

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The man hunt was on today in the country beyond Syracuse. The greatest manhunt in years. City police, state troopers, G-Men, running down every lead, probable and improbable, out to catch the three convicts who escaped from the Onondaga County Pen yesterday.

In Syracuse a house painter named Ivan Whitford had a job to do in a vacant building two blocks from a rooming house owned by his mother. He opened the cellar door of that vacant house and the first thing he knew a gun was in his ribs. Though Whitford didn't know it, the man at the other end of the gun was Baby Face Geary, one of the escapers. And the two others were there. Whitford thought Geary and his two pals were just, as he puts it, "three huns" and said to them: "You can't get away with that stuff with me." And one of the men said: "Don't you know who we are?" Then the house painter realized that the

three bums were desperadoes fro whom the manhunt was on in seven states.

It looked like a tough tough spot for the house painter. As he describes the experience, "Geary kept threatening me." But Ivan Whitford has a persuasive tongue. He persuaded them that if they would spare his life he would help them to go free. He told them there were two vacant rooms in his mother's lodging house. If they would go there he would get them food and, when it was dark, he'd sneak them out of the city in his car. The three desperate men, who were exhausted from hunger, went to the address that Whitford had given them. He followed them and after he had taken them upstairs to one of the rooms of his mother's house, he got them some food.

But that wasn't the end of house painter Whitford's persuasiveness. He said to them: "I've got to do downstairs now to do some work for my mother. If I don't show up she'll suspect there's something wrong." So they let him go. And Whitford went direct to a police station.

Swiftly four plain-clothes policemen, headed by a lieutenant got to the rooming house. Inside they found all the doors

leading to the second floor locked. After they battered down the first one, they had to break in three more to get to their quarry. And there they found only two of the escapers: John Oley and Harold Crowley, who surrendered without a shot, without a struggle. The third, the trigger man, Babe Face Geary, had jumped out the second floor window.

According to the police, the two men who were captured said: "We're glad it's all over." And they added: "We knew last night that we were doomed because we tried to get out of the city all during the night, but we found all the roads blocked by state troopers so we knew the heat was on."

At five o'clock this afternoon Babe Face Geary was still uncaptured. The neighborhood was surrounded by a cordon of city police and state troopers. Geary is heavily armed and not expected to surrender without a fight.

Oley and Crowley were found without arms. So Geary must have all the guns, ready to shoot it out if trapped.

And House Painter Whitford -- he get four thousand -- two thousand apiece for the two that were caught.

BOOK FAIR

Let's go on to something ancient, most antique - one of the earliest examples in the art of writing appears on exhibition at the National Book Fair here at Rockefeller Center - a cone made of clay and inscribed with cuneiform writing of earliest Babylonia, five thousand years ago. That begins a whole series of exhibits showing the history of writing. Down along the line is the first example of printing, and it's older than you might expect. It goes back twelve hundred years, and is Japanese. It is also the first example of a best seller - a Sutra, a kind of religious charm which was run off in an edition of one million.

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HESSE

St. Peters in Eaton Square, is the most fashionable church in England, perhaps in Europe. It's there that most of the nobility, the leaders of English fashion and aristocracy, are usually married. This morning that aristocrat's house of worship was a scene of a mournful wedding. Bride, groom and all the attendants were dressed not in festive nuptial array, but in black mourning. For it was the marriage of the new Grand Duke of Hesse to Miss Margaret Campbell Geddes. The bride is the daughter of Sir Auckland Geddes, once was British Ambassador to Washington. Among the guests were Their Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and the German Ambassador, Joachim von Ribbontrop.

That marriage had been postponed once already because of the recent death of the new Grand Duke's father -- postponed till next Saturday. But, because of the air -- tragedy near Ostend yesterday that wiped out the Ducal Family of Hesse wedding was set ahead three days. After it was over, the sad-eyed bride and groom left for Ostend to claim the bodies of the five royal members of the family that perished.

PARIS

The people of Paris were startled today by a sensational discovery. Apparently, it indicated a Fascist plot - either Fascist or Royalist - with preparations for a ~~putsch on Paris~~ ^{coup de Etat.}

Right in the heart of ~~the ancient city~~ ^{Paris}, the police discovered large stores of arms, machine guns, sub-machine guns, hand grenades and anti-aircraft cartridges. They also came upon shelters, small fortresses of reenforced concrete. In some of them they found huge quantities of cheddite, a powerful high explosive. One concrete chamber was fully equipped to be made into a post of command in war time, with telephones, loud speakers and microphones. It was protected by an armored door. Not one, but several, of these secret arsenals were found scattered over Paris.

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All this brings to light the astonishing fact that there is a Ku Klux Klan in France. The authorities have been alarmed recently by the night-time activities of bands of hooded men. They call themselves the "League for Secret Defense." Five people are under arrest and the French police expect to take ~~large numbers of~~ ^{many} other^s people into custody.

JAPAN

(Japan today had seventy warships in the Yangste,
all set to get a stranglehold on that valley which is aptly
described as the jugular vein of China. One of Uncle Sam's
river gunboats is on its way to Nanking to ~~protect~~ protect the
Americans in the capital.

The predictions from the Far East ~~are~~ are that the
fall of Nanking is at hand,) which may mean the end of the
war, the victory of Japan, the subjugation of China.

Tokio sent an unofficial warning to the Brussels
Conference today. It was that Japan will consider it a
definitely hostile act if any of the powers send help to
China.

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The Sino-Japanese war broke out in the House of Representatives today. A Progressive Congressman from Wisconsin, Mr. Sauthoff, started the hostilities with a resolution calling on the President to declare that a state of war exists, and ~~is~~ ordering him to put the Neutrality Act into force. Republican Mr. Ham Fish of New York jumped into the fray with the biting comment that "if this government doesn't know that a war is raging in China, we ought to have a new Secretary of State." But the resolution didn't get to first base. Sam McReynolds of Tennessee, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, objected. As he's one of the leading Democrats in the House, he squelched the movement.

Meanwhile Senator Bone of Washington announced that he was going to offer several amendments to put teeth in that Neutrality Act.

CONGRESS

Today's proceedings in Washington made it more than ever manifest that the New Deal has lost its control of Congress. This may be only temporary. But party discipline is conspicuous by its absence. Both House and Senate had the bit in their teeth and were running their own courses.

The row in the Senate about the Anti-Lynching Bill produced some biting, caustic jibes. Senatorial courtesy seemed to have been gone by the boards.

Connolly of Texas took the attitude that the Anti-Lynching Bill is primarily a New York idea. And he flung out the taunt: "There are more gang murders in New York in one day than there are lynchings in the rest of the United States in one year." And then he added:- "I hope the Senator from New York, who is hunting all over Texas, Virginia and Tennessee for law breakers, will go home and read the New York morning papers or listen to the staccato noise of the machine guns outside his window."

The he turned his sarcasm on Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the majority leader. "In Kentucky," said Mr. Connolly, "they just have little social disagreements and they get out their rifles and shoot." Then he asked the question: "Do you have an open season on shooting in Kentucky or do you have a quota system?"

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The clerk of the Senate took up six hours today reading into the record a speech against ~~anti-lynching~~xxxxxx the Anti-Lynching Bill made by Supreme Court Justice Black in Nineteen Thirty-Three. Then Senator Bailey of North Carolina jumped into the fray. He took occasion to talk about the business recession. "The nation faces the most serious situation since Nineteen Thirty-Three," said ^{Sen.} ~~Mr.~~ Bailey. "Immediate action is needed to avoid a business calamity." And ~~then~~ he cried: "Let the word go forth that this Congress and this administration is going to stop talking about balancing the budget, it is going to balance it. That," he said, "will encourage private investment immediately and aid in holding the business recession."

TAXES

Congress got busy today on the reform that business men say is the most urgently needed, taxes. The Tax Sub Committee of the House Ways and Means Committee drafted a scheme for modifying the capital gains levy. Of course there's nothing final about this, it won't be settled ~~only~~ until both Chambers of ~~Congress~~ ^{Congress} have had their whack at it. But the idea as the Committee men worked it out ~~is~~ today is that taxpayers shall be given a chance to choose ~~one~~ between two different rates and select whichever may be the lower. (It is far from a simple scheme and, even though it may reduce the amount that some folks have to pay to Uncle Sam they will be as much as ever in need of an expert to figure out how much they owe.)

While the House Committee was ~~doping~~ out this revision Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi was having a pow-wow at the Treasury with Secretary Morgenthau and his lieutenants. He came away from the Treasury talking about the possibility of a sales tax, an innovation that has been a constant bugbear in Washington. Senator Pat also said there's small chance of modifying the undistributed profits tax until the regular session

of Congress which begins in January. However he said any improvements ~~improvements~~ that ~~are~~ are made will be retroactive, that is they will affect this year's incomes.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today enlisted a new ally in support of his farm program. George Washington himself!

Said Mr. Roosevelt: "George Washington's own words showed that he considered agricultural production even in his time to be much more than a local matter."

This was part of a speech read at Mt. Vernon today. The occasion, the celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Agriculture. The President with his aching tooth, was unable to deliver the speech in person, so it was ready by Secretary Wallace.

LaGUARDIA

Once more Mayor LaGuardia of New York becomes President of the Conference of United States Mayors. He kicked loudly when the nomination was made, begged his fellow mayors to pick somebody else. But when they insisted he yielded.

The mayors, by the way, are keenly worried about the relief problem for the coming winter. A resolution they adopted says that "relief rolls during the past few weeks have been increasing and the trend is upward." ^{He} Mayor LaGuardia put a note of irony in the proceedings in the discussion of housing.

~~That was when~~ He said "Mrs. Dionne had an easy time with her quintuplets compared with what we mayors have to go through to get housing." Then he made ^{this} suggestion: "Why can't we do without lawyers in settling this housing problem?" He proposed that the Federal Housing Administrator fire all the lawyers from his staff and that ^{every} ~~the~~ mayor ~~should~~ do the same.

"What do we care about the technical legal definition of a room?" he asked. Then he added: "Everybody knows what a room is. We don't need lawyers to tell us." And said he:

~~They~~ "Thank God the new Housing Administrator isn't a lawyer himself." *The Mayor of course is a lawyer.*

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But Shakespeare wasn't, and he said:- "The first thing
we do let's kill all the lawyers." -- King Henry the Sixth, Part II.

SHAW

When George Bernard Shaw was a dramatic critic many, many years ago, he astonished all England and shocked many learned souls by criticizing Shakespeare. Up to that time, the Bard of Avon had been considered a sort of literary sacred white cow, beyond censure and without flaw. Shaw not only pointed out what he considered numerous flaws in the plays of the Bard, ~~he showed~~ ^{but told} how he would have improved them if he had written them himself. In fact, he threatened to carry out his ideas and rewrite a number of Shakespeare plays.

Now, in his old age he

~~he now~~ has fulfilled that threat. A play was produced in London last night entitled "Cymbeline", by William Shakespeare and George Bernard Shaw. It will be interesting to read the full text but some of the details come to us by cable. G.B.S., it seems, has confined his improvements to the last act ~~of~~

~~"Cymbeline"~~, which he always used to denounce as a sloppily constructed piece of work. Only eight lines of the last act of "Cymbeline" remain in the ^{per-} ~~Shavian~~ ^{- I mean version.} version. The rest of it is nothing less than a dramatic telling of the abdication of King Edward the Eighth. ^{- the Duke of Windsor.} The gist of it is an argument between

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Prince Cadwal and Prince Polidore of Britain, the long lost sons of the late king. Prince Cadwal is hailed "as the future king of this rude island." To that Prince Cadwal replies:

"No, no! This kingly business has no charm for me. Compelled to worship priest-invented-gods, not free to wed the woman of my choice, being stopped at every turn by some old fool saying

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So it goes.
'You must not', or, still worse, 'you must.'" ^ And Prince Cadwal

concludes his harangue by saying: "I abdicate and pass the

throne to Polidore," to which Polidore replies: "Do you, by the

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heavens! Thank you for nothing, brother!"

And s-l-u-t-m.