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Good Evening, Everybody:- Did you hear Hitler's speech today? Well, the picturesque German Chancellor, certainly ~~Chancellor Adolph Hitler~~ sprang a dramatic

surprise on the world, ~~today, and~~ a surprise of a pleasant

sort. (Instead of the firebrand, saber-rattling speech

many people feared, ~~he was about to deliver before the~~

~~members of the German Parliament,~~ the Nazi Generalissimo

did the very opposite. He used his undeniable oratorical

skill, his fervor and mob-rousing effects to tell the

world literally that Germany was ready to follow any

sincere and coherent plan for disarmament that any other

nation proposed.

"Germany does not want to re-arm," he said,

"she wants to see the other nations disarm.")

The Nazi Chancellor reserved his most vehement ~~verbal fireworks and~~ ~~verbal~~ castigations for the provisions of the Versailles

Treaty. The mistakes made in that curious document, he

said, are at the bottom of all the troubles that afflict the world today.

(Then the Chancellor declared that it was absurd to attribute aggressiveness to Germany) or to claim that other nations were in danger from the Fatherland. He pointed out the strong armies of all the nations that surround Germany,- Poland, Belgium, France, Czecho-Slovakia. Said ^{Hitler:-} ~~the Chancellor:~~

"Are those nations in danger of invasion?"

And he answered it himself with a loud NO which was thunderously echoed by his aroused listeners. Then he shouted: :

"The one European country in danger of invasion today is, Germany!"

^{Herr} Hitler declared emphatically that Germany was willing to accept the ^{British} MacDonal^d plan as the basis for disarmament negotiations; she was willing to accept the program proposed by Mussolini. He said he would welcome the leadership of the President of the United States, ^{(in fact he opened his arms to everybody).} ~~and claimed that~~

With the utmost fervor he proclaimed that Germany would be willing to follow any program both for peace and for the economic recovery of the world.

In fact, he said, Germany would follow any plan whatsoever, provided it was sincere, and provided that Germany was no longer menaced by the overwhelming military strength of surrounding nations. He repeated several times the necessity for peace on a basis of equality for Germany.

At the same time he said:

"Germany will never submit. She will never give up her claims to equality even if she has to go so far as to drop out of the League of Nations." And he told the world: "One cannot ignore the demands of a nation of sixty million people."

With equal ^{vehemence} ~~fervor~~ he denied the charge that the Nazi Storm Troops constituted a military force. He said they were organized as an internal police force to fight the menace of Bolshevism.

WASHINGTON

Chancellor Hitler, of course, spoke in German. A summary, though not an exact translation of his speech, was read over the air by Dr. Max Jordan, the representative of the N.B.C. in Berlin.

(In Washington the accounts of his fervent discourse were received with considerable astonishment, optimism, and encouragement.)

It was announced at the White House that President Roosevelt, who speaks German fluently, listened attentively to every word the German

Sitting around the radio with the President were all three of his
Chancellor said. ~~However~~ Mr. Roosevelt declined to make any comment, *but Col. Steve Early told a representative of the (N.B.C.) that the President was delighted with Hitler's speech.*

No official statement of any kind was given out, but

several members of the Administration in high position agreed that

what Hitler said was decidedly conciliatory and left the door open to

almost any further development at Geneva. The Administration was

particularly pleased with the terms in which ~~Hitler~~ *the German Chancellor* saluted President

Roosevelt's peace message to the nations of the earth. They were

also delighted at his statement that Germany was willing to accept the

principles of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's plan. ~~They also~~ *And they*

commented on another concession that the Nazi chief made, a concession

I did not mention before. This was, that Germany was willing to forego

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her claim ~~for~~^{to} equality of arms for a period of five years -- this
in order to give other countries ~~a chance~~^{time} to reduce their
armaments.

Consensus of all important opinion in Washington is that
the German Chancellor's speech enables Germany to avoid the
isolation which threatened her.

BUSINESS

On top of all this here's a bit of good news. The reaction to the conciliatory temper of Germany's Nazi leader coming right on the heels of President Roosevelt's dramatic ^{peace} plea to the world, gave a decided fillip to business and industry throughout America. On the one hand Mr. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, issued his first official statement. In it he showed that ^{there} ~~it~~ had been a general advance throughout the country. At the same time Wall Street reflected ~~the~~ general repercussion to the world's news. The Dow Jones ticker this afternoon showed that more than four million shares have been bought and sold and several stocks jumped from one to four dollars a share.

Secretary Roper's report pointed out that in most industries production was above the level that prevailed a year ago today. Steel manufacture is more active than it has been in two years, the automobile plants are working, ~~and~~ retail trade is on the upswing. There's ^{a large} ~~an~~ advance in the prices of commodities, raw materials and crude foodstuffs.

^{We} ~~The N.B.C.~~ learned ^{direct} ~~by telephone~~ from San Francisco that there has been an advance in employment throughout California amounting to fifteen per cent.

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ROOSEVELT

Even before the ~~exxiex~~ excitement had subsided over his sensational peace message to the fifty-four nations of the world, President Roosevelt sent another special communication to Congress outlining a further step in his program for the rehabilitation of business and industry. He proposes the suspension of the anti-trust law. He wants to prevent unfair competition and ruinous over-production. He also urged a shorter work week and he ~~also~~ outlined to Congress his public works program to put an end to unemployment. Moreover he set forth the hope that all special taxes might be eliminated as soon as the repeal of prohibition restored to Uncle Sam's Treasury the liquor revenues. This last proposal was made with the apparent hope that such a prospect would speed up the repeal of the prohibition amendment.

Here are some of the President's own words: "Before the special session of Congress adjourns, I recommend two steps in our national campaign to put people ~~xx~~ to work." And he pointed out: "Employers cannot do this singly or even in organized groups, because such action increases cost and thus permits cut-throat underselling

by selfish competitors unwilling to join in such a public spirited endeavor."

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And/the paragraph dealing with public works, the President's message said: "We must by prompt and vigorous action override unnecessary obstructions which in the past ~~had~~ delayed the starting of public works programs. In carrying out the program it is imperative that the credit of the United States government be protected and preserved."

Then he went on to tell ^{Congress — the House in particular —} ~~the House~~ that it could make its own plans on the best form of taxation "to meet the present need and which will at the same time be least burdensome to our people. At the end of that time if no decision has been reached or if the needs provided do not seem to be sufficiently adequate or certain, it is

^{he said} my intention "to submit to Congress my own recommendations in the matter." In other words ~~for~~ "you try your hand at fixing the taxes and if you can't I'll go to bat." That's what he meant.
Senator Wagner then introduced the ^{next} public works bill

in the Senate.

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And by the way — how is the President's health these days? These strenuous days?

COPELAND

Senator Royal Copeland, of New York, who is also a physician, dropped in ~~at~~ the White House to see how the President is getting

along physically. ~~President Roosevelt~~ ^{And then} he told newspapermen, ^{that Mr. Roosevelt} looks one hundred per cent. He is in splendid health, ^{in vigor} and has ~~got~~ it all over his Cabinet and Secretaries.

The State Department announced that ~~they had~~ ^{it has} received many cables from abroad quoting newspaper editorials ^{to the effect} that the ^{dramatic} Roosevelt disarmament ^{also yesterday} ~~statement~~ had been received favorably.

Hundreds of telegrams from all parts of the United States and from abroad have been pouring into the White House today congratulating President Roosevelt on his message on World Peace and ~~the~~ Disarmament.

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MUSCLE SHOALS

The House of Representatives today adopted the Conference report on the Muscle Shoals bill creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. This completes the Congressional phase of the program for the development of the Tennessee River Valley. The vote was 259 to 113. The Senate approved a similar report yesterday. It is now ready for the President's signature.

BONUS ARMY

The Bonus Army has turned down President Roosevelt's offer to go to the forests for jobs. By an overwhelming vote today in the Washington auditorium they ~~voted down~~ ^{declined} the offer to join the civilian ^{Conservation} ~~reforestation~~ Corps. The veterans did agree, however, to leave Fort Hunt and Washington next Monday as requested by the President, ^{to travel homeward - or elsewhere.} ~~when they made the arrangements to come to Washington for their Bonus seeking convention.~~

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ELECTION

~~REXX~~ Along with the repeal question and other matters there was an unusual campaign in the community of Woodbury Heights, New Jersey. A twenty-two year old would-be undergraduate ran for tax collector. His opponent was no less a magnifico than the ~~ex-~~ Mayor of the town. The twenty-two year old young man's platform was: "Elect me and send me through college." Evidently the voters of Woodbury Heights, New Jersey, consider that there are enough college men in the U. S. A. already, because they elected the ~~ex-~~ Mayor as tax collector and turned down the youth by a vote of 229 to 78. *So there goes another college education.*

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MILK STRIKE

Matters seem to be coming to a head in that milk strike in Wisconsin. There were reports of violence in various parts of the state. In one place a crowd attempted to burn a dairy farm. The authorities have heard that thousands of farmers in Wisconsin are getting ready to ^{rise up and} close cheese factories, condenseries, creameries and any other ^{various} ~~kind~~ of dairy ^{factories} ~~plant they find~~. In answer to this the Adjutant General of the State told us that he was going to have a showdown on this matter. And with that he sent more than a thousand national guardsmen into the strike ~~ing~~ field districts. Their instructions were to act as deputy sheriffs, and they will be under civil ~~authority~~, not under military authority.

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AKRON DISASTER

(Here's the verdict of the Naval Board of inquiry on the Akron disaster, the catastrophe which killed seventy-three men, including Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, ~~was~~ Naval Chief of Aeronautics. The verdict places part of the blame on an error of judgment by Commander Frank C. McCord, who commanded the airship the night of the disaster and perished with her.)

The Navy News Bureau told us that the findings of this Court had nothing to do with the Akron Congressional investigation which will begin soon.

The Naval Board in its findings, however, hold that Commander McCord should not be condemned for the disaster as he might have been justified in doing the things he did that night.

QUEEN

A queen died in Europe recently, and apparently no word of it came across the Atlantic over the cables. She was the queen of the Gypsies. She died in England. Her married name was Mrs. ~~Levy~~ ~~Levy~~ ~~Levy~~ ⁱLevy Boswell. But as she was the eldest daughter of the original Gypsy Lee, the Gypsy king, she herself was known all her life as Gypsy Lee.

She died at the age of eighty-one. She is not being mourned by her subjects because, as one of them explained to a correspondent of the ^{London} Daily Mail: "We don't believe in mourning." The Gypsies believe that the time to mourn is when a person is born because of what he or she must go through. When ~~they~~ they die ~~that~~ ^{it} is considered a release, consequently the Gypsies don't grieve. ~~Their~~ Their motto is: "Give a man six pence ~~for~~ when he's alive rather than flowers when he's dead."

The Lee family were prominent among the comparatively few remaining Romanys in the world. Gypsy Lee is survived by her brother, Joe, who says that he is now the last of the Lees.

Gypsy Lee evidently was an extraordinary woman. As is

the custom of her kind, she foretold the very day and hour on which she died. She evidently was ~~x remarkable, and~~ in her youth exceedingly beautiful. Furthermore, she was so strong she could lift up a donkey and carry it on her shoulders. She could also ride ~~a couple of~~ ^{two} horses ^{abreast} standing ^{on their backs,} ~~up~~ ^{easier} ~~xxxix~~ than most people ~~could~~ ^{can} ride ~~one~~ ^{handle} horse sitting down.

~~No wonder~~ She was the queen of the Gypsies.

London Daily Mail.

WORLD'S FAIR

If Chicago people read some of the English papers they may be ~~saying today~~ saying today: "Well, we get a better break from foreigners than we do from our own countrymen."

The most glowing account of the World's Fair buildings and design that I have yet come across appeared in ~~a recent issue~~ of the London Times. It was written by no less a celebrity than the exceedingly highbrow biographer, Philip Guedalla. He expatiates particularly on the gorgeous coloring and lighting effects that have been devised by what he calls "the heroic Chicagoan organizers of the World Fair." And he writes: "Their buildings are to be a rousing exercise in the most dramatic manner of modern ~~xx~~ architecture. Unexpected silhouettes impinge upon the startled sky; low buildings creep along the ground in order to jerk upwards in a tower that is like a sudden exclamation; and strange curves embrace queer angles." *Fine English that!* Then Mr. Guedalla goes on to say: "But Chicago goes, as might have been expected, one better. For it has added color to design." And he said further: "The whole undertaking is as gallant as Chicago is always apt to be."

Well, there's a view of Chicago from foreign eyes.

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~~just~~ ~~is~~ before his owner died. ~~The Secretary of the late William~~

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thousand dollars to provide orange juice, toast and coffee for the

parrot's breakfast and a three course lunch and dinner each day.

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~~former Secretary now caring for the bird.~~

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ENDING

And now before I start for
Dover, New Jersey here's a note from

Mr. George Olsen of Brooklyn, ^{who} writes in to remind me that

today, May 17th, is an anniversary. On this day Norwegians and

their descendants all over the world are celebrating the

hundred and nineteenth anniversary of Norway's independence.

Of course, it's the day of the year in Norway, a day of parades,

especially for children. I suppose there are also celebrations in

many parts of Minnesota and the Dakotas. And in case any of them

are listening to me in ^{those folk} between dances, I'll say "Farvel Indtil

Imorgen", and that, ^{say the Olsens} ~~I am told,~~ is Norwegian for

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.