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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I've seen an amazing sight today. The city of New York, which boasts nothing can surprise it, was in a state of bewilderment. (The army of American Legionnaires, estimated anywhere between three hundred thousand and half a million, swooped upon little Old New York and fairly turned it upside down.) The New York cops, whose boast it is that they are equal to anything, had to surrender and let the men of the Legion have their will with Father Knickerbocker. The cops are accustomed to New Yorkers who are afraid of their police, and jump sideways at a word of command. But the men of the Legion weren't taking orders from anybody. They sat down on street car tracks, captured busses, clanked cow bells, and fired off blank cartridges and firecrackers. If the citizens of New York attempted any such orgy of prankishness the Black Marias would be packed.

To make confusion more confounded, some of the Legionnaires produced whistles louder than those of the New York Traffic cops, took charge of the traffic, and set it moving all

over the place. When the cops protested, groups of cheering laughing Legionnaires picked them up on their shoulders and dropped them gently on the sidewalk. "What can you do with a bunch like that?" said the police. Once or twice the pranksters came near causing a panic, as when somebody dropped a torpedo down the elevator shaft of one of the principal hotels. And -- a Texas Legionnaire rode a horse into a hotel lobby. And four others ran a motor bike race in the lobby of the Grand Central Station.

All day the streets of Manhattan resounded to the strains of martial bands.

To get down to the serious side, if there is a serious side, (the Convention listened to speeches from several magnificoes this afternoon, including Governor Lehman of New York and Mayor LaGuardia, both ex-officers and Legionnaires.)

The meat of the Governor's speech was a plea to the Legionnaires to bend their efforts to war upon intolerance and defend liberty. Mayor LaGuardia said: "Twenty years ago we

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marched to the rhythm of 'Make the World Safe for Democracy.'

Tomorrow we'll march in the army of peace to the rhythm of

'Mind Your Own Business'".

Secretary of War Woodring congratulated the Legion for their support of neutrality and for refusing to be led astray by foreign propaganda.

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LEAGUE

Let's take a look at the meaning of today's big diplomatic headline, ("The United States agrees to collaborate with the League of Nations on the subject of China." What kind of collaboration? Well, an American representative will sit on the Advisory Committee.) What's the Advisory Committee? It's this way - several days ago the Chinese representative to the League of Nations, Dr. Wellington Koo, handed in a Chinese protest against Japan, demanding that Geneva do something about the Japanese attack. Whereupon - the international statesmen appointed a committee to advise the League in the matter, study the Japanese-Chinese War and suggest a course of action.

The Washington government was invited to be represented on this Advisory Committee, and today accepted. Thus, our representative will take part in the business of advising, strictly limited to advice. And he's still further limited. He won't be a regular member of the Committee, he won't vote - he'll merely present the American viewpoint as the Committee formulates its advice. This is the same sort of collaboration that the United States gave the League of Nations

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in Nineteen Thirty-Three - in connection with the Japanese attack on Manchuria.

The American representative will be Leland Harrison, United States minister to Switzerland, and it was he who today informed the League of Nations that Washington said - Yes.

CHINA

By this time tomorrow night, the City of Nanking will probably be one mass of ruins. ^{And it} ~~it~~ won't be the first time. As recently as Eighteen Fifty-^TThree, the ancient capital of the Ming Dynasty was destroyed when it was captured by the Taiping Rebels. Under the Ming emperors, who rebuilt the the city in the Fourteenth Century, and made it a place of great magnificence, Nanking was famous as a place where beautiful paintings, beautiful pottery, ^{and} beautiful silks were made. Latterly, it has been chiefly a factory town as well as the seat of government, ^{and} the center of the war munitions industry in China. Hence, the Japanese decision to destroy it.

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The Nipponese made it clear this afternoon that they're in earnest. The proclamation of their Naval High Command had given foreigners until noon tomorrow, which means actually midnight tonight ^{our} ~~at~~ Eastern Daylight Saving Time, to leave and be safe. This afternoon a squad of war planes appeared over Nanking, raining destruction and death upon hundreds of civilians.

^{ours} ~~United States~~ is the only foreign ~~n~~ embassy that will

comply with the Japanese warning to quit. The French, German and Italian envoys are awaiting instructions from home. The representatives of Britain and Russia will stay where they are. The Chinese consider the departure of our Ambassador Johnson as an unfriendly act. Helps the Japanese, they say.

Meanwhile, Admiral Yarnell started evacuating Americans on board our gunboats. At the same time, he sent a counter warning to Vice-Admiral Hasakawa, the Japanese commander:- See to it that no bombs fall near American vessels which will stand by so long as there are any Americans left in Nanking! Such was the gist of his warning. Only seven Americans :- two newspapermen, five missionaries, and four women are in Nanking tonight.

SPAIN

The Valencia government received a severe setback today, a diplomatic defeat. Hitherto, Spain has had a seat on the Council of the League of Nations. Today the League Assembly at Geneva declined to reelect Spain. Naturally, the news was greeted with cheers by the Nationalists and chagrin by the representatives of Valencia.

Hard and sanguinary fighting went on in the Iberian Peninsula today. The government forces in Asturias stood their ground in a desperate effort to turn back the invading Franco troops. The Rebels are equally desperate in their attempt to mop up that province before winter sets in. So far they have failed, though nothing but the approach of winter can save Asturias which lies sandwiched between two regions in the hands of the Nationalists -- and is also between the sea and the oncoming columns of Franco.

In Italy, newspapers were boasting that so-called volunteer pilots of Franco's air squadrons have shot down no fewer than four hundred Loyalist planes since the

beginning of the war.

Then, ———— 0 ————
There was a sensation at Bordeaux, in France.

The authorities brought to light a plot to steal a Spanish *Left*
Wing submarine which had tied up at Brest for repairs. The idea
was to seize the submarine and turn it over to the Rebels.

The police discovered the plot in the nick of time and
frustrated it, though one man was killed in the attempt.

The men responsible for the plot were not Nationalists but

the commander and crew of another *Valencia* ~~Spanish government~~ submarine *who*
were turning against the Left Wing government.
As a result of that plot, the French secret police have arrested

an agent of the Spanish insurgents in Paris.

BREVITIES (Foreign)

Trouble is reported from British East Africa.

The natives of the Mount Kilimanjaro region, in Tanganyika Territory, went on a rampage. The rioters destroyed large stocks of coffee, raided plantation buildings, and set fire to them with bombs. The territorial police marched in and arrested a hundred of the rioters.

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In Boston, ^{today,} the Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, uttered some pregnant warnings to the world at large. But more specifically he spoke to governments which claim they need to practice violence and wage war in order to get a larger share of the world's resources. He didn't mention any names, but we ~~must~~ need ~~to~~ look ~~any~~ ^{no} further than the day's news for the countries ^{to} ~~in~~ whom Mr. Hull's remarks were directed. ~~and~~

"If they would only unshackle their trade," said our Secretary of State, "the raw materials for which they clamor would flow to them naturally through economic channels."

Mr. Hull made these remarks ^{today} in a speech before the Boston Conference on Distribution. "Times are serious," he warned, "and the shadow of war darkens the world. The economy of great parts of the ^{earth} ~~world~~ is upon a war basis rather than upon a sound economic basis. If this is continued," he added, "it will result in less production, less consumption, ever increasing doles and lower levels of existence for the people."

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We are ~~are~~ ^{not} going to have to wait long for the climax in the drama of Mr. Justice Hugo ~~A~~ Black. On October fourth, just two weeks from today, the Supreme Court of the United States will begin its first session of the autumn drama. And that will bring about an interesting complication which may end in ~~in~~ ^{still more of a} muddle. ~~For it means that~~ ^{before then} President Roosevelt will have no opportunity to meet the man whose nomination to the ~~high~~ ^{high} court has caused him so much embarrassment. The President ~~is going to~~ start ^s for the Pacific Coast Wednesday and ~~he~~ won't be back until October Sixth. Mr. Black won't return from Europe until one day or at most two, before the opening of the court.

Other members of the august tribunal will be there before him. Mr. Justice Brandeis is already in Washington, and Chief Justice Hughes will be there shortly. ~~for the conference he hold for autumn with the senior judges of the Circuit Courts~~

A resolution, adopted by an organization in Pennsylvania, approving highly of Mr. Black, is probably one that he doesn't welcome warmly at this time. It was adopted by the Annual State Klorero of the Pennsylvania Ku Klux Klan.

The Pennsylvania Kluxers expressed themselves as ~~applauding~~ ^{blushing with} ~~to the last degree~~ ^{applause} Mr. Black's appointment to the Supreme Court.

HOUSING

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The Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, has been on the warpath today. ~~It was~~ On the subject of housing, providing adequate dwellings for people of low incomes. Early in the history of the New Deal, Secretary Ickes, as head of the Public Works Administration, undertook a housing program for which Congress allotted some ~~th~~ hundred and thirty-four million dollars. The P.W.A. has been ~~pretty~~ ^{often} ~~panned~~ because there were so few visible ~~tangible~~ results.

Mr. Ickes today replied vehemently to ~~these~~ criticisms. He laid the blame ~~on~~ on labor unions, land owners and construction firms. It was they, he said, who sabotaged the P.W.A. Housing Program, delayed it by what he called "collusive practices."

The occasion for this statement was the opening of the conference to put into effect ~~through~~ the new Housing Act, sponsored by Senator Wagner of New York and passed by Congress at the last session, a housing and slum clearance program to cost a cool half billion dollars.

BREVITIES

In Charleston, West Virginia, a gentleman was shot and killed for singing a hill-billy song. The burden of the ditty was "Daddy, Sweet Daddy." The head of the household died not long ago, and his daughter was much distressed over the bereavement. The constant crooning of "Daddy, Sweet Daddy", increased the lady's sadness. Her nephew remonstrated with the singer who replied: "I'll sing it as often and as loud as I want to." The next thing, he knew, he didn't know anything, because he was dead. Tonight the nephew is accused of having shot him.

A dam burst today in Wyandotte County, Kansas. It was a million dollar project built by the W.P.A. Damage, but no lives lost.

A curious sort of clue led to an arrest in New York today. The body of an ex-convict was found in Brooklyn. In one of his pockets a detective found a book of matches and on it the name of a cafe at Coney Island. The detective investigated and found that the dead man had been at the cafe until about half an hour before he was killed. He learned also that at the cafe the ex-convict had had a quarrel with another man over a cigarette girl. And that has led to an arrest.

In Singapore, the crew of an American ship hit on a plan of their own to avert a strike. Their grievance was not against the captain or the owners, but against the ship's cook. The food they said, was all right, but it was so horribly prepared they couldn't eat it. So, some members of the crew suggested a sit-down strike, out there on the equator, but they were overruled. Instead of that, the crew invoked their statutory rights to draw their rations and do their own cooking. So off the Malay Coast they all became sea cooks!

A turbaned Hindu calling himself Prince Yogi appeared in the police court of New Haven, Connecticut. He was charged with fortune-telling. The judge asked him what his method of procedure was. His Yoga Highness replied:- "I find out the date of people's birthdays, look them up in the book, and then tell them what's going to happen."

The judge became interested and said:- "Let's see that book. What does it say about your birthday? What day were you born on? The Prince as he handed over the book, replied:- "May Nineteenth." The judge looked up May Nineteenth and smiled

broadly as he said:- "It say that you're going on a journey.
The court finds you guilty but suspends sentence on condition
that you leave the Sate of Connecticut."

That was his journey, and now I'll be off on mine -- and
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.