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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Fifteenth Infantry is to leave China. That regiment is known all over the Far East -- stationed for years in the northern Chinese seaport of Tientsin. Just a few minutes ago the State Department made public the announcement -- the Fifteenth Infantry has been ordered to leave Tientsin. The soldiers will depart in March.

GERMANY

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The army crisis in Germany ^{brings us important} ~~led to a drastic move today~~
~~news tonight.~~
~~xxxxxxministerxxofxxwarxxhasxxbeenxxnamedxx~~ To succeed retired Field
Marshal von Blomberg a new Minister of War has been named. Or
rather, the title is - Chief of National Defense. That signifies
a consolidation of military bureaus. Who takes the post? ^{Adolf}
Hitler himself. This was announced in Berlin tonight - the
Reichsfuehrer ^{assumes} ~~passes over~~ the new consolidation of military authority.

(Von Blomberg, decidedly a Hitler general, lost favor
with the upper hierarchy of the German army because of his
marriage - he married a girl secretary; a carpenter's daughter.
German army tradition is that an officer must marry a woman of
rank and fortune. So Hitler's man, von Blomberg, was forced out.

^{And} ~~but~~ now Hitler himself takes the post of Chief of National Defense,
Sx immediate and Sx supreme Master of the German Army.

The opposition to von Blomberg was led by General
von Fritch, the army commander. He represents the old Prussian
military tradition. But now von Fritsch has resigned. So says
tonight's announcement. Also - Hitler's number two man, Air

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Minister Goering, is promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.

Likewise - Germany has a new Foreign Minister. Baron von Neurath steps out and his place is taken by von Ribbontrop, who for quite a while has been Hitler's personal diplomatic emissary.)

~~It's~~ Q drastic shake-up ~~that~~ has come out of the crisis in Berlin. It's part of a reputed long standing, undercover feud between the Nazi Party and the German army, with the generals opposing the intrusion of Nazi ways and Nazi Ideas into their battalions. Today's news seems to indicate that the Nazi side is winning the argument. In fact, the Berlin announcement describes today's events in its own words as "a further national-socialization of the nation."

Immediately after the Hitler pronunciamento was issued tonight, the Fuehrer sent a letter to the retired War Minister,

von Blomberg, who is honeymooning in Capri. ~~He~~ Said *the*

Fuehrer! -

^ "Deepest thanks for five years of most loyal cooperation."

That missive will assuage the General's feelings, after a bit of excitement today, which riled him considerably.

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Newspaper men found him in his Capri honeymoon retreat,
and interviewed him. **B**ut, the interview was a fiasco. The
General wouldn't talk. Instead, he shouted. He raged:-
"Let me alone. Get out of here! Heraus!" He did most of
his talking to the unfortunate Capri hotelkeeper whom he bawled
out for letting the newspaper men get at him. Donnerwetter!

Capri, famed for the Blue Grotto,
~~is famous~~ was blue with German expletives
today. # So about all the information we have under the Capri

date line is a description of the bride who has caused all

the argument. She is buxom, rosey checked and blond - German.

SPAIN

(At London today Dino Grandi, the Italian Ambassador, informed British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden that Italy accepts the British plan for strengthening the ~~xxx~~ patrol against pirate attacks in the Mediterranean. Rome will participate in London's latest scheme to make a relentless drive against pirate submarines also pirate airplanes. [#] This is all the more interesting, since Italy is so widely supposed to have a hand in the pirate business.)

— a fine Italian hand —

London is
~~The British are~~ aroused *by* today's bombing of a British ship. Two bombers attacked the freighter ALCIRA, carrying coal to Left Wing Spain. The war planes ^{*machine-gunned*} ~~perceived~~ the vessel, then flying low dropped bombs and scored hit after hit. The crew, got away, including an inspector of the anti-piracy patrol who was aboard - just to make it more ironic. Barcelona reports authoritatively that two planes came from Majorca, known to be a base for Italian aircraft. The Left Wingers say the two bombers that made the attack were Italian.

All of this adds fuel to the disturbance caused by the torpedoing of a British ship several days ago. Barcelona ^{*then*} ~~declared~~ *ing*

that Franco had no submarines of his own, ^{and} that the one ^{which} torpedoes the British ship was Italian.

Yet today Italy joined the new British drive against just that sort of thing. ^H *delightful! I mean delightfully* Isn't international politics ^A complicated?

~~It sounds as if it were some of the doings of the League of Nations.~~

LEVIATHAN

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The great old LEVIATHAN ended her last voyage in eventful fashion today. After steaming across the Atlantic for the junk heap, the one time queen of the seas came to anchor in Scottish waters, the Firth of Forth. There she was, ready for the wreckers, ~~times~~ ^{all} set to be broken up into scrap iron. But a wild gale blew up and the blast of ~~the~~ wind caught the great bulk of the LEVIATHAN and swept her down the stream, dragging her anchors. ~~and~~ She narrowly missed going aground, getting stuck on ~~an island~~ ^{a shoal}. Only desperate exertions kept her free and got her back to her anchorage.

Yes, the LEVIATHAN, after having carried those tens of thousands of doughboys to France, ~~tried~~ ^{simply had} to put on a show as she concluded her last voyage - to the junk pile!

LEAHY

Admiral Leahy today refused to answer a question. And yet that very refusal had an implied meaning - an affirmation. It concerned an exceedingly important subject - the possibility that an agreement exists between the United States and Great Britain concerning the cooperation of their navies. Have the high commands of the American and British fleets worked out plans for joint action in case of war? At today's hearing of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, that question was put directly to the Admiral, who is chief of operations of the United States Navy.

Admiral Leahy refused to reply. ~~not then and there~~ He used the term - "absolutely secret." Here are his words concerning British-American naval agreement:- "I will make no statement in this connection in public hearings. However," he conceded, "I will make frank statements in private sessions - of course on the basis that it is absolutely secret and vital to the interests and defense of this country."

That leaves us without any hint of what kind of cooperation has been planned between the fleets of the United States and Great Britain. But it does seem to imply - that there is an understanding.

LITTLE BUSINESS

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President Roosevelt uttered wise words today. At the White House Press Conference, he spoke up and said:- "It is unfair to ridicule the small business men. It's not the right thing to poke fun at that little business conference which was convened to give the government advice about curing the business recession.

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"Right you are, Mr. President," although I'm afraid that I myself did a bit of ^{that kidding.} ~~ridiculing~~. But what can a fellow do - when something is just naturally funny? How, Mr. President, would you tell about the following angle of today's little business story - keeping it quite serious and respectful?"

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~~The~~ Washington dispatch tells of a permanent "little business organization" that has been formed out of the conference. A group has banded together to keep up the good work. This was told today by M. A. Moers, Cincinnati wholesale dealer in carbon paper. He describes the objective as a return to the good old days.

"It's time to return," said he, "to the days when governors were only heard from at parades and Fourth of July

celebrations, and presidents were heard from only once or twice a month. What we need is a return to the days of McKinley," *said he.*

Mr. Moers tells how a hundred and sixty-one of the little business men banded together to form ^{*the*} a new organization.

Each contributed one dollar, a hundred and sixty-one bucks in all. "That will finance the organization," declared Mr. Moers

3 today, "if we ^{*could*} only find the guy that got the hundred and sixty-one!" *He's ducked.*

Somebody collected those dues of a dollar a head - somebody. "We don't know who he is," said Mr. Moers, "but I feel pretty sure he'll write me after I get back to Cincinnati"

H Let's hope he does.

And now, Mr. President, I hope I haven't cast any ridicule on that little business state of affairs.

After the presidential chiding, at the press conference, a little business committee of twelve arrived at the White House, and went into a conference with the chief executive. They presented to him the list of resolutions adopted by the convention - twenty-three suggestions for curing the recession.

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Predominant among these is the demand that something should be done to enable the small business man to get capital - easier financing and more of it. For the most part - the resolutions were decidedly anti-New Deal. They called for the changing or elimination of such measures as the capital gains tax, the undivided profits tax, securities and exchange regulations, ~~and~~ social securities taxes, the Wagner Labor Act, the Wages and Hours Bill. They propose an investigation of the National Labor Relations Board, want the budget balanced, demand that relief be taken out of the hands of the federal government and returned to local authorities. And they emphasize the point that the government should stop attacking business! - Cooperation, not hostility.

After the session of the White House, it was reported that the meeting resulted in constructive discussion. the President feels that some of the little business proposals are okay, ~~some of them~~ and can be carried into effect. But some, he feels, are impracticable, although they may sound well.

One thing the President will not agree with is any notion that

He thinks

there should be no regulation of wages and hours. He made a declaration today in which he used the word "floor", like the floor you walk on. He said that in dealing with rates of pay

~~in~~ industry, he was trying to put a floor ~~on the~~ ^{under} wages, something

to keep them from dropping out of sight - a minimum low.

FILIBUSTER

Well, the filibuster will go on - as if it hadn't gone one long enough already. Today the opponents of the anti-lynching bill, who are trying to talk it to death, made a ~~termi~~ determined attempt to put it on the shelf.)

↳ Senator Borah of Idaho led the charge in a fervent speech ^{describing} ~~declaring~~ the anti-lynching act ~~is~~ ^{as} completely unconstitutional.

Then Senator Carter Glass of Virginia made the motion that the ~~anti-lynching affair~~ ^{bill} be put aside, and that the Senate take up consideration of the Independent Offices Bill. When the vote was taken, the anti-lynchers had won out. They refused to shel^{ve} the bill. So the debate continues! - a filibuster!

In case anybody is hazy about the reasons for all the oratory, it's like this. According to Senate rules, any Senator can have his say as long as he pleases about a bill under consideration. It takes a two-thirds vote to stop the debate. The anti-lynching group has a majority to pass the bill but it lacks ^{the} two-thirds to stop the talking. Therefore, the opponents of the measure just keep on and on orating, tying up all other business - in the hope that their opponents will finally get tired and let things slide.

~~So now the filibuster goes on.~~

DETROIT

There were big parades in Detroit, ^{today. In fact} the demonstration
is probably still going on ^{right} now. Demand for relief, more
government employment for the jobless - that was the purpose.
~~The parades~~ ^{Three} parades of unemployed marched through ~~the~~ Detroit
streets and converged ⁱⁿ Cadillac Square. Each parade was headed
by a band playing, "Solidarity Forever" and "Hail, hail, the
Gang's All Here." In the Square they listened to speeches.
Twenty thousand people watched and twenty-five hundred police
were on ^{guard.} ~~the job~~

BLOOD

Some while ago I put in an appeal on the air - for watermelon. ^{S.} ~~In Philadelphia~~ a child was ~~sick~~ ^{ill} with a sort of malady that demanded watermelon juice as a medication. It was distinctly not the season for the big green fruit. Hard to get one. Later I was told that within an hour a watermelon was delivered, to be taken to the hospital - and the Sun Oil Company in Philadelphia received offers of scores of melons..

That incident brings a similar request today. In Philadelphia a young man in peril, suffering from streptococcus viridans. He's desperately in need of a blood transfusion, but of a certain kind. They are searching for someone who has a kind of blood known as "type two" and who has recently recovered from some kind of ~~streptococcus~~ ^A infection. That sort of individual is rare - and the doctors are appealing.

And I've just had a phone call from the Newark City hospital - a similar life and death case there. - a child.

DAVIS

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The case of Dixie Davis today assumes heroic proportions, in the matter of - bail. Half a million dollars - it must be almost flattering to be held on bail in that huge amount.

Dixie Davis was lawyer-in-chief to the murdered racketeer, Dutch Schultz, who is said to have operated a hundred million dollar policy game - underworld lottery. ~~The attorney who represented racketeers~~ ^{Davis} is being held in Philadelphia, together with one George Weinberg, who is represented as having been a lieutenant to Dutch Schultz. New York is trying to extradite them and make them face Prosecutor Thomas Dewey.

The legal fight today centered around habeas corpus proceedings in an attempt to get that five hundred thousand dollar bail reduced - though they say there is plenty ^{of} money ~~ready to be put up~~ to get Dixie Davis out of jail. One report is that two henchmen of his were in the Philadelphia court today, each carrying fifty thousand dollars - in the expectation that the bail would be cut to a hundred thousand. Moreover, the police are looking into the rumor that the underworld is ready to put up a quarter of a million to defend Davis and Weinberg.

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What was today's verdict about the amount of bail? Was it reduced? There was no verdict at all - the judge delayed the whole question until Monday.

There's one person out on bail, however - Hope Dare, the former showgirl, beautiful and stately - for whom Dixie Davis left his wife. Arrested on suspicion, Hope has been released on twenty-five hundred dollar bail. ~~It~~ Seems to be a baleful story.

ENGINEER

At Kalamazoo, Michigan, ^(a freight train was running) ~~freight trains~~ along at a fast clip. ~~The~~ engineer looking out of his cab window could hardly believe his eyes. Down the track he saw an automobile - no, not crossing with dangerous rashness. The auto was standing - right on the ~~railroad~~ track. And you'll admit ~~that~~ that's a dickens of a place to park your car.

The engineer slammed the throttle ~~shut~~ and jammed on the airbrakes. There was a screeching and a lurching as the ponderous freight train stopped as quickly as it could - just in time, its cow catcher only a few feet ~~from~~ the parked automobile.

The engineer jumped out of his cab, dashed to the car and yanked open the door. The man inside woke up. "Thanks," he said sleepily, "I was just having a nap." ^{Whereupon} ~~and~~ he yawned, and started his car and drove off - leaving the astonished locomotive

engineer standing there, ^{muttering.} ~~And now for~~ ^{my final mutter - e-l-u-Monday.} ~~And now the orchestra will please cut out that slumber song and play, "Wake Up and Live," and - SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.~~