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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There are rumors that Rumania has put out what are called -- peace feelers. It is known of course that this satellite country, subjugated by Hitler has no enthusiasm for the war and a peace move by Rumania would not be surprising. Whether it will get anywhere is another thing.

RUSSIA

Moscow reports a sharp military success today -- a thrust forward in the sector of Orel. In that area the Nazis did a lot of work building elaborate defenses, these based on a strong river position. And the Soviet assault required the most careful planning - with scouts observing every detail of the German defense: the position of machine guns, and the disposition of troops. The drive was launched by night, with Red Army soldiers getting silently across the river. With clock-like timing, Russian artillery opened a tremendous bombardment against enemy minefields, barbed wire, and trenches. In the shelter of the barrage of shells, the soldiers moved forward, rushed the German positions, and captured them. This enables them to push on and drive a deep wedge in the system of enemy defense.

MEDITERRANEAN

In the Mediterranean, Sicily is still the Number One target with bombs raining down day and night on that large and strategic Island. Today's news tells of the battering of five big Sicilian air fields. All of this is logical, according to the stepping stone theory -- the steps being Tunisia, Pantelleria, Sicily.

Reports are still hot about invasion preparations along the North African coast. These mostly from the Axis side - with the enemy apparently convinced that landing operations will soon begin and very likely in Sicily.

KING GEORGE

It was disclosed today that British King George is in conquered North Africa. He has been there for several days, amid scenes of enthusiasm. Today's dispatch tells of one scene - Mighty enthusiastic, but hardly up to the London standards of formal royal ceremony. In fact, the scene was all wet.

The King paid a visit to a military camp at a beach and there three thousand British soldiers were in the water for a swim. Bathing suits being scarce in North Africa, their costumes were null and void.

Suddenly somebody spied His Majesty on the veranda of a nearby villa and the word spread and there was a wild rush as three thousand soldiers splashed and dashed. Swimming records and running records were broken, as the mob swarmed to the veranda. There they gathered before the Sovereign of the British Empire - hardly a stitch of clothes among the three thousand, and all were dripping wet.

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There they stood and sang - "God Save The King".

P.S. The Queen was not there.

PACIFIC

Today's Navy dispatch tells of continued air fighting in the area of the Solomon Islands. American bombers smashed at the Japs at Kahili and Shortland Island and hit an important airfield on Kolombaraga Island. The Japs on their part, raided Guadalcanal, dropping bombs that we are told did no damage. American headquarters in the South Pacific announces that since the end of last July, in a period of a month-a-half less than a year, thirteen hundred and thirty-seven Japanese planes have been destroyed.

HELLWEG

With me here in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, tonight among others, are two men of high distinction in the armed forces, and two of equally high distinction on what we now call the Production Front. The latter are Calvin Kendig, President of the Hamilton Watch Company and H. W. Prentiss, Jr., head of Armstrong Cork. The two men in uniform being Colonel David N. Hauseman, head of the Philadelphia Army Ordnance District, and Captain J. F. Hellweg, Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington.

Colonel Hauseman has just been reminding us that only one and a half per cent of all the firms engaged in war work have now received the Army-Navy E Award. And Captain Hellweg has been telling us of the origin of the "E". He says it was inaugurated in the Fleet for outstanding performance in Nineteen Hundred and Six. And five years after that the vessel of which he was in command won the "E".

Whereupon each bluejacket aboard the ship was given two red silk embroidered E's to wear on his sleeves. He tells us that the sailors rushed below after the ceremony, put ~~■~~ ^{the} E's on their jackets and then raced ashore to celebrate, which they must have done with too much gusto for when they came back, in addition to their red E's they had more than the usual number of black eyes.

The head of the U.S. Observatory has been telling us of the importance of chronometers at sea, and how if he could slip aboard every ship in the world and swipe the chronometers not a ship would be able to sail tomorrow.

He has been explaining to me that until the war, all the chronometers in the world were made either in England or in Switzerland ~~■~~ but that at last this yoke has been thrown off and better instruments are being made here than were ever made abroad. Just another way in which this Second World War has affected us.

And then, I learned this afternoon that on nearly every island in the Pacific over which we have control, Uncle Sam now has three master time control instruments. Three, so that if two should get knocked out one would still remain. These instruments on the islands, are the ones with which our bomber, pursuit and transport pilots, flying back and forth over stretches of the Pacific, tune the navigational time pieces on their instrument boards. In this mechanical age it's all as complicated as that.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY

In London today, the British Labor Party took a vote on a subject of much importance -- the British Communist Party. Hitherto the Labor Party has refused to ~~xx~~ have anything to do with the Communists - rejecting the Reds as Labor Party members. So now the question was brought up again - with the Laborites holding their annual convention. The question went to a vote today, and the powerful coal mine unions upheld the Communist end of the argument. However, the Reds lost out again -- by a vote of nearly two million to seven hundred and twelve thousand - Labor Party conventions go in for large figures.

The attack against the British Communists was led by a cabinet minister of the Churchill Government, Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security. He said that the attitude toward the British Reds has nothing to do with Soviet Russia. And he stated: "We find the British Communist party untrustworthy, ~~xxxx~~ untruthful and a source of

corruption to every organization it touches. They pretend, he added, "to believe in Parliamentary Government but they really believe it is completely futile and that Red revolution is the only proper course".

The Labor Party accepted that viewpoint and the Communists are still out in Britain.

ARGENTINA

The new Argentine Minister of War made an official declaration today - stating that the ambition of his country is to draw closer to the United States. "The great Republic of the United States" said he.

And he added that one of the fundamental purposes of the recent revolution was to honor Argentina's international agreements. This, of course, might refer to the decisions of the Pan-American Congress which lined up Latin-America on the side of the United States.

The Argentine Minister of War was none too specific but anything concerning the Argentine attitude toward the war is of interest.

WAR AGENCIES

The appropriations committee of the House of Representatives

gave its Okay today to the government agencies in wartime and

expressed the Okay in ^{a way that} ~~terms~~ which is always eloquent.

Federal bureaus on the home front have been under considerable

attack, and the committee did a lot of investigating. The

result ~~was~~ favorable for the agencies.; And the House recommended

that eighteen of ^{them be given} ~~the~~ nearly three billion dollars for nineteen-

^{and} ~~forty-four~~. That's not only eloquent-- it is positively

lyrical.

The investigation of the agencies produced a whole string of

quotable ^{facts} ~~bits~~ on one subject or another-- a wide range of topics:- Such

as, United Nations war industries are out-producing the Axis at

the rate of ^{two and a half to one,} ~~twenty-five billion dollars a year to sixty-five~~

~~billion.~~

Our tonnage of cargo ships will be more than doubled by the

end of the fiscal year of nineteen forty-four.

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Synthetic rubber, by the fall of nineteen forty-four, ^{will be in} ~~the~~
to a point that will
production ~~will be sufficient to~~ meet the Nation's demand for

rubber tires. ^{If} The Congressional investigation

^{brought out that}
on The ceiling on wages, Many employers are violating the ceiling,

and giving their employees prohibited raises of pay in order

to hold them. Bootleg wage raises, or would you say-- black

market pay increases? ^{If} They found about Propaganda

^{that} ~~Propaganda~~ In Tunisia we fired propaganda from cannon, shells

crammed with leaflets ^{also,} to persuade the enemy. The office of

War Information is going to send ten lecturers to Great Britain

to convince the British that Americans are not the kind of

people the movies picture them to be. In other words we send

them movies and ^{then we send them} the propaganda to contradict the movies. Now there's

^{an idea!}
~~Why send the movies, in the first place?~~

About the interned Japs. Eleven thousand have been released

from the camps, and given leave to go places and work. Among

these eleven thousand released there has not been a single

case of disloyalty to the United States.

These are a few of the things
the Congressmen learned.

FOOD-

The Price Administrator stated today that the policy of subsidies was necessary. Prentiss Brown stated that stabilization of prices is impossible, unless we pay subsidies to food producers. The idea is the the producers will have to get either higher prices or money from the Government.

The food administrator estimated that the cost of subsidies for rolling back prices will not exceed four hundred and fifty million dollars.

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Following an assault made by a negro on a white woman, the second recently. A mob of white men set out to lynch the negro accused. They went to the jail and demanded that the prisoner be turned over to them. The authorities insisted that the intended victim was not in the place and permitted a committee of six to look and see for themselves. They searched, with no result. But this did not convince the mob. There was a threat to storm the jail, but this was quelled by some strong words from the sheriff -- who appeared with pistol in holster and a rifle across his arm.

MOBS - 2

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At Beaumont, ~~MOBS~~, Texas, today the courthouse was guarded
white men beating negroes and attacking and burning buildings
by state soldiers with bayonets and machine guns. Inside
in the negro district. Several victims were dragged from
were seventy-five prisoners -- white men arrested for attacking
automobiles and slugged, and the automobiles were set on fire.
negroes and destroying property in the negro section of the
stores were attacked and injured and taken to the negro
town. ^{It} was believed that an attempt might be made to
hospital, until it was overflowing with patients. ¹
rescue them -- hence the ~~garrison~~ military guard.

^R Violent race disturbances have been raging at Beaumont--
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At a shipyards negro employes were kept out by the management-- for fear that they would be attacked. At others negroes worked under heavy police protection.

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The rioters are ^{reported to be} largely white ship ^{yard} ~~yard~~ workers, and last night several shipbuilding plants were shut down-- because night shifts failed to appear. They were out rioting.

GIRL

Here is something new in the way of newspapers interviewing.

At Seattle, Jerri Jacobs, a girl reported ~~for~~^{by} for the Seattle Star interviewed some sailors just back from the Aleutians. She got a good story from Navy steamfitter Frank J. Nasta, of Newark, New Jersey. When the interview was over, Frank Nasta said : "Jerri, you're the first girl I've seen in a year. How about a kiss?"

Jerri didn't reply, "you Nasta man." She gave Frank the kiss while his shipmates gave a loud cheer.

CHAPLIN - 4

Here is news^S from the moonlit fields of Romance. Charlie

Chaplin got married today. He is White-haired, fifty-four,

and has been wedded three times previously. His bride is

eighteen -- ~~MISS~~ ^{CONA} O'Neill, daughter of the playwright^{alt}

Eugene O'Neill. During recent days, Charlie Chaplin has been

figuring in another line of news^S from those same moonlit

fields of romance. He is being sued by a young woman of

~~about~~ twenty-three, who attributes to him the paternity of

her expected child. She is Joan Barry, who aspired to be a

movie star and was a Charlie Chaplin pupil for a while. He

gave her dramatic lessons, but the drama ended in a court-

room-- instead of a motion picture studio.

Charlie Chaplin also gave dramatic lessons to ^{Cona} O'Neill

and this time the drama culminated in a wedding. We hear

that the marriage was opposed by the bride's father, Eugene

O'Neill, the dramatist. This is turning out to be quite a

dramatic story.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN - 2

However, parental-disapproval-notwithstanding Charlie Chaplin and Oona O'Neill were married today and Charlie can say,

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-
Invasion is on. Invasion of Italy by a huge American-British Army, according to enemy reports.

"you are my own," or rather : "You are my Oona."

And a-l-u-t-m

It should be added quickly that the reports are somewhat under suspicion, because they come from Italian propaganda sources.

An Italian correspondent sent a dispatch to his newspaper in Rome -- from a base unnamed. That was the first news Italy got of the invasion. The Italian newspapermen reported a steady stream of landing-craft flowing from the African coast to Pantelleria, with the Axis powers conducting a heavy air counter-offensive against these landing barges. Axis aircraft are also reported to be attacking concentrations of naval units and convoys moving east through the Mediterranean from Gibraltar.

All this comes from the official Fascist news agency