

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Italians and Frenchmen continued to shake their fists at each other today. This weird and unexpected outbreak afford the latest pubble in European politics. Italian demonstrations, and demands for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy. This eruption leads to one large question: "Why did the absolutist Fascist regime permit those demonstrations? Why did it allow this problem to pop up at a time when everybody seemed anxious for more appeasement between the totalitarian countries and the democracies? As everybody knows, the Duce could have stopped that row before it ever started. The people who started it are of high influence in the Fascist councils. To quote from French boulevard dialect, "it's all mighty abracadabrous."

Here are the actual concrete happenings of the day in that puzzle: First, as might be expected, France's Premier Daladier took up the challenge. Not a French foot will be withdrawn from French Tunisia, or the island of Corsica, Savoy or Nice. His actual words were: -- "France will enforce respect for her

possessions with all her means." Daladier added the information that he had thousands of telegrams from both Corsicans and Tunisians, telegrams of indignation. He asked <sup>all</sup> the people of those places ~~concerned~~ to calm down, cut out the anti-Italian demonstrations.

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So much for the French side of it. Of course John Bull had to take a hand. Prime Minister Chamberlain admitted as much to the House of Commons today. His Majesty's government have warned ~~the Italian government~~ that recent colonial demonstrations against France are calculated to disrupt the negotiations looking toward closer friendship between Great Britain and Italy. Lord Perth, King George's Ambassador to Rome, was instructed to say as much to Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano. Lord Perth was told to tell Ciano that those demonstrations in the Italian Chamber "must have a detrimental effect on the prospect of collaboration." Chamberlain said further that the new agreement with Mussolini would in no respect diminish British obligations to France."

These statement<sup>s</sup> of Chamberlain were made in response to a number of heated inquiries <sup>in</sup> the House. Members on both sides of the fence were obviously exercised and alarmed by ~~those~~ <sup>these</sup> Italian *colony-demanding* demonstrations.

~~So much for concrete happenings,~~ <sup>Now</sup> for the German angle on it:—Nothing official from Berlin, <sup>here's</sup> But an opinion attributed to high Nazi authorities. Germany considers ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> Italian *hubbub* ~~extremely~~ <sup>eruption to be</sup> ill-timed. And the Nazi foreign office is alarmed lest all this hubbub might delay or embarrass the move for appeasement.

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Hitler's Foreign Minister, Von Ribbentrop, will arrive in Paris at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. At half past three in the afternoon there will be a formal meeting in the clock room at the Quai D'Orsay, the French Foreign Office. There Ribbentrop and ~~French~~ Foreign Minister Bonnet will sign that No-More-War declaration. And Daladier will take advantage of ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> meeting. He will try to get a statement into the agreement, a statement putting Hitler on record that Germany will not encourage the Italian claims against France.



The tenor of comments from Europe gives promise that there won't be any concretely serious consequences. However, here's one man's opinion to the contrary. That man is a South African statesman, Oswald Pirow, Minister of Defense for the Union of South Africa. He told newspapermen that if the tension isn't eased up in Europe, there will be a general war in the spring. And he added: "Europe is drifting into war, a war which no nation wants but against which every government is preparing."

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JEWS - BERLIN

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The long arm of the Nazis stretched itself out again against the Jews in Hitlerland today. The latest measure is a decree by Walter Funk, Hitler's Minister of Economics. It orders the Jews to liquidate all their property, their businesses, their real estate, whatever they may have. This decree is just a forerunner of worse to come. The next step will be the complete barring of Jews from any part in the economic life of Germany, from the ownership of any property whatsoever. After which there will come the revival of that medieval institution, the Ghetto, to which all Jews are to be confined. ↗

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contributed to a fund to help poor Jews to emigrate, his way might be smoother. The sum levied on some individuals has been as high as a hundred ~~and forty~~ thousand dollars. In most cases it amounts to twenty per cent of a would-be emigrant's total fortune.

In Berlin, some Jews today found themselves in the position of being unable to bury their dead. That's on account of the prohibition against the use of automobiles by Jews. This, ~~was~~ interpreted to mean that they <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ not allowed even to employ hearses.



## ROUMANIA

Nazi reprisals in Roumania, another violent demonstration by the Iron Guard. A couple of young men took four shots at the President of the Military Tribunal, Colonel Cristerscu. They didn't aim so well, and his condition isn't serious. This attempted assassination is interpreted as an obvious retaliation for the shooting of Iron Guard Leader Codreanu and sixteen of his lieutenants last week.

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The immediate result of this was to make police regulations against the Iron Guard ~~stricter~~ stricter all over the country. At the same time, King Carol's government took one step to conciliate the Roumanian Nazis. Stricter regulations were imposed on the frontier against Jews trying to enter Roumania from other countries.

An interesting consignment has been put aboard a train at Detroit. It's destined for India. Another sumptuous Packard super eight limousine, built especially for one of Hindustan's great Maharajahs. He is evidently great not only in power and wealth, but in sheer physical size. When the war was ordered it was specified that it must be built to provide ample room for His Highness himself and his two brothers. The Maharajah weighs two hundred and eighty pounds, his brothers three hundred and twenty-five and three hundred and fifty pounds -- each. A lot of royal beef on the tire to go riding in one automobile.

Then, in addition to nine hundred and fifty-five pounds of Maharajahs and brother rajahs that limousine has room for five more passengers. And, there are no roads between the Maharajah's capital and Bombay so he has to drive along elephant trails and sometimes over fields. He likes to drive fast, seventy to ninety miles an hour. So that car had to be constructed to go at that speed over the rough terrain. It must take a lot of power for that so what he needs is Blue Sunoco.



TAFT

The vanguard of the new Republican <sup>elected to</sup>~~members~~ of Congress is beginning to arrive in Washington. One of them is Robert A Taft of Ohio, son of the late President ~~William Howard~~ Taft. Since he won that election in Ohio, he has been widely talked of as presidential timber. The new Senator-elect tried to put a stopper on that talk today. Said he: "I'm not a candidate for the nomination in Nineteen Forty."

Then one reporter asked: "Does that mean you're reading yourself out of ~~reversion~~ the convention?"

And Taft replied: "Who would?"

Taft explained what he believed was the reason for his victory over Senator Bulkley, one of the staunch henchmen of the New Deal. <sup>Said he:-</sup>~~Taft said~~ "In my opinion, Ohio feels that the New Deal has gone ~~far~~ too far in seeking arbitraty power and in executive regulations and unlimited spending."

## SUPREME COURT

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The National Labor Relations Board got a rap over the knuckles today. It was administered by the Supreme Court of the United States. That august tribunal declared that the N.L.R.B. had been wrong in the way it handled the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. An American Federation of Labor union had signed a contract with the Consolidated Edison. The Labor Relations Board threw it out, ordered the contract dissolved. Chief Justice Hughes and five of his colleagues said that was wrong, the contract should stand. Justices Reed and Black disagreed.

## MOONEY FOLLOW SUPREME COURT

The case of Tom Mooney also came up before the high court again. The decision? The same as before: against Mooney. His attorney promptly drew up papers for another appeal in spite of the fact that the recently elected Governor Olson of California announced his intention of pardoning the much debated prisoner.



## CANNON

From the Supreme Court comes also an echo of prohibition days, of the era when Bishop James Cannon, Jr., was supposed to have led Congress by the nose. In those days one of the few Congressmen who didn't care a snap for Bishop Cannon or the Anti-Saloon League was the eccentric Republican representative, George Holden Tinkham of Boston. In 1930 Tinkham made sensational charges against Cannon, declared that he had illegally concealed the receipt of sixty-five thousand dollars. Tinkham accused Cannon of having failed to account for forty-eight thousand of that money. The Bishop sued for slander, asked half a million of Representative Tinkham. The trial judge threw the case out of court; gave a verdict in the bearded Bostonian's favor. The Bishop went higher -- and lost out in the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. The pugnacious bishop kept at it, and appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Finally, in the decision the Supreme Court handed down today, Bishop Cannon lost once and for all.

T.V.A.

The Congressional Committee investigating the T.V.A. heard another interesting fact today. They learned it from Dr. Arthur Morgan, former Chairman of the T.V.A., about whose dismissal by the President there was such a rumpus. Dr. Morgan told the Congressmen that the T.V.A. will cost the taxpayers more than three millions a year, that is, as soon as all its seven power dams are running full blast. The reason for this, he said, is that the organizations that are retailing T.V.A. power are subsidizing consumers. The only remedy for this annual loss to the taxpayers, said Morgan, would be to revise the T.V.A. rates, make them higher.

EDSEL FORD

Edsel Ford appeared on the witness stand in Washington today.

He testified before the O'Mahoney Committee of the Senate, the committee investigating monopolies. The senators were asking him specifically about the effect of patent control on monopoly.

Edsel Ford told them that the Ford Motor Corporation never sues anybody for infringement of patents, never charges royalties for the use of patents, never pays royalties. The Ford Corporation, he added, makes it a policy to encourage inventors as much as possible. And to that end his company, the Ford Corporation, believes that "patents should be worked." Not allowed to be wasted.



LAUER

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A sensational social scandal in New York, the wife of a Supreme Court Justice indicted! A federal grand jury brought in a true bill against Mrs. Edgar Lauer, charges of conspiracy and smuggling. She is accused of having brought into the country, without declaring for duty, a substantial number of expensive gowns from Paris.

Justice and Mrs. Lauer ~~used to~~<sup>ed</sup> employ a German maid.

She was discharged and some time later Uncle Sam's customs men made a raid on the Lauer apartment. The result was the seizure of all the valuable dresses.

## QUAKES

I made a phone call this afternoon and asked -- How was the needle over the week-end? And the answer was -- quiet, placid, almost motionless. The question was about the seismographic needle at Fordham and the reply was given me by Father Lynch, vulcanalogist, and Professor of Earthquakes. Last Thursday we had a prediction by an Italian seismologist that over the week-end there would be a series of gargantuan earthquake shocks. And that forecast didn't come true. The Earthquake Man told me today that no one can predict a quake. It would take the Prophet Jeremiah to do that.

## BULL FIGHT

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There was a show in the Harvard stadium today, a post season sporting event. <sup>John</sup> ~~The University of~~ Harvard has an ironclad rule against any games after Thanksgiving. The show that was put on today was an impromptu affair. Doubtless many people would have ~~gladly~~ paid money to ~~have seen it~~, But all the fifty-five thousand seats were empty.

The principal ~~act~~ players were a couple of steers. They broke loose from the slaughter house at Brighton, about a mile from the stadium. They tore madly through the streets with Boston coppers panting helplessly at their heels. As they got near the stadium, officers of the metropolitan police joined in the game and headed the four-footed players on to the football field.

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It so happened ~~there that~~ there was a heavy fog that made visibility almost nil. The cops, armed with riot guns, locked all the exits and then tried to do some amateur round-up work on foot. They spread in a long line across the field, and started toward the steers. Just as they had them cornered, the animals bellowed and charged, and the thin blue line of amateur matadors ran to the barriers for safety. <sup>R</sup> Once again the thin blue line formed and once



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again the triumphant steers broke it. It wasn't until one of the cops killed one of the steers with his riot gun that they were able to round up the second animal.

Half an hour later the fog lifted and disclosed the sight of several policemen huddled near the press box at the top of the stadium. They hadn't even heard that the bullfight was all over.

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