

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Alabama comes a sensational tale of melodrama in the air. A plane was on its way from Houston to Newark, by way of New Orleans. One of the stops, Montgomery, Alabama. The plane had just taken off from Montgomery and was some fourteen hundred feet up. At that point the pilot, Dave Hissong, felt a vibration in his right motor. Then he saw that the engine was in flames. In another moment it fell clean out of the ship; went blazing earthward. Then Dave Hissong saw flames lashing the right wing of his plane.

All this, last night. The moon shone brightly upon that blazing plane in mid-air with death a hair's breath away from the eleven passengers and crew: But Pilot Dave Hissong, kept his presence of mind. He raised his left wing, made a right bank, and with one long, smooth glide landed his craft in a field six miles away. Meanwhile; the steward had quietly requested the passengers to fasten their safety belts, saying to

them:- "Don't be alarmed; there is no danger."

Hissong landed his plane as smoothly as though it had been a regular scheduled stop. No one hurt but the pilot himself; his hands seared by the flames.

And here's something still more remarkable. It was the second experience of that kind in the career of Pilot Dave Hissong. Five years ago, he was flying a mail plane over New Mexico when she caught fire. Fighting flames as he flew, he and his load of mail got down safely.

Colonel, who is expected to report with a recommendation for the War Department in Washington showing that the promotion against him was unwarranted through departmental bias and spite. In former articles and Lyndberg is a colonel in the reserve. Lyndberg, however, is not a colonel in Lyndberg's favor. This matter is that the promotion due to him. The latest is that the Colonel will not receive the Soviet order of Lenin.

LINDBERGH

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German
honors for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. The ~~German~~ ^{Hitler}
government ^{today} conferred a decoration upon our Flying Colonel. ~~He was~~
~~awarded~~ The Distinguished Service Cross with the Star and the Order
of the German Eagle.) ~~is~~ The only decoration that can be given
to foreigners today. The presentation was made formally ~~today~~
by Colonel General Field Marshal Goering, acting on behalf of the
Fuehrer himself. One other American who holds that distinction
is Henry Ford.

There was a question whether Lindbergh, as an American
Colonel, would be allowed to accept such a decoration. But the
War Department in Washington announced today that the prohibition
against army men accepting foreign decorations does not apply
to reserve officers and Lindbergh is a colonel in the reserves.
Furthermore, Congress ^{has} passed an act especially in Lindbergh's favor,
stating specifically that the prohibition does not apply to him.

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SPIES

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The trial of Nazi spies in New York continues in all its absurdity. But one piece of testimony that came out today may force the State Department to take action. For the Witness Rumrich swore on the stand that one of his fellow spies had rifled a United States mail bag on the German liner EUROPA. This, said Rumrich, was done by Karl Schleuter, and Rumrich ~~adds~~ that Schleuter showed him the loot he had stolen out of the mail bag. It was a copy of the contract between the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and ~~the~~ Amtorg, the trading agency for the Soviet ~~government~~.

all of which
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case If United States mails have been tampered with aboard a foreign ship, it's a matter for the Secretary of State to take up with the foreign office of the country from which that ship comes. ~~It is, of course,~~ a serious offense against international comity.

UN-AMERICAN

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The pranks of Communists in America again occupied the Dies Committee of the House investigating Un-American activities. There was evidence given today tending to show that there are Communists among Uncle Sam's employees. A worker in an automobile plant in Detroit was one of the witnesses. He said he had been asked to ~~attend~~ join the Communist Party. And the people who asked him were two men, both officials of Uncle Sam's government. One, ~~was~~ an attorney attached to the National Labor Relations Board, ~~another~~ ^{the} ~~used to be on~~ ^{once of} the staff of the ~~defunct~~ N.R.A.

The Committee also heard that the first real sit-down strike in America was organized and promoted by Communists. ~~That was~~ The strike at the factory of the Midland Steel Company of Detroit in Nineteen Thirty-Six. This ^{the} ~~was testified to by~~ an automobile worker who said he ^{once} ~~himself used to belong~~ ^{ed} to the Communist Party.

STRACHEY

The Board of Review of the Immigration Service, today approved of the order to send the author who has been accused of being a Communist, and held virtually a prisoner at Ellis Island, John Strachey back to England.

John Strachey, son of the late editor of the SPECTATOR, obtained a passport duly visa'd by the American Consul in London, a visa revoked while John Strachey was on the high seas. The U.S.A. sending him home.

PRAGUE

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Affairs between the Hungarians and the Czech^s Slovaks seem to be growing no better. The ~~Catholics~~ today published the accusation that the Hungarians are making propaganda, trying to urge the Slovaks to sabotage. A Hungarian army plane flew over a Slovak town today, dropping leaflets, ~~Those leaflets~~ reading:-
"Brother Slovaks:- Destroy railroads, post offices and ammunition dumps and desert the Czechoslovak army. Time passes quickly. We must fight for Slovak independence." ~~And it concludes:~~
~~"One day's fighting is better than twenty years of Czech juggling."~~

Meanwhile, the understanding between Poland and Hungary grows closer. A high official of the Polish foreign office arrived at Budapest today. That's interpreted to mean that the two countries are planning concerted action against the unhappy Czechs. At the same time, Polish Foreign Minister ~~Colonel~~ Beck was in Bucharest, urging King Carol ~~of Roumania~~ to throw his weight on the Polish-Hungarian side against the Czechs.

FRANCE

Every day the diplomatic victory of the Rome-Berlin axis becomes more positive. The French government, for instance, now bends every effort to improve relations with the Duce and the Fuehrer. It is announced that this will be one of the first tasks of the new French ambassador to Rome.

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And the latest rumor from the French capital foreshadows the formation of a new cabinet; ~~it will be~~ a government of national union, a coalition affair, taking in all the parties except the Communists. *One of the first* ~~And of course one of the first diplomatic~~ moves ^{to} ~~will~~ be: ~~to~~ stop quarreling about Spain. ^{TP} Before going to Rome, the new French ambassador will go to Berchtesgaden. He has been invited to visit ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler before ^{going on to} ~~he takes up~~ ~~his duties in Rome.~~ *Mussolini's capital.*

SPAIN

But in Spain affairs are not shaping themselves to suit the diplomatic plans of the other powers. A final victory for Franco seems no nearer than a year ago. Infact the Republican government today reported another success. Franco's armies had made a powerful attack on the Ebro front, but the government forces threw them back with heavy losses. Which doesn't sound like settlement in sight.

JEWS - ROME

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The Italian government ^{has} made another move against the Jews. This one ~~is~~ aimed directly at their religion. It forbids the practice of kosher rites ^{in Italy.} The Jewish ritual for the slaughtering of animals and poultry ^{in the Land of the Caesars.} may no longer be used. This is one of the oldest rites in the Pentateuch, one of the basic health regulations of the Jewish race. And now that essential part of the ancient Mosaic law becomes illegal in Italy.

JERUSALEM

The long dreaded event came to pass today in Jerusalem. An event to tarnish the glory of twenty years ago, Field Marshal Allenby's triumphal and peaceful entry into the Holy City. Allenby entered to the joy and relief of the entire population. Today, another British military leader, Major General O'Connor, led another British army into Jerusalem. The famous Coldstream Guards, marched through the Jaff Gate and the Damascus Gate. White overhead flew a squadron of planes.

There were rumors today that the Arabs had mined the streets, even the Via Dolorosa, so the soldiers advanced slowly. But, they encountered no mines.

(There was Arab sniping, and one man of the Coldstream fell, also one Jewish policeman. Nine Arabs killed.

With those casualties, British troops once more took possession of the old walled City of Jerusalem.

In London, Prime Minister Chamberlain called a cabinet meeting. And his colleagues approved the policy of putting down the revolt in Palestine with a strong hand. The plan of the Peel Commission, to divide the Holy Land into three parts, has now been thrown overboard. And no permanent plan has been

devised to replace it.)

For the time being all Palestine will be held by
John Bull with an iron hand.

LAWSUIT

A sensational lawsuit ~~was~~ filed today in Toronto, Canada.

And It makes public a distressing quarrel in the family of Sir Herbert Marler, Canadian Minister to Washington. The suit is brought by Leonard Marler, Sir Herbert's son.

The origin of the row apparently was that Sir Herbert did not approve of his son's intention to marry. To prevent ~~the~~ marriage, the son charges, Sir Herbert conspired with a superintendent of the Ontario Hospital in London to have young Leonard sent to an asylum. Young Marler says he has been held in that hospital illegally, *and* ~~he~~ sues his father and the ~~superintendent~~ superintendent of the hospital for three hundred thousand dollars.

CAMPAIGN

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Political campaign workers are having a giggle at the expense of Harry Hopkins, ~~the~~ W.P.A. chief. ~~Mr.~~ Hopkins ~~xxxxxx~~ was anxious to avoid as far as possible any further charges of ~~the~~ W.P.A. funds being used for political purposes. He announced some time ago that no W.P.A. workers could be asked to contribute to any campaign fund. What's more he recently posted notices on all projects that W.P.A. workers should not be allowed to make any political contributions, signed Harry Hopkins. But ~~xxxx~~ did that ~~xxxx~~ phase the brethern whose business it is to collect funds? Apparently not. They don't ask the W.P.A. workers to contribute outright. They're going around with bunches of tickets ~~for~~ for bingo parties, bridge parties and so forth. ~~xxx~~ Thus the W.P.A. ~~xxxxxxx~~ employees are asked to sell to their friends. Those getting a monthly check from W.P.A., which is around sixty dollars, are usually allotted six dollars worth of tickets to dispose of.

TRUST

There was a great to-do some months ago when the Department of Justice brought the Ford and Chrysler Motor Companies to trial. The Attorney General's Office charged that Ford and Chrysler had broken the laws against operating a trust. Now we learn the suit is ~~all~~ off. *if that is* The Indictment ~~is~~ to be dismissed; ~~that is if it is~~ approved by the federal judge at South Bend, ~~Indiana~~, where the case was brought.

REPUBLIC

A drastic ruling was made today by the National Labor Relations Board. It concerns the little steel strike of Nineteen Thirty-Seven, the strike that was so bitterly fought and which caused so much violence and recriminations. The Board finds that the Republic Steel Corporation violated the Wagner Act, *and* ~~it further~~ orders ~~the~~ Republic ~~Company~~ to restore their jobs to five thousand of the men who struck in six Republic plants in Ohio. It also orders the Company to give a number of employees back pay amounting to forty-one thousand dollars. The Republic Corporation is also ^{told} ~~ordered~~ to disband the organizations which are Company unions.

STRIKE

For nearly four weeks there has been a strike of meat packers at Sioux City, Iowa. Up to now, the picketing had been more or less peaceful. But today the crowd got out of hand. Strikers have tried to invade the packing plant and throw out the workers who had refused to join the strike. There was a fight between Police and deputy sheriffs on one hand, and strikers on the other. Tear gas, bombs, clubs, ^{and} bricks ~~and what-all~~ were used. ~~But the tear gas bombs only made the rioters more furious.~~

TP Early this afternoon, Governor Kraschel of Iowa ordered out the National Guard, ^{and} four units ~~promptly~~ ^{swiftly} marched upon the Swift plant, ~~and now there's a virtual state of martial law around that factory.~~

No martial law, says the Governor. The troops are there just to help the civil authorities ~~to~~ keep order.

HARVARD

Since the first university in the world was established, there has always been curious hostility between town and gown. And, town and gown hatred came to a head today in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Cambridge wants to get rid of Harvard. At latest reports both New Haven and Princeton refuse to accept the gift. So Cambridge began proceedings today to have that University incorporated as a separate and distinct municipality.

The Cambridgites want no more Harvard in their midst.

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And the reason? All the property of Harvard University is exempt from taxes. Harvard is a rich corporation and its trustees recently have spent part of their funds buying more property in Cambridge. That, say the Cambridge townsmen, has crammed a heavy burden on the citizens of Cambridge who are not tax exempt.

Though Harvard pays Cambridge no taxes, Cambridge has to furnish the University with police, fire, health protection, and all other ~~my~~ municipal services. So they're willing to give it away, tradition, football team, alumni and all.

BABY

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In the oil fields of Kansas, an oil well came in last night. The contractor who dug the well was jubilant, and telegraphed the glad news to a friend in Oakland, California. The wire he sent read as follows: "Thirty barrel baby born eight forty-five tonight."

He abbreviated the word "barrel" to b-b-l. The telegraph operator at the Oakland end didn't understand the abbreviation so the telegram when received read: "Thirty l-b, (meaning thirty pound,) baby born eight forty-five tonight." The man who received that ~~the~~ ^{astounded,} message was, to put it mildly, ~~astounded~~. He jumped to a telephone and said: "^{Great Scott!} ~~My God,~~ how is your wife?" The contractor, not understanding the mistake, replied:

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"I don't know, I guess she's all right. She's at a picture show."

The next thing he heard was a loud thud as the friend at the other end of the phone fell in a fit of amazement, ~~and~~

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saying ^{as he fell!} e-l-u-t-m.