

L.T. SUNOCO - Monday, January 8, 1940

Good Evening, Everybody:-

Back on the job, in the studio here and at my office
~~all day~~ -- and it seems something like waking ~~up~~ from a dream,
^a~~The~~ dream ~~of~~ something intensely white, the white of snow,
~~x~~
mountains and valleys of frosty gleaming -- up there at Lake
Placid and in the wilderness of wintry Quebec, ^{at remote Mount Tremblant,} Getting away
from the whirl of busy life ^{and the rush of} ~~the~~ news for a brief vacation
is a thing to brace one up. And today there was a new zest, ⁱⁿ
catching up with the news, picking up the thread of things to
be told on the air.

^{the four world travellers}
First of all, I want to thank ~~the ones~~ [^] who took [^]
my place at the microphone last week, Explorers Carveth Wells,
and Sir Hubert Wilkins; Lecturer and Author Dale Carnegie, and
Newspaper and Magazine Writer Kenneth Collings. I want to tell them
how much I appreciate the favor ~~they to me,~~ and how well they
did their job on the air as I ~~heard~~ ^{listened} up
there in a cabin in the Laurentians.

WEATHER

I've come south from 26 below
in Quebec to find
almost the whole country ^{here} in the grip of winter.

As far south as Chatanooga, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia,
~~bitter~~ temperatures. ^{Heavy}
~~a couple of~~ people froze to death. ~~there is~~ Snow along the

valleys of the Missouri, the upper Mississippi, and the Ohio Rivers,

and all over the ~~most southerly~~ Great Lakes ^{region.} In all the mountain

states, folks are skiing. Only the Far West and the extreme South,

are free from blasts of the icy winds that come down from the

icebound MacKenzie River.

~~In Canada, the weather was so severe that Ontario
reported the coldest weekend in four years.~~

We think it's quite cold in some parts of ^{North} America. But the temperatures here would seem balmy and springlike to the ^{men} ~~poor devils~~ fighting in Finland. The latest from up there is that the Soviet armies are trying a new smash. But they ^{haven't got} ~~didn't get~~ far with the thermometer at ^{forty} ~~thirty-one degrees~~ below ~~zero~~.

~~A correspondent with the Finnish army cables that in the Suomensalmi sector they are actually fighting on the Russian frontier.~~

^{TP} On the Salla Front, the Bolsheviks are reported to have a division of about eighteen thousand men, which is almost entirely surrounded by Finns. However, there are two points at which the ^{Finns} ~~defenders~~ have been unable to close the ring, and the Reds have contrived to get reinforcements and food supplies to ^e ~~the~~ beleaguered division.

The latest claim made by Finnish headquarters is that they have wiped out ^{still} another entire division of Stalin's soldiers.

One thousand of them they took prisoners; the rest, anywhere from fifteen to eighteen thousand, ~~were~~ wiped out. That's a Finnish report, and they claim ^{the battle} ~~is~~ to have been the biggest victory of the

^{so far.} ~~entire~~ war. They enumerate forty-three tanks which they captured, forty-seven field kitchens, two hundred and seventy-eight automobiles,

ten armored cars, one thousand, one hundred and seventy horses,
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sixteen anti-tank guns, four anti-aircraft
guns, seventy-three automatic ~~x~~ rifles.

*Spots of
battle say the Finns.*

GLASS FOLLOW FINNS

There's a proposal before Congress to lend Finland sixty million dollars of Uncle Sam's money. A bill ~~was~~ introduced which would authorize the Treasury to hand the money, ~~over~~ introduced by Democratic Senator Brown of Michigan. And the most vigorous supporter of that measure ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~surprised the country with~~ ~~quite a surprise~~ Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, usually a watchdog of the Treasury, ~~former Secretary of the Treasury,~~ is for it whole heartedly. And he explained:- "I'm not neutral ~~in thought or in words.~~ ~~But he added,~~ But he added that there's one drawback to the proposal:- ~~And~~ ~~that's~~ That we haven't got sixty millions. Which sounds like an extraordinary thing to say about Uncle Sam. Senator Glass says: "If we have to give it to the Finns, we'll have to borrow it."

Which he is
~~But I'd be~~ in favor of doing, ~~that.~~

Shortly before this it was announced both in Geneva and in Washington that the United States Government is prepared to give material aid to the Finnish Government. Our Minister to Switzerland handed over a note containing that information to the Secretary General of the League of Nations. The American Government, the American Red Cross, and unofficial agencies in this country are in direct consultation with the Finnish Government.

ALLIANCE

Europe was sizzling today with talk of a new alliance between Italy and Hungary. It was first rumored to be a defensive agreement, guaranteeing the Magyar against ^{the} Bolshevik armies of Stalin. That talk came from Budapest, after Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, had started home from Venice after his conversations with Mussolini's Foreign Minister, Count Ciano.

But there appears to be some confusion about that alliance. The report is contradicted in Italy, not officially but semi-officially. Virginio Gayda, supposed to be Mussolini's mouthpiece, writes in his newspaper that there's no new trend or new formal accord between Hungary and Italy. And he explains that the present hour in Europe is too uncertain to permit nations to ~~assume~~ assume precise or concrete attitudes toward various problems.

BELISHA

There's no end to British indignation about the resignation of War Minister Hore-Belisha. Every British ~~news~~ newspaper is boiling over about it and the country is rife with rumors. One of these lays the trouble at the door of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor, or rather at the favors that are said to have been shown to the ~~xxx~~ former King Edward the Eighth. The grapevine gossip is that his appointment as inspector of the army with the rank of Major General has been a great embarrassment to the generals commanding the British Expeditionary Force in France. Some gossips went so far as to say that the Duke of Windsor wore suede shoes with his army uniform, and that is a military crime.

Then there was comment on the fact that on Christmas Day ~~the~~ Major General, the Duke of Windsor, was allowed to go home. That is, he went to join the Duchess in Paris where she is living. All of ~~which~~ which sounds like rather small potatoes, but you never can tell about generals, as anybody knows who has ever been in contact with them:

~~It is noted that Hore-Belisha himself does nothing to mitigate or reduce the anger about his resignation. He made a~~

NAVY

Congressmen heard some home truths about our Navy today.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs had Admiral Stark before them

as a witness, ^{OW)} ~~is~~ Chief of Naval Operations, ~~and the main~~

~~authority now.~~ Republican Maas of Minnesota asked him whether

one-half of Uncle Sam's fleet as it is at present could stand an

attack by Japan in the Pacific. Said Admiral Stark, with loud

emphasis:- "No!" "An attack against the United States from

both east and west at the same time, would push the Navy back

on its haunches." And then he explained: "Navies cannot be

improvised. Wars are fought and won or lost," he said, "for the

most part with navies as they exist at the outbreak of hostilities."

Congress is considering a bill to construct a hundred

and seven new ships for Uncle Sam.

AVIATION

And the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics also has an oar to put in. An important feature of its report backs up the plea made recently by Colonel ~~Charles A.~~ Lindbergh, ^a ~~the~~ plea for research. We need an engine research laboratory and additional stimulation of aeronautical research in educational and scientific institutions. Germany, says the Committee, owes the position it has acquired in air power to the fact that the Nazis concentrated much of their scientific and industrial resources ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ research.

C.A.A.

~~Then there is~~ The C.A.A., the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

It wants money. A hundred and twenty-five million dollars. Of this, twenty-five million ~~dollars~~^{to} be devoted to building and improving airports in the United States. Military officials are concerned over the inadequacy of those we have at present for ~~self~~-defense.

JACKSON DAY

— well many of you —
This, as all ~~good~~ Americans ~~ought to~~ know, is Jackson
Day, and tonight, as all Democrats know, there are Jackson Day
Dinners all over the country. The faithful will get together and
eat at twenty-five or ^{a hundred} ~~fifty~~ dollars-a-plate ^{— eat} for the good of the
^{for the good of} cause and the Democratic Party war chest.

In Georgia there'll be two dinners, one, a twenty-five —
dollar-a-plate affair for the faithful at Atlanta. The other at
Macon, a dollar-dinner for the anti-New Dealers or, as they call
themselves, "the poor but honest Democrats."

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The big-shots of the G.O.P. seized the opportunity
to release a bit of news as a counter-blast to all this Jackson
Day business. ^{The G.O.P.} ~~The~~ Executive Committee announces that the Party
is no longer in debt. On December First the Executive Committee ^{still}
owed six hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars. Today it owes
nothing. Chairman Hamilton said it is particularly gratifying
to be able to announce this on the hundred and fifth anniversary
of the Jackson Day Dinner ^{first celebrated on} of January Eighth, Eighteen Thirty-Five.
That Eighteen Thirty-Five affair was held to celebrate the fact
that Uncle Sam's national debt had been wiped out.

Hamilton and his colleagues on the Committee also pointed out that they held no dinners, charged nobody fifty ^{bucks}~~dollars~~ a plate to wipe out the G.O.P. debt. It was extinguished entirely by voluntary contributions.

ANTI-LYNCH

Another bone of contention tossed to Congress today. The Federal anti-lynching bill dragged out of its pigeon hole; to be brought up on the floor of the House for discussion. Democratic Representative Gavagan of New York, the father of the bill, got two hundred and seventeen other members of the House to sign a petition. It will be a long dragged out affair in the Senate. All the southern Senators are against it, and will hold out even if they have to have a filibuster.

GAUSS

Uncle Sam now has diplomatic relations with the Commonwealth of Australia. A minister is on his way to Washington from the Antipodes; he's a former Cabinet Minister. And for our first envoy to Camberra, the capital of Australia, President Roosevelt has chosen a man who has loomed largely in the news from Asia in the last few years. ~~His nomination is~~ Clarence E. Gauss, who was Uncle Sam's Consul-General at Shanghai during the tortuous days of the Japanese invasion, which sorely tried the trouble-shooting capacities of all diplomatic agents.

BRIDGES

Uncle Sam will not deport Harry Bridges, the Australian C.I.O. labor leader on the west coast. This was definitely announced a few minutes ago by Madam Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor. She has cancelled the warrant for the arrest of Bridges and his removal from these shores, and she sets out her reasons at considerable length. Madam Perkins accepts the report of James M. Landis, Dean of Harvard Law School, whom she appointed as Special Examiner and ^{who} held a long trial at San Francisco.

In that report, ~~you will recall, Dr.~~ Landis found specifically that the immigration officials had not proved their point, had failed to establish that Bridges either was or had been a member of the Communist Party or was affiliated with it.

That ends the attempt to kick Bridges out, for the time being at least. This agitation has been going on for five years, ever since 1934, when Bridges conducted a turbulent xstrike of longshoremen on the west coast.

HILL

Another Deutsch-America bund official found guilty.

James Wheeler Hill, who used to be national secretary. Today he pleaded guilty of perjury on two counts.

He was prosecuted at the suggestion of New York's Judge Wallace, who presided at the trial of Bund Leader Fritz Kuhn. Wheeler Hill was one of Kuhn's principal defense witnesses. He posed as an American, born in San Francisco, but it turns out that he is a native of Latvia. Wheelr-Hill will be sentenced February Twenty-First.

FORKS

The federal government recently tried to bust up an old New England custom. For three hundred years, men have been taking fish out of the holds of ~~the~~ ^{three tine forks,} trawlers by means of ^{forks} ~~with three tines on them~~. Uncle Sam's Bureau of Fisheries got all hot and bothered about those forks, said they were unsanitary and contaminated the fish. So the use of ~~that~~ ^{the} implement was condemned.

That was all right with the bosses, but it raised Cain with the men who did the work. When the fish are packed into the ^{trawler} holds,

they are encased in layers of ice. ^{Without} ~~When~~ those three-tine-forks the men would have had to take ~~those~~ ^{the} fish out, one by one, with their hands. ^{So the fishermen} ~~They~~ did more than protest, ~~They~~ threatened to strike, three thousand, two hundred of them.

^{And} That was a serious situation not only for Boston but for all the communities that depended on Boston for their fish.

^{Today} However, it's all right now, ^{the} argument has been compromised and the strike is off. The handlers will still remove the fish with three-tine forks, but once the fish are on the pier they'll use a fork with only one tine. So Uncle Sam is satisfied and the men are satisfied, and all is honky-dory in Boston.

CAPONE

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Here's Al Capone again. He's out of the hospital,
~~is~~ living in a cottage at Baltimore. His address is no secret,
but his family, who are with him, are asking people to stay away,--
old Chicago friends.
particularly ~~the curious~~. He left Union Memorial Hospital quietly,
went out shortly after dawn this morning. In the cottage with him
are his wife, his mother, and two brothers. The physicians say
they can't tell yet whether the treatment he received in the
hospital was successful. *Capone still remains*
~~though he's no longer in the hospital,~~
under medical care.
~~he's still under treatment.~~

~~Incidentally, the cottage where he is living at Baltimore~~
~~is quite close to the Pimlico Race Track. And Searface Al was~~
~~always a great race fan.~~

FOLKS

One of the editors of ^{the} United Press has been making a collection of items that serve as an antidote for the news of war, of budgets that go into astronomical figures, earthquakes, floods, and disasters. Here are some of those items:

A gentleman at New Britain, Connecticut, was anxious to attract the attention of a lady. So he went up into a room on the fourth floor of a hotel and dropped beer bottles on her automobile. The police of New Britain awarded him a prize for his ingenuity, but they don't say what the prize is. *Maybe a vacation in insurance vile.*

~~At Ipswich, Massachusetts, a state trooper overhauled a motor car driver who was going too fast. That driver gets a prize for the most original excuse. *He said he* ~~He~~ thought his wife was chasing him.~~

The Junior College of Connecticut included in its curriculum a course in marriage. There's an announcement from Bridgeport today that this course has been dropped. The pupils aren't interested.

Edward Pai of Manchester, New Hampshire, went on a visit to Boston. As he was walking along, a woman came up to him, threw her arms around him, and gave him a nice, big kiss. He was

rather astounded because the lady was a perfect stranger to him - and she wasn't his wife, either. He tore himself loose from her embrace, and walked along the streets puzzled and bewildered. But he stopped being bewildered when he looked for his wallet.

It was gone! *The base of a female Judas.*

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In Toronto, Robert Richardson, who was out of a job, found a purse on the street. There were thirty-seven dollars in it. He might have taken that thirty-seven and bought himself ~~a~~ *many things* ~~meal~~ which he sorely needed. Instead of that he turned it over to the [;]police and learned that it had belonged to a sixteen year old _^boy who was taking the money home to his ~~own~~ own family who were just as poor and needy as the man who found the purse. The owner of the purse wanted to reward him but all he would take was a _^dollar and an invitation to dinner.

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At Ipswich, Massachusetts, a State trooper overhauled a motor car driver who was going too fast. That driver gets a prize for the most original excuse. He said he thought his wife was chasing him. And now here's a fellow who's chasing me, with a tankful of Blue Sunoco.

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