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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Sensation followed sensation today on the European scene. In the midst of the excitement over the Italian ^{Blitzkrieg on} ~~attack on~~ Greece, a spectacular report resounded in London— Hitler's ^{armies} ~~troops~~

~~was~~ about to enter Spain. That was the outcome of the conference

between the Fuehrer and ~~Spanish Dictator~~ Franco last week. The

Nazi legions ^{to} ~~will~~ pour through the Iberian peninsula for an

attack on Gibraltar— such was the tale that ran like wildfire.

That report, ~~as I observed,~~ ^{came} ~~came~~ from London. It was

quickly contradicted in Madrid. A spokesman for the Spanish Foreign

Office announced that Spain remains non-belligerent. The Italian

invasion of Greece ^{to} ~~make~~ no change in that ~~status~~. The spokesman

said further that so long as conditions in the western Mediterranean

and northern Africa are ^{unchanged,} ~~not implicated~~, there'll be no likelihood

of Spain's being drawn actively into the war.

However, ^{that} ~~that~~ report ~~emanating~~ from London ^f is not

without plausible and corrob^{ora}ative detail. *In fact it* is founded upon diplomatic information received at ~~the~~ embassies in the British capital. And the same sources go on to declare that another part of the agreement made between Hitler and Franco was that Spain should receive part of what was hitherto French territory in Morocco. Thus the Italian attack on Greece ~~will~~^{would} become part of the pincers movement, with a German attack on Gibraltar and the occupation of territory on the other side of the straits. It is pointed out that if Spanish troops do not take part in that German attack on Gibraltar, the Spanish Foreign Office can still hold on to a thin pretense that Spain remains technically neutral.

But for the time being there is no consumation^m of those ~~end of the~~ long expected events in the western ~~end of the~~ Mediterranean. It's the eastern end tonight that captures our attention, ~~and~~ ~~interest~~ Battle, murder and sudden death once again hover over "The isles of Greece, the isles of Greece, Where burning Sappho loved and sung, Where grew the arts of war and peace," as Byron once told us.

What actually happened in those isles today is not

~~completely~~ at all clear.]

~~yet clear~~ Tonight we are still pretty much in the dark about the

actual details of the war moves on both sides. ^{It seems} ~~It is~~ definite

that the Greeks are not giving into Mussolini; ^{and are} ~~they're~~ fighting

back for all they ^{are} ~~are~~ worth; ~~and it is~~ also definite that the

British are helping them. The official British position was

conveyed in a message from King George the Sixth himself. He

promised ^S ~~d~~ that Greece should have, as he put it, "all the assistance

in our power." A similar message to Greek Premier John Metaxas

was sent by Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The move did not take London by surprise; evidently a

naval plan of operation had been planned, and it was announced

that this plan of operation was being carried out. But naturally

the Admiralty made no statement ^{as to} what that plan ^{is,} ~~of operation was.~~

^T ~~of course~~ rumors are rife all over the eastern end of the

Mediterranean, and one of these ~~rumors~~ had it that there had been

a naval engagement between Italian and Greek warships off the

Island of Crete. Still another rumor reported that Mussolini's

planes had bombed the town of Kastoria in northern Greece. There

was also a report that two Italian planes had been shot down over

Athens. Kastoria, by the way, is an important point for one line
of attack ^{that} _^ may be followed by the Italians, an attack from Koritza,
on the Albanian frontier. British military authorities report
that the second largest concentration of Fascist troops is at
Koritza. ^H Both British and Greek sources of information report
that the Italian attack, which came so suddenly and with virtually
no warning, ^{that} _^ was not successful. The blitzkrieg did not come off.
In fact that
_^ The Greeks pushed the Italian vanguard back and pursued them over
the frontier into Albania.

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There's a report from Jugoslavia that the Italians have
run into another difficulty. Hardly had their attack upon the
unoffending Greeks begun, before rebellion broke out behind them
in Albania. That rebellion is rumored to have become a widespread
revolt, so serious that it has hampered the movements of Italian
troops against Greece.

~~still~~ another dispatch brings the story that the
British have landed troops on Crete, also an expeditionary force
at Kephlonia, ^a _^ one of the larger islands just northwest of Morpa,
the southern peninsula of Helas. ^l _^

So it appears that

~~Yes~~ the Greeks are fighting back, apparently united to a man, determined to ~~hold out against~~ ^{make} the Fascists, ^[path difficult.] Athens was full of war enthusiasm, ^{today} and cheering parades, which gave a great reception to the flags of Great Britain, Turkey and the United

States. ^H Some of Mussolini's big three-motored bombers were seen in the sky over the majestic ~~columns~~ ^{ruins} of the Acropolis. Bombs

fell on the civil airport of Athens. An American correspondent heard a score of bombs explode ~~from~~ ^{at} the naval base at Salamis,

where the Greeks once hurled back the might of the Persian empire in one of the great naval battles of history. The correspondent stood on a hotel roof and saw big columns of smoke arise from

behind the ground where the great Pericles used to harangue the

^{Athenians,} ~~Athenians~~ where Socrates had stood defending himself against his accusers before the Assembly, ^{and} where St. Paul ^{delivered} ~~made~~ one of his greatest sermons.

So far no bombs have dropped on any of the priceless relics of the ancient city. ^{General} John Metaxas, the Premier, has

appealed to Mussolini to look upon Athens as an open city, to treat it as other belligerents are treating Rome. So far there has been no reply from the Black Shirt Duce.

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Of course the beginning of Mussolini's blitzkrieg on Greece has ~~been~~ the rest of the Balkans ~~in a terrific state~~ ^{to in a ferment} of excitement and ~~terror~~ ^{fear.} King Boris of Bulgaria held a meeting of his parliament and made another announcement of Bulgarian neutrality. In Yugoslavia there's the greatest anxiety lest that country ~~also~~ be dragged into the fray. The Jugoslavs expect to receive a demand from the Axis to permit them to move troops through their territory for the campaign on Greece. Jugoslav leaders object violently to giving such permission. But all the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ best routes not only from central Europe but from Italy lead to Greece through Yugoslavia.

While Mussolini's troops were starting his would-be blitzkrieg, the Duce and Hitler were in conference ^{— in Italy —} at Florence. And

It was at first indicated that the Fuehrer was going to remain in Italy indefinitely. But evidently there was no substance to that, for later in the afternoon it was officially announced that Hitler was ^{already} on his way back to Germany.

In Turkey, Refik ^y ~~Sadam~~ [^], the Premier, made a nationwide broadcast to his people. He wasn't very definite about anything,

merely told them the situation is becoming graver and graver. The Turks, he said, are sure of their power and will not hesitate to defend themselves. But diplomats and Foreign Office experts in that part of the world are quite convinced that the blitzkrieg on Greece is merely a prelude to a Nazi attack on Turkey through Rumania.

There was an unofficial warning to the Turks from Germany. If the Turks do anything to help the Greeks, if they commit any act unfriendly to Italy, Nazi Germany will promptly declare war. So far there is no state of war between the Greeks and the Nazis.

In Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, the diplomats were prophesying that Hitler and Mussolini and Franco had set December First as a deadline for the capture of Istanbul.

Their conquest of Greece, ~~GREECE~~, it was predicted, would not take more than three weeks.

Meanwhile, what about Soviet Russia? Nothing definite. In Belgrave there were rumors that the Soviets had protested to Berlin and Rome against the invasion of Greece. But those are

just rumors. Officially, Stalin's government has added nothing to what it said a few days ago, that Soviet Russia will be neutral in the Balkans, will not take part in any ^{what it calls} imperialistic intrigues there.

CHINA

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Conflicting news from China. The Chinese claim a victory against the Japanese, ^{They} announce ^{that} they have recaptured the City of Nanning, a key position in the Province of Kwangsi.

The Japanese pooh-pooh the announcement, ~~say it's no~~
^{But at} ~~victory~~ ^{At} the same time they admit that they withdrew from Nanning. The Mikado's commanders explain that they left Nanning because it no longer had much strategic value. ~~since the Japanese~~
~~moved into French Indo-China.~~

However, the Chinese repeat that they not only took back Nanning but recaptured two other places in Kwangsi, and that ^{one of} Chiang Kai-shek's ^{armies is now} ~~army is~~ pursuing the Japanese column, which is on the retreat.

JAPAN

Americans in Japan and north China are once again urged to come

home. This advice is official. ^{It} ~~is~~ comes from Uncle Sam's

diplomatic ^{representatives "out East"; Advice given} ~~and councillor officers~~ ~~And they put out this advice~~

^{by them at the request} ~~on the specific instructions~~ of the State Department in Washington.

Our ~~area~~ embassy at Peiping has dispatched special letters to all

Americans in that part of the world, urging them in these words:-

"Give the most serious consideration to our advice about evacuation."

[#] ~~A lot of~~ ^{The chances are many} ~~Americans will follow that advice;~~ ^{and} ~~it is calculated that~~

more than a thousand Americans in Shanghai, mostly women and children,

^{start} ~~will leave for~~ home before the First of December.

CLIPPERS

The clipper planes flying passengers and mail across the Atlantic have ^{been having} ~~had quite~~ a bit of trouble with the weather. — —
~~That is, following~~ ^{on} the route from Lisbon to New York by way of the Azores. Sometimes they ^{have} ~~was~~ been delayed as much as six days by unfavorable weather. But, in ^{the} future that problem will be met.

When conditions are bad by way of the Azores, the clippers will follow an alternate route, flying from Portugal ^{south} to Portuguese Guinea on the west coast of Africa. ^{Then} From the west coast of Africa they will hop to the coast of South America, ^{and on} ~~thence they will fly~~ north ^{via} ~~over~~ the regular South American route, to Miami.

The State Department at Washington today gave its consent to this proceeding.

POLITICS

President Roosevelt heard the news about Mussolini's attempted blitzkrieg when he reached Newark, New Jersey. He was making a quick campaign tour through northern New Jersey on his way to New York. Telephone connection was made with his train at Newark and Mr. Roosevelt held two long conversations with Secretary of State ~~Cordell~~ Hull. Evidently the State Department had received advices which indicated a general flare-up throughout the Balkans, ^{for} ~~but~~ later in the day it was announced that the President was about to proclaim the neutrality of the United States in that conflict and to freeze Greek credits in this country.

The conversations with Secretary Hull and other members of his Cabinet in Washington delayed him an hour and a half in Newark. But it didn't prevent him from making several brief speeches in New Jersey, after which he crossed the bay to Brooklyn on a special ferry boat guarded by speed boats of the Navy's mosquito flotilla, as well as Coast Guard vessels and police launches.

At Brooklyn, he officially and formally started the

breaking of ground for the vehicular tunnel ~~which is now being~~
~~built~~ from the lower end of Manhattan to Brooklyn. Governor
Lehman of New York ~~State~~ was with him and he was introduced by
Mayor LaGuardia, ~~of New York City~~. Later in the day, he visited
Fordham University, LaGuardia Airport, Hunter College, and tonight
~~he~~ is to speak at Madison Square Garden.

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In one of his speeches he brought out the horse and buggy
allusion once more; ~~He~~ told an audience at Hunter College that he
does not believe the country wants to go back to horse and buggy
days. His only reference to his opponent was an acid remark about
those ~~in~~ who, as he put it, "promise Utopia ^{or} ~~for~~ the millenium."

Meanwhile, Wendell Willkie was on his way to Louisville,
It had been reported that his throat specialist had imposed silence
upon him, ordered him not to speak for a couple of days. But
evidently that was exaggerated, for he is definitely going to
speak at half past nine tonight, Eastern Standard Time, at
Louisville, and his address will be broadcast. On his way to
Kentucky, ^{Mr.} Willkie ~~issued a statement~~ criticizing ^{ed} ~~some~~ ^a statement
made by Secretary Hull to the National Press Club. He said the

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Secretary's discussion of foreign affairs on Saturday night was an extraordinary documentation of New Deal futility. And he added that it brings out clearly the serious failure of the New Deal to organize a national economy capable of building a rapid defense rapidly. It makes the whole tragedy ~~all~~ of world conditions and our present precarious position more than ever apparent. The only solution of this crisis, said the Republican candidate, is the defeat of the third term candidate.

The chief of the colored division of the Republican National Committee made an interesting announcement today about Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world ~~who is~~ going to take the stump for Wendell Willkie, at least six times this week. He'll speak in Philadelphia, his own town Detroit, St. Louis, New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Baltimore. Other tycoons of the boxing world are also going in for the campaign in a big way. Ex-Champion Jack Dempsey is working for President Roosevelt; and his conqueror, retired champion Gene Tunney, is ^{out} ~~taking his~~ ~~condition into the lists~~ for ~~Wendell~~ Willkie.

FOOTBALL

Another football scandal abrewing, mayhap! And the target once more is Carl Snavely, coach of the victorious big Cornell team.

Last week, Harvard took a crack at Coach Snavely. Today the sporting news is full of an accusation even more sensational. Made by the Athletic Director of Ohio State University, whose team took a twenty-one to seven licking from Snavely's Big Red team last Saturday.

Athletic Director St. John of Ohio State bluntly makes the charge that Coach Snavely signalled to his team from the bench. That at Ithaca last Saturday Coach Snavely transmitted

signals by means of a white cylinder, held in different position.

Sitting next to Director St. John on the Ohio State bench was

^{Earle}
Dr. Maxwell, who once was himself a football official. And Dr.

Maxwell agreed with Director St. John that Snavely was conveying

signals. In fact, as the game progressed, Director St. John and Dr.

58 1/2 Maxwell were themselves able to foretell the next play that the

Cornell team was about to make. Director St. John says furthermore

that after the game he secured confidential admissions, ^{about this but he} ~~but he~~

does not say from whom.

This accusation was written in a letter to the Executive Director of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Ohio State Director is not asking for any redress. The game is over, he declares, and was won by the better team.

59 { Yes, the fame of that Big Red Team has spread throughout the land. I saw them play and it didn't look to me as though they needed any sideline help from the coach or anyone else.

59 1/4 And now Hugh a signal from the bench for you.