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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

I'm somewhat up in the air tonight. One mile to be exact -- in Denver. Sitting beside me is the Governor of Colorado. But, before we talk about Colorado let's take a look at the rest of the world and see what it looks like viewed from the Rocky Mountains.

The steel strike drags on, with a harder determination on both sides. Republic Steel is fighting to operate its plants, strike or no strike. It looks like one of the most stubborn battles on record.

There's a strike in New York, which will have a reminiscent sound here in Colorado -- Land of mines, gold and silver. In New York shipments of precious metals and pay-rolls are transported in armored trucks. Four companies carry on armored-truck-service, employing drivers and guards. Today, the

transport of gold, silver and big money in New York was tied up by a strike of the armored car drivers and guards. They went out this morning, demanding higher wages, and a forty hour week, closed shop and a recognition of their UNION.

The strike leaders declare that a million dollars worth of bullion and payroll cash will be held up until the men get their demands. Much of that is undoubtedly Colorado gold, Governor. And, there was labor war at Paterson, New Jersey, today -- a laundry strike, and twenty seven of the laundry battlers went to the cleaners -- I mean the hospital.

Five hundred laundry workers staged an outbreak of bitter fighting -- and it was a dirty scrap.

Automobiles were smashed, fifty of them damaged. The police had to use tear-gas and high pressure streams from a fire hose -- to clean up the laundry disturbance.

EUROPE

The big war scare -- the latest European crisis, seems to be easing off into a confused maze of rumors and surmises. One account that is authoritative tells us of a four point program which London and Paris are submitting to Berlin and Rome: First, London and Paris propose that British and French ships take over the patrol duties of the German and Italian ships, until Germany and Italy return to their places in the non-intervention scheme. To confuse that, we have the word that the ships of Hitler and Mussolini are going right on with their patrol work, to keep cargoes of war supplies from getting to the Spanish left wingers, meaning that while Berlin and Rome have withdrawn from the non-intervention committee, they are keeping right on with their non-intervention patrol.

There's a denial from Rome of yesterday's report that Italy is blockading Spain against Soviet, Russian, ships, that Italian war craft will seize vessels flying the Red flag with the hammer and sickle. That seems to dissipate one of the gravest dangers of all: Italy capturing Russian ships, a most provocative thing to do.

Rome explains that its war ships are merely ordered to

fire on any vessels or aircraft that show a hostile intention.

The second point of the program proposed by London and Paris may have a sharp sound in Berlin:- It provides that the four powers will agree not to do any more retaliating by shooting up towns full of innocent people. That, of course, points to the German bombardment of Almeria.

Point Number three of the French-British plan provides that no patrol-warship of the four powers shall enter Spanish ports -- which points to the fact the German battleship DEUTSCHLAND, when she was bombed, was lying in the rebel controlled harbor in the Baleric Islands.

Point four says that the patrol ships of the four powers will be under unified direction, working together. This would be a kind of insurance to Berlin and Rome against any further attacks by the Socialists.

Another definite fact today is -- that German Marshal Von Blomberg is in Italy, and all sorts of importance is attached to the conferences he is having with the Duce. One report is that Germany and Italy are laying plans for direct military

intervention in Spain, to clean up the Spanish radicals.

They'll throw their armies into the peninsula to insure a complete victory for Franco. Would that lead to a European war?

They say that the Italians believe it would not -- that neither Great Britain nor France would fight and plunge into a world struggle, to save a socialist regime in one corner of Spain. In this connection there was that statement made today by the British Ambassador to Germany. At a dinner in Berlin he made striking declarations of British good-will toward Germany, and promised a friendship which he called -- sincere and useful.

Today in the Chateau of Candé, two people resigned themselves to what seemed to be the inevitable -- disconsolate but what could they do about it? They had tried their best, but had been refused -- irrevocably refused, apparently. They were:- the King that was, and the Duchess about-to-be. They wanted their marriage tomorrow to be a religious ceremony. They wanted to be married by the Church of England -- the traditional way for a British royal personality, a royal Duke. Not quite proper and dignified any other way.

Of course, there would be the civil rite performed by the local Mayor in accordance with French custom; but, they wanted, after that, an orthodox religious wedding in the Church of England.

But the church of England had once and for all refused. The ecclesiastical leaders remain adamant in their opposition to the romance of Edward and twice divorced Wally, and as for performing the marriage, the high church has stern objections to divorce and remarriage. So that most famous of couples on earth had to resign themselves to the chagrin of no religious wedding

for them, no blessing by the church of England, of which Edward recently was the head.

They didn't like it. It hurt them.

Just how the former Edward the Eighth felt about it may be gleaned from an article in the LONDON DAILY EXPRESS today. In private conversation, the Duke of Windsor expresses his bewilderment. He can't understand. He is hurt by what the DAILY EXPRESS calls "the bitter vindictiveness with which large numbers of otherwise normal English men and women seem to wish to pursue him into exile." the denial of a religious marriage must have seemed the crowning expression of that bitter vindictiveness. So you can surmise how Edward and Wally felt about it.

Then in the late hours last night the telephone rang. The ex-King went to the phone, a call from England. A voice spoke, a voice he didn't recognize. "I am coming down to marry you," said the voice. The speaker was a clergyman of the Church of England. Edward had little chance to reply, to accept or reject. Who knows how he felt about it. The clergyman would defy the heads of his church by performing the ceremony. How

did the ex-King feel about that? There was no chance for discussion. The Anglican Priest declared resolutely that he was on his way to officiate -- and that was the end of it.

So today at the railroad station of Tours, the Reverend R. Anderson Jardine got off the train. There was no one from the Duke's establishment to meet him. They hardly expected him. He took a taxi to the castle of Cande, and there made his bow before the one-time Monarch of Britain, ready to solemnize the marriage.

He's pastor of a poor church in Yorkshire, a congregation of working people. He's known as the poor man's parson. He belongs to the liberal wing of the Church, not so rigorously opposed to divorce. His superior, the Bishop of Durham, is likewise a liberal, and has spoken openly against the severity with which the Church has treated his ex-Majesty. The Reverend R. Anderson Jardine is known to be an individualist, a clergyman inclined to follow his own opinion. And his opinion in this case is definite. The Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Wallis Warfield should have a religious marriage.

"I prefer to die," he declares, "rather than see my

KING married outside the Church."

So, the Duke and the Lady from Baltimore will have their religious ceremony after all, and they are described as being overjoyed. Fate has turned at least one trick in their favor -- in the person of the middle-aged clergyman from Yorkshire, "the poor man's parson."

And there's someone else who is overjoyed -- Queen Mary. The Queen Mother was dejected by the thought of her eldest son -- not married by the Church. So now she's rejoicing.

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And I'm rejoicing today because I'm back home in Colorado.

Ammon.

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GOVERNOR AMMONS

L.T.: Governor Teller Ammons, your name brings back happy memories of my old Colorado days. Your father was Governor of Colorado then, just as you are now, and I used to write stories about him for a newspaper at Cripple Creek. Also here in Denver, And then your first name, Teller; my home throughout most of my youth, was at the mines in Teller County, named after our grand old Senator Teller.

GOV. AMMONS: Welcome back to Colorado, Lowell Thomas. We of Colorado are indeed proud of a native son who has become internationally famous as an author, news commentator and world traveler. We hope you will soon return to the state in which you grew to manhood to live on your ranch in Durango. We appreciate your broadcasting from the capital city of your native state.

L.T.: Governor, I naturally am interested in Colorado. It's still home to me, although I seldom get a chance to come home nowadays. But I believe all Americans are interested in Colorado, for it is still rightly called "The Playground of the Nation." And while on the subject of scenery, am I right in saying there are more peaks over 14,000 feet high in this state than in any

other state in the Union?

GOV. AMMONS.: You can go a lot further than that, Lowell. There are more than 50 fourteen-thousand foot mountains in Colorado -- more than in all the rest of America put together. In fact, only a few, such as Whitney in California, Ranier in Washington, and a couple in Canada and Alaska, are not in Colorado. Also our roads are improving rapidly. We now have more road construction in progress in Colorado than at any other time in her history, and the people of Colorado have generously provided millions of dollars to be spent now to develop our highways, which will be second to none of any state in the Union when completed. We are making it easier and easier to get to the wonders of this Mountain Empire.

L.T.: Next to their interest in Colorado as a playground, I suppose most Americans would be interested in the subject of gold, the gold it takes to come here to enjoy a vacation. What's the gold situation in Colorado?

GOV. AMMONS: Your old home towns, Victor and Cripple Creek,

have come to life again. They are leading the state in gold production; with the Fairplay-Leadville district running second. Yes, Lowell, we have no more ghost towns in Colorado; And, have you heard of our mountain of molibdenim? It's on the Continental Divide, about ten miles from Leadville. The world needs molibdenim for hardening steel, and between eighty and ninety per cent of the world's entire supply comes from there.

L.T.: The nations of the earth use a lot of molibdenim in making rifles, machines and cannon. Governor, some day maybe you can do mankind a good turn by shutting down that mine until nations come to their senses and stop fighting.

It's been raining for several days in the region around Denver. And with the balmy breezes blowing up here on top of the world it seems hard to realize that the Dust Bowl is not far away, in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

GOV. AMMONS: One corner of Colorado is on the border of the Dust Bowl too. Although most of the state is at an altitude far above it. However, along with our neighbor states we are fighting it with terrace and contour farming. The idea is to hold the

water in the soil. And we believe we are doing it. The good citizens living in that area have an optimistic spirit and the future outlook is bright. Fortunately, nearly all of Colorado is outside the Dust Bowl.

L.T.: Jack Barrows, of The Colorado Association, who was a newspaper man with me here in the old days, has just told me something that might not make such a hit with the rugged, two fistied gold miners and ranch men. Jack says that Colorado is now the Baby Breath capitol of the world! Baby Breath being a flower. Colorado flowers nowadays are shipped all over the continent. The ultra violet rays up here at these altitudes, and the cold nights, make flowers so hardy that they can be shipped to the Atlantic Coast and still outlast local flowers put on the market at the same time.

GOV. AMMONS: And, by the way, Lowell, did you know that these same violet rays, plus the extra minerals and vitamins in our Colorado soil, and our cold nights, have a similar effect on human beings. I'm not joking. For example, Jack Dempsey was born here.

L.T.: I know. He and I used to work on the same gold mine up at Cripple Creek, the Portland.

GOV. AMMONS: And look at how many of you tough journalists come from here -- Damon Runyon, Gene Fowler, and so on. We extend invitation to the world to come out here and thrive and grow strong on our ultra-violet rays, the minerals in our soil, and our cold nights.

L.T.: Grow strong -- like baby's breath!

DERBY

Many thanks for joining me on the air, Governor Ammons.

I wonder if you are interested in racing. Here's a horse that must have had an extra supply of vitamins recently. It's the unexpected that puts the zest in sport. In football, it's the upset. In horse-racing it's the outsider. Well, it was a rank outsider that won the British Derby today, that most celebrated of all classics of the turf. A crowd estimated as high as half a million people saw MIDDAY SUN gallop to victory, and the odds quoted on him were as high as a hundred to one, which shows how rank that outsider was. Moreover, the owner of MIDDAY SUN is a woman -- another surprise. Mrs. G.B. Miller, the first woman ever to win the Derby.

As the horses went to the post, an American thoroughbred was the favorite, a blueblood of distinguished lineage, a son of GALLANT FOX. But the American favorite came in no better than fourth. So the greatest of races was a great surprise today.

DEAN

Here's a story for surmise. You can make your own guess. Because no explanation is given of the reason why. No details are set forth. Seems to be a secret -- except for this dignified announcement today issued by Ford Frick, president of the National League. "For conduct detrimental to the best interests of baseball," reads the announcement, "J.H. Dean today was suspended indefinitely."

The "J." in Mr. Dean's name, stands for Jerome, but he's better known as "Dizzy." The suspension order was served on the star pitcher of the St. Louis cardinals at Brooklyn today, while the players were warming up for the baseball battle between the Cards and the Dodgers.

Nobody seems to know what Dizzy did to get himself indefinitely suspended:- "conduct detrimental to the best interests of baseball,"! that sounds large and drastic but it's ambiguous. So what did Dizzy do? What tricks has he been up to? Just something Dizzy, maybe. But I don't know for sure, I can't tell you -- We can only surmise and say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.