

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Startling news with our breakfast coffee this morning; France at the present moment is without a government, that is to say, without a Cabinet. But, more spectacular still is the fact that the probable new Premier, Paul Reynaud, will push the war against Hitler with an iron hand. He has been all along an outspoken hater of the Nazis and all their works, and for an aggressive war policy. However, he is not yet definitely the new Premier. He has merely undertaken to try to form a new cabinet.


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Lebrun

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The resignation of the Cabinet was immediate and unanimous.

For a while it looked as though the resigning prime minister might reorganize his government. In fact, Lebrun, President of the French Republic, invited him to do so. But Daladier declined. The French President then tried Edward Herriot, who has been premier three times before and is now President of the Chamber of Deputies. But Herriot would have none of it. And so the ~~M~~antle falls upon Reynaud a man about whom we don't know much on this side of the water. About the only definite quality in him that we've heard is that he has been acidly criticizing the wait-and-see method of conducting the war.

Startling as this is, a cabinet crisis in the middle of a war to the death, it isn't anything new. It happened during the last war, happened both in France and Britain. But previously it wasn't until the war had been going on more than three years, that George Clemenceau, the old Tiger, was called in to form his victory cabinet in November, nineteen seventeen.



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~~Startling news with our breakfast coffee this morning. A new french cabinet; and the new premier, Paul Reynaud is the champion of a more aggressive war policy.~~

It isn't such a great surprise that something should have been done towards pushing the Allies into a shift of strategy. But, nobody expected the initiative to burst forth on the French side of the Channel. The loudest, the most articulate criticisms, have been spoken in England, not only by opposition leaders but even by what is known in English politics as "Private Members."

The downfall of Daladier came about by a method unknown in this country, unknown in any country in which cabinet ministers are not directly responsible to the legislature. There was a session of the French parliament, that is the lower house, the chamber of deputies, and the Daladier government asked for a vote of confidence in its war policies. And that's where the French ex-cabinet stubbed it's toe. It did receive a vote of confidence, practically a unanimous one, two hundred and thirty-nine to one. But, three hundred and eleven deputies refrained from voting. A polite way of saying "no" to Daladier and his confreres, but just as effective as a kick from a dozen horses.

ADD Lead

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But all this doesn't mean that France has a new Cabinet yet. A  
would-be premier often has quite a distance to go between Promising  
to form a government and persuading enough colleagues to join him.

When it was early evening in France <sup>today</sup> the news from Paris was that

Paul Reynaud <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ still trying to <sup>form a cabinet.</sup> ~~get a government together.~~

## RAID FOLLOW LEAD

In Great Britain, that raid on the <sup>island</sup> ~~Island~~ of Sylt seems to have quieted criticism of the Government's war policy. The British authorities made the most of what they announce as "a highly successful operation," — "the most spectacular aerial victory of the war," *they call it.*

*TP* British planes made another flight over Sylt today, a reconnaissance flight to take photographs. And the observers in those planes report that <sup>yesterday</sup> ~~the~~ raid inflicted tremendous damage and that when the photographers flew over that German air base, the hangars were still blazing and the barracks just a smoking ruins. The British say they're particularly glad of that raid because Hornum, on the island of Sylt, was the starting point for many ~~a~~german raid on British points.

*TP* The raid was witnessed by people on farms in Denmark, Miles away from Sylt. They report that both to the eye and the ear it was terrific. The blast<sup>s</sup> shook the ground eighteen miles away. One farmer declared that it was a horrible show. Then he added that after counting a hundred explosions he and his neighbors gave up counting. There must have been between thirty and fifty planes in the attacking force, with German searchlights playing all around them. Children couldn't sleep because their beds shook all night.

*TP* A statement <sup>about</sup> ~~of~~ the affair was made to the house of commons by

Winston Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty. "The British must expect many raids from Germany," said Churchill. But he added; "We shall do our best to return them." Churchill was referring to the Nazi attack on Scapa Flow. That, he said, was the sort of thing the British have to look for in the more or less regular procedure.

The General Tendency throughout Europe today is to interpret that raid on Sylt as a harbinger of things to come, a token that a period of savage air warfare has begun.



## STANLEY

A member of the British Government took a fling at people in the neutral countries today. The right honorable Oliver Stanley, his Majesty's Secretary of State for war, was the speaker, and at least part of his remarks appeared to be directed against us of the U S A. Stanley was referring to wise cracks about this being a phoney war. And he said, "It may be a phoney war to outsiders but not for us." Then he added ironically; "We are not trying to provide entertainment we're fighting for our lives." That brought another remark from across the Atlantic. "The Ocean may be a good barrier for armies," he warned, "but it's no obstacle to an idea." Then he urged, "Don't let the neutrals think that they can afford to be indifferent. We may be fighting their battles for them but those battles may not be lucky." Then he asked a rhetorical question; "Do the neutrals think that life can go on if we fail?"

## RUSSIA.

Europe was speculating all day over the movements of the Diplomats.

First of all, it became known that Hitler's Ambassador to Russia, made a sudden flight, by airplane, to Moscow, from Berlin. As he left, the word went round that he was going to the Soviet Capital to bring back some important Bolshevik, to Berlin, to talk with Hitler. And Nazi officials were again hinting loudly at the much rumored new triple alliance, Berlin, Moscow, Rome.

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That rumor got fresh impetus from the announcement that Hitler's Ambassador in Rome is about to make a rapid trip to Berlin. Consequently, the rumors of that Nazi-Facist-Bolshevik bloc were current this evening, even in Italy. In fact, it is freely predicted that the first visible sign of that unholy alliance will be a trade treaty between Mussolini and Stalin. Hitherto, the Duce has resolutely turned his face away from Moscow.

Of course these may be just rumors out of whole cloth, propaganda put forth by the Nazis. ~~On the other side~~ <sup>And —</sup> of the medal there are also reports to the contrary. Some people say that Hitler got nothing out of Mussolini, not a single promise that he wanted at that historic meeting in the Brenner Pass. Rumors on either side of this question may be just the direct result of wishful thinking.



## SCANDINAVIA

There will be no immediate

~~There'll be~~ defensive alliance between the Scandinavian countries, —

Norway, Sweden, Finland. The Russian Bear growled, and the northern governments have taken the warning, the warning from Moscow that the Soviet Union would consider ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> defense alliance that was proposed as an infringement of the russo-finnish peace treaty.

The intimation that this warning has scared the Scandinavians comes from Oslo. Supporters of the Norwegian government declare that norway will definitely drop all negotiations for any such defensive alliance.

In other words, the small countries may not even prepare to protect themselves <sup>unless they get</sup> ~~without~~ the permission of Stalin and Hitler.

## ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt is again under the orders of a strict disciplinarian.

That is, his Physician, Admiral Dr. Ross McIntire. The President got

up yesterday, did a full day's work, but admitted to newspaper men

that he didn't feel so well. So today Dr McIntire, after he took the

President's temperature, ordered him back to bed-to bed <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ stay there  
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until his cold is definitely better.

SILVER

## An Extra

It looks like the beginning of the end of the silver purchase policy of the roosevelt administration. Some time ago Senator Townsend of Delaware offered a bill in Congress to put an end to the buying of the white metal abroad. That bill raised a protest from the Secretary of the Treasury. Henry Morgenthau urged the Senators to delay a vote until there <sup>has</sup> been a complete study and investigation of Fiscal and monetary policies. But today the Senate's committee on banking and currency ignored the Secretary's protest, acted on the Townsend bill, acted and approved it. ~~It was a sizeable~~ majority of fourteen to four. That of itself might not have been so much, but Senator Wagner of New York said that this probably means that both Senate and House will pass that bill to repeal the program for the purchase of foreign silver. Already uncle Sam has bought something like one billion dollars worth of that metal from foreign countries.

EDISON.

Here's a bit of real political news from New Jersey. Charles Edison, son of the great inventor, Secretary of the Navy, is to run for Governor on the Democratic side. This will be no surprise to those who are in the know politically. It has been rumored for some time. In fact it has been said that President Roosevelt appointed Edison to the Navy job in order to build him up as a candidate in New Jersey where the Democrats were sorely in need of one. ~~But there have also been rumors that Edison might not accept. It was to squelch those rumors that the Secretary of the Navy~~ <sup>Edison</sup> announced today that he would be a candidate. ~~Of course he still has to be nominated, but there seems to be a foregone conclusion that the~~ <sup>New Jersey</sup> ~~primary election will go his way. In fact~~ It is officially admitted that the machine of Frank Hague, mayor of Jersey City and Democratic Boss of New Jersey, is behind Edison.

CROMWELL. Following Edison

It has also been prophesied that the Democratic nomination for *New Jersey* Senator would go to James H. R. Cromwell, Minister to Canada, son of the enormously wealthy Mrs E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, and husband of the former Doris Duke. But <sup>some</sup> political soothsayers today *seemed* *to have* ~~had their~~ doubts about <sup>James</sup> Cromwell after that <sup>2</sup> ~~that~~ speech he made yesterday at Toronto, ~~the speech in which he declared the United States ought to get into the war.~~ <sup>Minister</sup> Cromwell's attack on the isolationists got him quite a bit of attention in Washington today. Democratic representative Sweeney of Ohio introduced a resolution in the House calling for a formal investigation. He accompanied the ~~resolution~~ with acid remarks. "If our ~~playboy~~ Minister to Canada wants to fight for the British empire", <sup>said he</sup> "let him join such distinguished ex-patriots as Lady Astor and Kermit Roosevelt. " That was one of the criticisms shouted in the house.

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Republican Ham Fish added his voice to the argument, <sup>and</sup> said that Toronto speech by Cromwell was unprecedented in history. At the sametime he said he didn't want to judge our Minister too hastily since he is new to the diplomatic service. But Fish demanded to know whether Cromwell was speaking for the President and the State department.



CROMWELL. (2)

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~~And~~ the State Department, ~~is casting an eagle eye on the text of~~  
~~that speech.~~ Secretary Hull made it known today that he has asked  
our Legation at Ottawa to send him an official copy of *exactly what our Minister*  
~~what~~ Cromwell  
said.

## FARLEY

Postmaster General Jim Farley talked back to some of his accusers today. He was speaking not as Postmaster General nor as Democratic National Chairman. It was the voice of Presidential candidate Farley. ~~that he was using.~~

Folks have been rude enough to mutter that Jim's candidacy was not on the up and up. They have hinted, they've even shouted, that his candidacy <sup>was merely as</sup> ~~was~~ a stooge for ~~that of~~ his chief, the President. <sup>Q "stand-in"</sup> ~~as they~~ <sup>would call it in Hollywood.</sup> Today, Farley denied vehemently that he was a stalking horse for

Mr. Roosevelt, and used these words; "My name will be presented to the convention at Chicago, and that's that." Then he added; "I'm telling you this in order to clear up any question <sup>as to</sup> whether or not I am a candidate for President."

He also spoke about a rumor that he had a deal on with Vice-President Garner, a deal to bring about a Garner-plus-Farley ticket at Chicago. To that the Postmaster General said; "Farley hasn't any combination with anybody."

## RIVERS

~~There was a bit of excitement down in Georgia today. The Citizens~~<sup>5 of</sup>  
~~Georgia are wondering whether their~~<sup>1</sup>  
~~were anxious to know whether or not the governor of their sovereign~~  
~~governor will go~~<sup>Not</sup>  
~~state was going~~<sup>to</sup> jail. Let me hasten to add that Governor Rivers

has committed <sup>any</sup> ~~no~~ offence against the criminal laws of his State or  
Country. ~~The argument is all about~~<sup>It all concerns</sup> a sentence for contempt of court  
and this in turn <sup>is</sup> the outcome of an old political fight in Georgia.

<sup>TP</sup> Governor Rivers had a disagreement with the state highway chairman.

~~In fact, he~~ threw him out of ~~the~~ office of the State Highway Board.

The Highway Chairman then went to the Federal Court, got an order from <sup>Q</sup>

<sup>Federal</sup> the Judge, ~~and order~~ that the Governor should reinstate <sup>him as</sup> ~~that~~ Chairman.

<sup>TP</sup> Governor Rivers declined. So that's how the question came up about

his going to jail for contempt. <sup>The Governor</sup> ~~He~~ appealed to the Judges higher up

and late today the fifth circuit court of Appeals gave him a stay of

execution on that contempt citation. The stay of execution is only a

delay, and the question still has to be argued out: <sup>the question -</sup> Shall the Governor

of Georgia go to prison for contempt of court?

## MURDER RING

The story of that Murder ring in Brooklyn became even more fantastic today. The central figure of the latest installment of Murder, Incorporated, is a woman. ~~she's~~ <sup>a</sup> tired looking, ~~dowdy~~, middle-aged, ~~and~~ shabby figure. Seeing her casually you'd think her too obscure, too harmless, and too poor to accomplish anything, good or bad.

But that isn't what the police and the district attorney of Brooklyn think of her. The prosecutor says that ~~woman~~ <sup>she</sup> is the brains of the whole gang. Hers is the mind that directed the <sup>so-called</sup> "fixing" in the operations of Murder, Incorporated. <sup>TR</sup> For years she, her husband and her son-in-law bailed out every hoodlum <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ was arrested in their part of Brooklyn. That's ~~what~~ the Brooklyn District Attorney says about Lena Frosch, known as "the woman who never smiles." The prosecutor declared that, so far from being poor, she has made a fortune out of bail bonds. <sup>TR</sup> If the Frosch's did pile up a fortune, it is not evident what became of it, for today the woman, her husband and her son-in-law were all in jail in default of five thousand dollars bail-apiece.

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<sup>And that's</sup>  
~~Here's~~ a story as weird as any ~~that~~ Dickens ever wrote. A gang directed by a woman, described by the Police as a sort of Mrs Fagin.

## TELEVISION

Here's news about Television. It's going to be made rapidly available to more and more people. Such was the announcement made public today.

Already Television service is available to anybody living in and around New York City. Some owners of sets live as far as Ninety

8 1/2 miles away from the <sup>sending station in the</sup> empire State building. And the National

Broadcasting Company is going to provide service for other communities as fast as network relays are erected.

Incidentally, plans are under way already for a Television relay service between New York and Philadelphia. And in order to help

expand television throughout the country, the radio corporation of America has issued licenses to more than forty - five of its competitors enabling them to make use of the patents controlled

59 by the R. C. A. in the manufacture of Television receiving sets.

59 1/4 And now let's see what Hugh  
James has to say to make  
motorists happy!