^{Law} the Aisne and the Oise. That puts them only fifty-eight miles from Paris.

~~The German Commander in Chief, Colonel General~~

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~~Walter von Brauchitsch, issued a message to his troops. It was
seven words long: "Soldiers, I am proud of you."~~

The Nazi assault is described by strategists as a titanic pincers movement. One arm of the German forces is swinging down the coast of Normandy towards LeHavre. The left arm of the pincers is thrusting at Soissons, ~~and Compiègne.~~ The purpose is obvious. The Nazi strategy is to get Paris between the two shafts of the pincers.

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In spite of the high mechanization of modern warfare, in many places the French and Germans were fighting man to man, body to body, bayonet against bayonet. The French admit that near Amiens, large swarms of German tanks crossed the Somme and crashed their way into the suburbs of the city on the north shore.

In London it was admitted that the main job of holding off this latest blitzkrieg was up to the French. However, both the London and Paris High Commands reported that some British troops were fighting alongside of the French. This gives the lie to the statement from Berlin that the French are fighting alone since the last Englishman has been driven out of the continent. And it is reported they ^{British troops} are holding their own. The Southern British Expeditionary force is a small one, but it contains part of the flower of the British army.

~~But~~ The Nazis didn't do all the attacking today.

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General Weygand let loose a counter-attack along the Somme and Aisne Rivers, vigorous counter-attacks, particularly strong at Longwy where the Left German Flank hinges close to the Maginot Line. The ^{fiercest} ~~firmest~~ part of the German assault was in the neighborhood of Amiens, also at ^{Amiè} Peronne and Abbeville at the mouth of the Somme.

One of the places most savagely bombarded by the Nazis was the famous ^{CITROEN} ~~Citroen~~ Automobile factory, the most modern in Europe. However, the invaders did not succeed in destroying the

buildings where ~~ix~~ the cars are turned out. Only the executive offices and the bookkeepers quarters.

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Meanwhile the Royal Air Force and French bombers were making raids in Germany which they described as successful, meaning that they carried death and destruction into the heart of Naziland. The clamor in Paris for a bombing of Berlin will probably not get any attention from the High Command. It is pointed out that Berlin is too far away for raids by high-speed bombers to do any serious damage. The Royal Air Force concentrated principally on oil refineries and fuel ~~ap~~ depots in the Ruhr Valley.

THYSSEN

One of the biggest questions of the war is whether Hitler has the ^{wherewithal} ~~stuff behind him~~ to carry on a long conflict. ^{gas and oil,} ~~By "stuff" is meant~~ ^{and so on.} ~~manufactures,~~ goods, implements, ~~Everybody~~ ^{Naturally} ~~is guessing and~~ there has been a terrific lot of wishful thinking in answer to that question. ^{Well -} One of the biggest German steel tycoons gives an answer today. ^{And he says} ~~with a loud and emphatic~~ ^{that} ~~that~~ Germany is not sufficiently prepared. That German industrial mogul is Fritz Thyssen, formerly ~~one of~~ Hitler's richest and strongest backers, ^{now an exile in Switzerland.} What he had to say is published today in the latest issue of the American magazine, which obtained the article by radio. Thyssen declared that never was a war so recklessly started and with less industrial preparedness. He says he warned ^{Field} ~~the~~ Marshall ^{the No. 2 Boss of the Nazis} ~~the~~ Hermann Goering that the country was not ready ~~for a~~ fight.

~~In case that statement by Thyssen provokes a lot of wishful hoping, it should be remembered that he is an exile~~
~~and an opponent of the Nazi Reich.~~

WODEHOUSE

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Some ten days ago a cocktail party was going on at a villa in LeTouquet, the famous ~~and luxurious~~ seaside resort on the French coast. The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wodehouse, ^(Woodhouse) ~~ix~~ yes, the ~~celebrated~~ creator of Jeeves, that paragon of British fiction butlers.

There was a knock at the door and in came a French gendarme. He informed Monsieur and Madame Wodehouse that the ~~Boches~~ were coming. The Wodehouses laughed it off, refused to take it seriously. They went on with the party. But it wasn't a joke. The Nazis were at hand and they arrived uninvited at that cocktail ^{bringe.} ~~party~~. They asked some questions of Mrs. Wodehouse and then set her free, advising her to go south. Her husband, however, they interned.

Such is the report from London. ~~I should add that it is not official, not confirmed. But Wodehouse's publishers have not heard a word from him for ten days.~~

EGYPT

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The Italian invasion of Egypt, which was rumored to be on the way, has been at least postponed. Last week it was announced that the Italian Minister to Cairo was going to Rome June Fifteenth. Today he says he's going to stay on the job. Nevertheless, Italians are leaving Egypt in large numbers. For instance, seven hundred students are going home tomorrow. Usually the Italian students who go to the Nile for their summer vacation, remain until much later in the year. And the latest from Cairo is that the black-out has been made even stricter.

DEFENSE

Senator ~~Claude~~ Pepper of Florida ~~is a tenacious fellow.~~
He feels that we should ^{rush} go to the relief of France and Great
Britain; ^{that we} should turn over ~~to them~~ warplanes, warships and
supplies owned by Uncle Sam's Army and Navy. He has put his
ideas up to his colleagues and twice within a week the
Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has turned him down.
However, Pepper declares that he is not going to give up. *He is*
He's going to offer his resolution again even though Senator
Joe Guffey of Pennsylvania was the only colleague who ^{joined him.} ~~backed~~
~~him up.~~ Pepper claims that there is increasing popular approval
of his idea.

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One of the immediate measures for defense will be an
embargo on machine tools, an embargo by Act of Congress. As a
matter of fact, manufacturers have already, of their own accord,
held back shipments of machine tools that were going to foreign
countries, particularly Japan and Russia.

Another
~~one~~ suggestion to help in the defense program comes
from Colonel Frank Hyatt, President and Commandant of the
His plan
Pennsylvania Military College. ~~The idea~~ is to spread information

about modern military organization and warfare. Tens of thousands of men, says Colonel Hyatt, know virtually nothing on this subject. If they could be properly informed they would be far more enthusiastic and ready to cooperate in an intelligent way. So ^{the} Colonel ~~Hyatt~~ has communicated his plan to General ~~George~~ Marshall, Chief of Staff of Uncle Sam's Army. The suggestion is that reserve officers training corps units at college and universities ~~should~~ be used for training ~~of~~ civilians, not only men of military age but also ^{the} middle-aged, ~~men~~. Manufacturers for instance, who are given an understanding about modern warfare will become far better qualified to help in the national program for defense. Such is Colonel Hyatt's proposal.

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Some experts
~~A lot of military critics~~

have been proclaiming that the Nazis have a better airplane motor than any other country, in the world. For instance, Major Al Williams has been shouting from the housetops and in the Scripps-Howard papers, that it was far

Well here is some
~~better than any owned or used by Uncle Sam. Therefore, a bit of~~

news from Houston, Texas, *It's about a* ~~is quite interesting~~ couple of

brothers named Toce, mechanical engineers *who* ~~at Houston,~~ have been working on a new aircraft motor, ~~which is now developed.~~ They

say they can prove that it develops twice the horsepower of any known motor although it's no larger and is considerably lighter.

It has no carburetor, no ^λcrackcase compression, performs as well in the stratosphere as ~~it~~ at sea level, and has only half as

many moving parts as the ordinary motor: *and petroleum engineers* Automobile people ^λwill

(the inventors) be interested to learn that ^λ~~they~~ feed their fuel straight into

the ~~compression chambers~~ combustion chambers and that the motor fires on every revolution of the crankshaft.

another item: -

And here's ^λa bit of news rather spectacular in the

~~industrial field.~~ Everybody has been saying that in case of

war we might be up against it for rubber, since we import it

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from the East Indies. Actually, that will no longer be necessary.

It was announced today in New York that automobile tires made of

Synthetic rubber are now being made by ^{one of the major companies} ~~the B.F. Goodrich Company~~.

Its base is crude petroleum. ^{They are calling} ~~The Goodrich people call their new~~

^{this} synthetic product "Ameripol" or "Liberty Rubber."

The first reaction to that news was that it would

produce havoc and ruin in the rubber plantations of the Dutch

East Indies and the Malay States. Actually, however, that will

be a long time ahead. John L. Collyer, President of ~~the~~ Goodrich

~~Company~~, says that at present his synthetic rubber is more

expensive than the natural rubber, though for some things, such as

~~garden hose~~, gasoline hose, pressure hose, brake lining, it is

better because it lasts longer. ^{All of which means} ~~So the meaning is quite obvious.~~

^{that} ~~Even in case of war~~ even if the United States were completely

shut off from the rest of the world, you would be able to ~~free~~

fill ^{up} ~~your tank~~ with Blue Sunoco and go ^{bowling along} ~~motoring~~ on synthetic tires.

HAMS

Here's news for hams, meaning ~~not actors but~~ licensed amateur radio operators. In ^{the} future they may not send or receive messages from abroad. That's an order, made public today by the Federal Communications Commission. ^{and} It applies to ^{all} ~~everyone~~ of the fifty-five thousand ^s ~~licened~~ amateurs in this country. However, it doesn't mean they can't communicate with fellow hams in Alaska or Puerto Rico or Hawaii or the Canal Zone, or even the Philippine Islands. Anybody ~~caugh~~ ^e disobeying ~~this~~ order will be without a license.

The F.C.C. does not explain ~~its order~~. But it's easy to guess that the reason is to prevent the use of amateur radio licenses by so-called subversive elements in this country.

CAPTAIN BARTLETT AND L.T.

L.T.:- A famous old sea dog just sat down beside me. We are going out to dine on Polar bear and walrus in a moment. You all know him, Captain Bob Bartlett, who commanded Peary's ship on the expedition to the North Pole, and who has either led or been with so many other Arctic expeditions. Captain Bartlett goes to the Arctic every year. How about it, Bob? Is the war going to keep you away from the Polar regions this summer?

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CAPT. BARTLETT:- I should say not. I wish I was over in Europe fighting them Germans. But, mebbe I'll get around to that a little later. This summer I'm going North again as usual. But, I still have room for two or three more young fellows to ship with me. Yes sir, we are going north to where civilized people live, the Eskimo. Up where people haven't gone mad as they have in Europe.

GUILD

Some time ago
~~You may remember that~~

a number of lawyers in this country were dissatisfied with the American Bar Association, thought it was too conservative. So they organized the National Lawyers Guild.

One of the lawyers who joined that Guild is now an Assistant

Secretary of State, A.A. Berle, Jr. ^{*But Berle*} ~~He~~ resigned from the Guild

today --
emphatically and dramatically, ^{*His*} ~~today, and the reason, he offers is~~

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~~not a compliment.~~ The Assistant Secretary of State ~~says~~ he joined the National Lawyers Guild because he hoped it might represent the liberal element among American lawyers. Now, however, he declares in his own words, "It is obvious that the present management of the Guild is not prepared to take any stand which conflicts with the Communist Party line." In short, the National Lawyers Guild is just another American stooge for Stalin and the Kremlin mob.

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That's what the Assistant Secretary of State implies.

ANENBERG

Another chapter in the case of ~~Moses~~^{Sam} Annenberg,
owner of the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER and a chain of racetrack
sheets. This is the official news from Washington on the
settlement of Uncle Sam's claims against him for income tax.
Annenberg has settled with Uncle ^{Sam} for eight million dollars plus
interest. The Internal Revenue Commissioner says the interest
will probably bring the sum up to ten million dollars. He's
allowed to pay it in seven instalments. And to guarantee it
he has had to pledge everything he owns including majority
control of the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, also his ranch in
Wyoming and his villa in Florida.

And now Hugh a bulletin
~~But there is still the matter of a judicial sentence~~
from you.
~~to be passed on Annenberg. He has pleaded guilty to one count~~
~~of the indictments against him.~~

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