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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A new chapter in the history of the United States was in the making at Washington this afternoon. One thousand spectators and auditors crammed themselves into the galleries of the United States Senate -- in a space intended to hold eight hundred. They were the lucky thousand, for rain-soaked crowds flocked to the capital, eager to hear the epochal debate on neutrality. Aside from the subject, they were drawn by the news that Borah, the old Lion of Idaho was to make one of the speeches of his life. Nor were they disappointed. The man from Idaho out-did himself, used every device and weapon in his armory of rhetoric, backed up by so many decades of experience in the Senate.

(The debate was opened by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, another westerner, speaking as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, a chair Senator Borah held so long. Key Pittman spoke with every note of sincerity in his plea for the Administration's

bill to repeal the embargo and substitute the cash-and-carry plan for the shipment of arms.) He said he considered it the most important legislation ever proposed to Congress or enacted into law to keep us out of a European War. He pointed out that if our ships can't carry goods to belligerents, and the belligerents know it, there'll be no excuse for the destruction of American ships and the killing of our seamen.

Senator Barkley, Majority Leader, also spoke; and Senator Gillette of Iowa. (Then the word ran through the corridors, "Borah is up!" and everybody rushed into the Senate Chamber. The arguments he used were mostly sentiments we've heard before, but his vehemence and oratorical skill gave them tremendous effect. "If the proposal of the Administration is adopted," he said, "this war will become our war. And the first thing we know we'll hear again the old cry of saving the world for democracy." And he declared that cash-and-carry would by no means protect us from what happened in Nineteen Seventeen.) If the countries at war find themselves pinched for money after two or three years, there'll be no effort to collect for what they've bought and it will be the same

old story, with the burden falling on the American taxpayer.

After he had been speaking for an hour, the elderly Senator was obviously tired. LaFollette of Wisconsin broke in and asked him whether he wanted a call for a quorum, a tactic which would give him a rest. But no, Borah, would have none of it. He went on to say that the passing of the Administration's bill, whether it helps France and Britain in intent or merely in effect, would be a grave violation of international law. "I am not a pacifist," he added. "If Germany or Great Britain or any nation attacks this nation and kills its people, I will be ready, terrible as I know the consequence would be, to vote to go to war." At that a wave of applause swept through the galleries. "But," he added, "that war in Europe is not our war and we should stay out of it!"

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RUSSIANS

The most exciting field for news gatherers in Europe today was Moscow again. The latest news from the Kremlin is that Stalin sent for the Foreign Ministers of Latvia and Lithuania. Officially, it is phrased that they have been "invited." Everybody knows they have been summoned to the Kremlin. The inference is, that Stalin wants the same sort of arrangement with Latvia and Lithuania as he has made with Esthonia, naval and air bases, and to all intents and purposes, military control.

GERMAN PLOT

Here's a story that would be sensational if there were sound reasons for believing it true. But it should be listened to with skepticism. The French Intelligence Department claims to have evidence that the Nazis unearthed a plot by German army officers, a plot against Hitler. Two hundred officers are supposed to have been court-martialed and this conspiracy is alleged as the real cause of the death of Colonel-General Werner von Fritsch, who was not shot by a Polish rifle but executed by a Nazi official; so goes the story. It adds that other German officers hostile to Nazi ideas have been shot in the back or placed in dangerous positions where they were sure to be killed by the enemy.

This yarn comes from a London newspaper, and has no official corroboration.

HITLER

In Berlin the big question has been and still is --
What's coming out of the talks between Hitler and Count Ciano?
The question is still unanswered. But the gossip around Berlin
today is that the Fuhrer is going to bring the Duce into the war.

But it is said that Hitler will first persist in getting
Mussolini to make a peace offer to the Allies, in spite of Winston
Churchill's warning in his radio speech yesterday that it would do
no good.

LONDON

The ominous word in England today was, be ready for a lightning attack from Germany. The warning was uttered on every side, by the government, by the military, and by the newspapers. Chamberlain and his ministers ^{fully expect} ~~live in high expectation of~~ a strong, concentrated, ferocious air raid by the Nazis.

The British, for their part, sent a squadron of the Royal Air Force to have a look-see over Berlin and Potsdam.

~~It was~~ Only a reconnaissance flight, no bombs dropped, not a shot fired. Reconnaissance plus propaganda. The British planes dropped a lot of literature over Berlin but there was a strong wind blowing and they couldn't tell whether it landed in the streets or in the River Spree. ~~But~~ Evidently they took the defense force of the ^{German} capital unaware: not a single German plane rose up to offer them battle! *The Germans deny it.*

CLEMENT

A manhunt started today in the Atlantic Ocean, or rather more accurately a ship hunt. The British navy is out to catch a German raider that is at large on the high seas, at large with deadly intent. The sinking of the Freighter CLEMENT in the South Atlantic has the British Admiralty on the alert. It recalls the days of Nineteen Fourteen to eighteen when the EMDEN, the MOEWE, the WOLF, and the SEEADLER under my old friend Count von Luckner eluded the King's Navy for a long time and raised havoc with the shipping of the Allies.

The CLEMENT was sunk some seventy miles off the coast of Brazil. Preliminary reports describe the German man-o-war that sank her as one of Hitler's pocket battleships. At least she was heavily armed. But naval experts in London doubt that the raider could have been a battleship. They don't believe those ten thousand ton ships of the line could have slipped through the British blockade.

It isn't known yet how many of the officers and crew of the CLEMENT were saved.

Sweden lost another steamer. The shipping of Sweden seems

to be suffering almost as much as that of Britain. The last vessel they lost was torpedoed off the coast of Jutland on Sunday.

EIRE

Another plot in Ireland! Yes, it's the Irish Republican Army again. The report is that the I.R.A. is planning to take advantage of the war situation to seize northern Ireland, those six counties that are such a bone of contention.

The government of Dublin got word of a conspiracy to smuggle ~~xxxxx~~ ^{for the Republican Army.} arms into Eire. That's the unofficial rumor. The shipment, one million dollars' worth, was arranged by Sean Russell, Commander-in-Chief of the I.R.A., while he was in the United States a few months ago. The story goes that Eamon de Valera's government ^{has} arrested a hundred members of the I.R.A.

CANADA

(There's to be no conscription in Canada, at least not under the present liberal government.) The leader of the Liberal Party in the Province of Quebec made a couple of speeches today. The most important thing he said was that if one single French Canadian is sent to the fighting front against his will, he will resign and fight the government.

And today we learn something about censorship in the Dominion. All mail addressed to the United States is being scrutinized by Canadian postal officials. Registered letters and parcels are being examined with particular care -- to prevent anybody sending securities outside Canada without permission from the government.

JAPAN

For some time we've been waiting for word from Tokyo, a statement about the attitude of the Japanese government toward the Hitler-Stalin alliance. The truce between Japan and Stalin begot the rumor that the Japanese would climb the bandwagon, join the Nazis and the Soviets.

But here's a statement made by a spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office today. The treaty between Germany and Russia as announced is inconsistent with the anti-Comintern agreement which the Japanese government signed. It says. And the Japanese spokesman said further to that agreement which binds the Nazi and Communist governments to consult on necessary measures, if England and France won't make peace. This, he declared, increases instead of diminishes the growth of Communism.

Almost in the same breath the Japanese claim an overwhelming victory over the armies of Chiang Kai-shek on the mainland. Nineteen Chinese divisions have been wiped out near Changsha, say the Japanese.

ARMY

Uncle Sam's army is growing and will grow still more.

The Secretary of War Woodring announced today that the army is to be increased this year by more than a hundred and fourteen thousand men. By the end of next June, it will be up to two hundred and twenty-seven thousand. Still below the full peacetime strength authorized by Congress, which would be two hundred and eighty thousand men.

NAVY

And Uncle Sam's Navy is increasing its coast defenses on the Pacific. A security patrol will guard the western ocean from Alaska to the Equator. This will consist of forty cruisers and destroyers with the aircraft carrier ENTERPRISE as their flagship.

MUNDELEIN

The entire Roman Catholic world is grieving today over the sudden passing of Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, and others are grieving with the Catholics. The foremost among the non-Catholic mourners was the President, a warm personal friend of the Chicago prelate. The President put in a long distance telephone call this afternoon to express in person his condolences to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At Castel Gandolfo, it was announced that Pope Pius himself will celebrate a special mass for Cardinal Mundelein in his private chapel.

At a quarter to eight this morning the Cardinal's secretary Monsignor Patrick Hayes, went in to wake him in his villa at the Seminary of St. Mary's of the Lake, at Mundelein, Illinois.

He found the Cardinal had passed away in his sleep. George Cardinal Mundelein was born on New York's east side, close to one who was later to become his good friend, the late Cardinal Hayes. His record at Manhattan College was brilliant and President Grover Cleveland offered him an appointment to the Naval Academy at

Annapolis. But the young man had already determined to go into the Church. His progress in the hierarchy was extraordinarily rapid. He was only forty-four when he was elevated to the Archbishopric of Chicago in Nineteen Fifteen. And in Nineteen Twenty-Four he became the first western Cardinal.

Today marks the fiftieth anniversary of one of the most unusual youth movements, probably the most successful in all history. The occasion is being celebrated in all parts of the world. Fifty years ago today two young Americans sailed for foreign lands to launch the international work of the Y.M.C.A. The thing they started now plays an important part in the life of some fifty-nine countries.

WORLD SERIES

A couple of gentlemen at New Castle, Indiana, made a bet about the baseball season in the National League. One of them, named Roscoe Sanders, was convinced the St. Louis Cardinals were going to win. His pal, Lawrence Bailey, didn't agree. So said Sanders to Bailey:- "If the Cards don't win, I'll push you all the way to the World Series at Cincinnati in a wheel-chair."

And that goofy pilgrimage is now on. After five hours of pushing, Sanders has got Bailey a distance of ten miles, at the rate of two miles an hour. Bailey by the way weighs two hundred and eighty-five pounds. And they still have eighty miles to go. At the present rate they may reach Cincinnati in time for Saturday's game.

And Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds lets us know who is going to pitch for him on Wednesday. It will be Paul Derringer, the big fellow with the low, snaky curve. Yankee Manager Joe McCarthy hopes to start with his ace, Red Ruffing. Red has been suffering with a sore soup bone, or in Elizabethan English, a bum arm. But it's getting better and Red thinks he'll be in perfect shape.

Here's another human note about that World Series. Lou Gehrig will get a full share of the prize money. You may remember that in the first month of the season, Lou went to Manager Joe McCarthy and suggested that he be benched, that he wasn't playing good ball. Later it was learned that Lou, once the Iron Man of Baseball, had been playing badly because he had been struck by a form of slow infantile paralysis, hence was out of baseball forever. Today his team-mates made the fine gesture of voting Lou a full share of the series money.

STORM

The Weather Bureau has ordered storm warnings hoisted along the eastern seaboard. A northeaster is rampaging from Sandy Hook to Boston.

Hugh what's the stormy news from you?