

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(Here's a late flash - civil war threatening tonight in Austria.

Vienna in a virtual state of siege. The guard thrown about the government is so heavy as to raise the surmise:- menace of a Nazi putsch. Riot and bloodshed across the country, with Nazi parades and demonstrations; especially in Vienna.)

They stormed into the Ringstrasse, Vienna's central boulevard, today, Swastikas on arms, Nazi songs ringing out -- shouts, slogans, denunciations. The Nazis stormed buildings occupied by their opponents and tore things apart - savage destruction.

And -- counter-parades by supporters of the Fatherland Front which is against Nazi domination. Violent clashes between the supporters of Chancellor Schuschnigg and partisans of Hitler - fighting and brawling on all sides.

The latest tonight tells us that Nazi parades are trooping through the Jewish section of Vienna, with anti-Semitic songs and

shouts. Apparently the Jewish people are keeping quiet in the face of the fierce menace.

(The Nazis are up in arms against the independence plebiscite, which Chancellor Schuschnigg has ordered for Sunday, calling it an anti-Nazi manoeuvre.) They protest at the form of the ballot -- which merely specifies for or against the independence of Austria. They demand that the voting be changed and that Nazis be put on the election boards. The Austrian situation is so grave that we have a flash from Rome saying it may cause a split between Mussolini and Hitler -- a break of the Rome-Berlin Axis. Possible cancellation of the Hitler visit to Rome.

ENGLAND

Herr von Ribbentrop paid a second visit to the London Foreign Office this afternoon, right after the bad public reception he got this morning. Crowds hooted at him, yelled for him to get out of England. "Release Niemoeller!" they shrieked. It seemed

rather odd that the London anti-Nazi crowd ^{should be} ~~is~~ so much interested in

^a ~~the~~ Lutheran pastor ~~that who is being~~ prosecuted by the Nazis - Niemoeller, ^{who ran an ace U-Boat} ~~he was a prominent submarine~~ commander ^{sinking British ships} ~~who campaigned against~~

~~England~~ during the World War. However, the roar of the mob became more understandable when they screamed, "Release Thaelmann!"

^{He's} ~~That's~~ the German Communist chieftain who is in a Nazi concentration camp. So, maybe there was a little Red in the London crowd.

Anyway, powerful forces of police had to battle with all their strength to keep trouble away from Hitler's emissary, as he went to the Foreign Office with Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax.

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Von Ribbentrop's second visit to the sanctum of British diplomacy might seem to indicate some thing is stirring in the attempt to negotiate a settlement between London and Berlin - return of the German colonies, and all the rest of it. However, the latest from London is word from official sources that things don't look so ~~rosy~~ rosy. They say the present negotiations are regarded with - "no optimism." ^{to be}

FRANCE

A familiar name in the news from Paris tonight - Leon Blum.

~~Now~~ Trying to form a new cabinet. The Chautemps government was in only seven weeks, with its combination of moderate Left and middle-of-the-road parties. Blum is trying to form a cabinet altogether ~~of~~ the Left - trying to line up all the radical factions, including Communists. — the Popular Front once more.

SPAIN

(In Spain Franco claims a big victory tonight.
The Rebels have captured the stronghold Belchite, and they
declare they've smashed a gaping hole in the Left Wing line.
Franco's commanders, driving in eastern Spain, trying to push
on to the Mediterranean.)

CUBA

Vigorous denials were uttered in Havana today, and the American Ambassador did the uttering. "Grotesquely false," said he.

There are rumblings of a Cuban disturbance against the government of Colonel Batista, the one-time army corporal, rumors of arrests, threats of a revolution. In the midst of this, ~~flashed~~ ~~sensational word~~ ~~official American support for the move to overthrow Batista.~~ High officers of the Cuban army declared that anti-government leaders were claiming ~~that~~ the American Ambassador encouraged their plot - Ambassador J. Butler Wright assuring them that their cause was favored by Washington.

Well, it is certainly not the proper thing for an American Ambassador to Havana to meddle with the politics of Cuba. So the denial was immediate. "Nothing to it," announced Ambassador Wright - ~~the~~ "report ~~is~~ grotesquely false." *In Washington, Sec. Hull echoes the denial.*

SPIES

There seems to be a lot to tell ⁱⁿ ~~about~~ today's spy story -
but it ~~cannot~~ ^{it} be told. Federal officials ^{say!} ~~said~~ "This is too big a
case to talk about. The lid has been put on by Washington."

All that is known is the report that federal agents are questioning a mechanic employed at the Seversky Airplane ~~Ed~~ Plant at Farmingdale, New York. The Seversky Company is building a number of up-to-the-minute fighting planes for the government, and recently it has been under heavy guard. The guard was put on after they arrested two men and a woman a week or two ago as spies selling military secrets to a foreign power. ~~They say that in the military planes the Seversky Company is building, there are various secret details that foreign governments would like to know.~~

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So no wonder there were spectacular surmises when federal agents today took a mechanic out of the Seversky plant and started questioning him about an international spy ring. The mechanic was employed in the experimental division of the plant - where new ideas of military aviation are investigated.

WASHINGTON

That liquid substance known as H₂O was the theme of presidential recommendation to Congress today. Water - two billion dollars for water. That amount of money could buy a whole ocean of champagne! But it's a question of the water policy of the nation, flood control, irrigation, ~~inland~~ inland navigation.

The President presented to Congress a copious report drawn up by the National Resources Committee - a vast quantity of information for guidance. The White House suggests that the right kind of national waterpolicy for the next six years could be put into effect at an expense of about two billion dollars.

~~the President does not~~
~~But he doesn't~~ make specific recommendations to the lawmakers, ~~merely~~ ~~he just~~ hands them telling just what to do on various points. ~~merely~~ hands them all the information for their guidance when they get around to the job of preparing a bill - which they're expected to do in the course of time.

There's word today that the anti-monopoly business will be put off for the present - the present session of Congress, that is. We have this from Congressman Sam Rayburn, Democratic leader of the House. He was at the White House today and talked

with the President about the anti-trust legislation, ~~it~~ which is in the offing. When he emerged from the White House, he said that the President would not take up the matter with the lawmakers right now. He'll let the trust-busting legislation ^{be} ~~en~~-drive wait until the next session.

FARLEY

A jubilant cry rang out in Washington today; -"we're out of debt! the Democrats are out of debt!" That hymn of solvency was intoned by Postmaster Jim Farley, ^{who is} ~~he~~ also Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and ^{chief worried} ~~has to worry~~ about whatever money the party owes. "It owes not a nickel," said Jim today. And he explained that ^{this Winter's} ~~the recent~~ ^{Day} Jackson Dinner had brought in funds which enabled the Committee to pay off every debt.

^{Yes,} The Democrats out of debt. That does seem odd - when we remember the doldrums the party was in during the days when John W. Davis was candidate and ^{when} Al Smith ^{was too.} Chairman Farley himself admits it's something unusual. He said the Democrats were out of the red for the first time QUOTE perhaps since the origin of American parties END QUOTE. ^{Not} perhaps, Jim, and you might as well say - since the origin of time.

Anyway, ~~the~~ Postmaster Farley's postmen won't have to deliver a lot of unpaid bills to Chairman Farley's National Committee.

Today in a California legislature a dramatic scene was enacted, ^{and it is described as} ~~which is called~~ ^{And} unprecedented. ^{That's a good} word ^{to express the oddity} ~~for to describe it.~~ ^{assembled} The appearance of a prisoner ~~to~~ ^{pleading} his case before the ^{law-makers of} ~~the~~ ^a state, in the hope of persuading the government ^{or} ~~not~~ to give him a pardon. And that prisoner, ~~was~~ one of the most famous -- Tom Mooney. He stood on the speaker's stand, in a blaze of lights; ~~It was like~~ lighted like a Hollywood set -- for the benefit of the news reel cameras. Tom Mooney grey and worn after a score of years in prison. His eyes blinked behind horn-rimmed glasses. He began by apologizing.

"This," said he, "is rather ^{an} unusual proceeding. And," ^{he}

went on:

"it is rather difficult for one who has been stored away for so many years to become adjusted. So," he pleaded, "I hope you folks will bear with me."

And with that Tom Mooney spoke, ^{once more proclaimed his} ~~a plea of~~ ^{innocence,}

denying any connection with the bombing of the Preparedness Day Parade in San Francisco back in war-time. "I again deny," he declared, "that I perpetrated that dynamiting."

~~He told of his early life, his position was a~~

~~hard driving labor agitator.~~ He declared that the bombing case was pinned on him by interests hostile to labor, hostile to him as a labor leader. "Framers fabricated the case ~~xx~~ against me," he *said*.
~~shouted~~

Point by point Tom Mooney rehearsed the ~~case against~~
~~the~~ the testimony, the witnesses, the facts, the law.

He put emphasis on the evidence of a photograph, a rather famous picture that shows Tom Mooney on top of a building a mile away from the place of the explosion. *And*, the hands of a clock in ~~the~~ *t* picture point to about the time of the explosion. Showing that Mooney was a mile away when the dynamiting *t* took place. The prosecution always contended that the hands of the clock were re-touched in the picture, the time element falsified. *TP* ~~and so~~

TP Tom Mooney spoke his piece today, told his story to the legislature, hoping it will influence the govern~~ment~~. *oz.*
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GERSON

Governor Lehman today handed down a decision in that Communist case which has caused so much argument in New York. It has been quite a puzzle, that affair of a Communist appointed to office in New York City. Simon Gerson is an avowed member of the official Communist Party, the faction that maintains the party line of Red Dictator Stalin. He was appointed to office by Borough President ~~Isaacs~~ ^{a Republican:} Isaacs of Manhattan.

Well, it's ^{all} a reflection of the peculiarities of New York's last election for mayor. It ^{is characteristic} ~~is peculiar~~ of the political genius of Fiorello LaGuardia that he was able to line up on his side such extreme opposites as the Republican conservatives and the Communists. ~~In American politics, if you're helped by that faction, it's the custom to hand out a reward - appointment to office. Nothing unusual about that.~~ It is most unusual, however, for a professed Red to be appointed to office. So naturally there was a violent storm. (The tempest of protest blew so hard that Borough President Isaacs changed his mind a little bit and gave Communist Gerson a less important job than the one he was planning to confer on him in the beginning.)

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The storm kept blowing [^] on to Albany, where a concerted demand was made on Governor Lehman. A large group, consisting of American Legion chiefs mostly, told ^{the} Governor ~~Lehman~~ that Borough President Isaacs should be removed for appointing Communist Gerson.

Today the Governor said - No. *He said the* ~~he~~ ^{he} pointed out that as ~~himself~~ Governor he possessed vast powers of removal, and therefore he should be the more careful about exercising them. He noted that the Communist Party is legal in New York State and therefore the appointment of a Communist is legal. *(* ~~he declared that if he removed the Borough President, he'd be setting a dangerous precedent of possible misuse of the Governor's power. So, petition denied.~~ *)*

KANSAS CITY

~~They certainly must have had some~~ ^{They've had plenty of} sprightly election
^{And} days in Kansas City. [^] Today a scandal of voting frauds came to a
climax. A federal judge sentenced nine ~~per~~ election workers to
prison - terms varying from ten days to three years. But that's
only a small part of it. The trial that ended today was the
eleventh of a series - two hundred voting officials indicted in
all. And the list ^{now} ~~sentenced today~~ [^] brought the number of convictions
up to fifty-six. The twelfth trial was scheduled to be held on
Monday, but it won't be. ^{It's} ~~called off~~ [^]. That was the latest
development today, when all the defendants in the twelfth trial
pleaded guilty, and asked the mercy of the court. They'll be
sentenced later.

. Yes, there must have been some mighty funny doings
in Kansas City on election day!

FATHER HUBBARD

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Father Hubbard, cut off from the world, away up in the Arctic has just flashed me a message by shortwave. With his short wave sending set he sent me a message in the hope that some amateur somewhere, would pick it up, and let me know. Sure enough, one did. It has been relayed to my by Army amateur radio station W 2 F R K. The message reads:

"Best wishes from King Island and the Arctic. Expedition entirely successful. At present we are completely isolated

from the outside world." *Living on walrus blubber and seal cutlets.*

Well, I asked the Army Amateur Radio Station to try and get a message through to the Glacier Priest, *telling*

him to try and pick me up by shortwave tonight. For, this

news broadcast girdles the world by shortwave. *So, if my adventurous friend*

Hubbard is listening, here's *an adventure story that may* ~~a news item that may be of some~~

interest ~~to~~ him.

PLANE

No thrills for the passengers - which is just as well.

Sky travelers don't want the kind of tingling excitement that seven passengers missed in the latest airline thriller.

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For eight hours the big plane circled in a blinding peril of rain and fog, along the south Atlantic coast. The pilot wanted to head for Charleston, South Carolina, and land there, but the wireless information was - can't do it, the densest kind of fog. So up and down the coast he flew, looking for a place where he could set the transport down, this for eight hours - with seven passengers aboard.

But it was night time, the plane a sleeper - the passengers deep in slumber. The crew didn't disturb them, didn't awaken them for the thrill. Finally, early in the morning, the pilot spotted an opening in the mist, a farmer's field below.

{ (The gas tanks were almost empty, and he had to try a landing on the plowed land.) Only then the passengers were aroused - just getting the cobwebs out ~~of~~ of their brains, ^{when} ~~and~~ the plane came to earth. ~~There~~ A safe and skillful landing near Richlands,

North Carolina. Today the passengers were being told about the thrills ~~which they slept~~ through ^{which} they slept and snored.

CROWS

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One shot killed fifteen thousand crows today near Burley, Idaho. What mighty hunter fired that stupendous shot? It's this way:- There's an island in the Snake River, and it was infested with ~~crow~~^crows. They were a pest and something had to be done.

So the State Game Department fixed up one grand shot. In tin cans they packed sticks of dynamite along with buckshot.

A hundred and ninety-nine of these improvised bombs were spotted around the island and wired electrically for one explosion.

And then the island was left quiet for a while, and the vast

flocks of crows returned to their customary haunts. The island

was black with them when the blast was touched off, and exploding

58 1/2 dynamite filled the air with buckshot. That one shot accounted for fifteen thousand crows.

I hope the news reel cameras were there, Mr. Talley.

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AMBULANCE

There was a comedy of ambulances at Joplin, Missouri, today. Mrs. Eliza Harryman was seized with an attack of appendicitis and the doctor said - "Take her to the hospital, quick!"

An ambulance was called - it went to the wrong address. A second ambulance was sent, it got into a collision, a smash-up with an automobile. Ambulance Number Three went speeding, to fetch the people injured in the collision of ambulance Number Two. Ambulance Number Four made a dash - to get the rest of the people hurt in the collision. Ambulance Number Five finally got to the lady with the appendicitis and took her to the hospital. The much delayed operation was successful.

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