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Good Evening, Everybody:-

The whole world is keenly interested today in a speech made this morning before the Disarmament Conference at Geneva by Uncle Sam's Ambassador-at-large, Mr. Norman Davis. This speech turned out to be a dramatic affair because it marks a new phase in the history of the U.S.A. It was a full and candid declaration of Uncle Sam's position on that ~~major~~ important question: To arm or not to arm.

The most significant part of Mr. Davis's address appears in the following words:

said Mr. Davis,
"President Roosevelt's messageⁿ is a clear indication of the fact that the United States will exert its full power and influence and accept its share of responsibility to make the result in disarmament definite, prompt and effective."

Mr. Davis also said: "I wish to make it clear that we are ready, not only to do our part toward the substantive reduction of armaments ^(— the real reduction of armaments —) but, if this is effected by general international agreement, we are also prepared to contribute in other ways to the organization of peace."

And he added: "In particular we are willing to consult the other states in case ^{the world's peace is threatened.} ~~of a threat to peace with a view to~~ averting conflicts." ^{added: -} And Mr. Davis ~~said, moreover~~

"In the event that the states, in conference, determine that ^{any particular} a State has been guilty of a breach of the peace, ~~in violation of~~ ^{and take measures} against the violator, then if we (that means the U.S.A.) concur in the judgment rendered as to the responsible and guilty party, we will refrain from any action tending to defeat such collective effort which these

States may ~~then~~ make to restore peace." ^{In other words, if the nations combine to get} ~~them~~ ^{Mr. Davis also pointed out to the delegates that}

^{arms} if the Conference at Geneva fails, it will be a serious obstacle in the way of the economic recovery of all the nations

n-repress a war like state, Uncle Sam provided he agrees with them, won't interfere to stop them.

of the world. It will also seriously impair the mutual confidence which the nations hope to establish at the Economic Conference in London. Any results from this conference will be impossible if the world horizon is obscured by war clouds.

At any rate Mr. Norman Davis's speech is unprecedented in the history of the U. S. A.

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FOUR-POWER

Another matter over which the foreign offices of the world are exceedingly pleased is the prospects for the immediate signing of Premier Mussolini's Four-Power Peace Pact. It is expected that the representatives of Italy, France, England and Germany will put their signatures to this treaty in Rome, either tonight or tomorrow.

Secretary of State Hull told our representative in Washington that this Four-Power plan of Mussolini's will be of great help toward the success of the Geneva Conference.

Incidentally, the State Department interpreted Norman Davis's speech ^{at Geneva} as meaning that while Uncle Sam is ~~is~~ willing to consult with other countries in case the peace of the world seems in danger, at the same time he will reserve his right to ~~free~~ freedom of action and decision, and he will not be bound by the decisions of any caucus of other nations.

FARM MORTGAGES

One of the first ^{big}~~large~~ mortgage holders to comply with the suggestion of the President to delay foreclosures pending action by the government was a large bank on the Pacific Coast. To be precise, the Bank of America, one of the biggest financial institutions on the coast. The ~~officials~~ officers of the Bank announced that there will be no foreclosures for sixty days. It's president told us by telephone that the Bank is just as anxious as anybody to save the homes of people in California. Incidentally, they expect ^{that} ~~from~~ better times, ~~a gross income~~ this coming year, ^{will bring them a gross income} a hundred million dollars larger than last year.

MORGAN

Anybody visiting the office building of the United States Senate today would have thought it was a theatre ~~building~~ playing a great popular hit. It was jammed with hundreds of people trying to get passes to a show, ^{- which opens tomorrow.} And this show is the revised edition of the investigation of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. The tremendous popularity in tomorrow's performance is due to the fact that no less a person than J. P. Morgan will be the first witness tomorrow morning. The head of the mighty house of Morgan will be examined by the Chief Counsel for the Senate Banking Committee, Ferdinand Pecora, formerly an assistant District Attorney in New York.

To accommodate all those who want seats, the hearing would have to be staged in Madison Square Garden, New York, or the big Convention Hall in Chicago. As it is, the investigation takes place in a small committee room. It won't be possible for many of the general public to be present. A considerable portion of the available space will be taken up by newspaper men, ~~and we~~ learn that ~~most~~ most of the passes seem to have been grabbed up by wives of the noble Senators.

TAXES

You'd better sit tight on your chairs for this one. And don't throw things at your radio. It isn't the radio's fault. Yes, this is a story about taxes.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has been at it again and has decided to jump your income taxes. The Committee did this by a vote of thirteen to nine. The normal tax on net incomes of four thousand dollars will be raised from four per cent to six per cent. In the higher brackets it will jump from six to eight per cent, if the Committee's plan is okayed by the Senate and House and President.

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WASHINGTON: R.F.C.

Here is good news for unpaid policemen,
school teachers and other city employees everywhere
who have missed the old pay-roll because of unpaid taxes.

President Roosevelt has taken the first steps
toward legislation to amend the Reconstruction Finance
Corporation's charter. It will be so changed as to help
states and municipalities out of their financial difficulties.

The R.F.C. will be empowered to loan money on tax anticipation
warrants.

*And that sounds like
great news for many of our
school teacher friends. Here's
hoping it proves to be!*

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REPEAL

Tomorrow will be quite an important day throughout New York State. It's the day when the voters will elect delegates to the Convention which is to decide whether the Prohibition amendment shall or shall not be repealed.

8) Maybe you heard Postmaster General Farley speaking over this network half an hour ago. Mr. Farley made an eloquent plea to the voters to roll up an overwhelming majority for repeal. Incidentally, if New York votes wet, it will be the sixth state to ratify the abolition of the Eighteenth Amendment.

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NEGRO

Who says school students are narrow minded?

They had an election the other day in the senior class of the high school in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The seniors were voting to decide who was the most popular and best liked boy in the class. By an overwhelming majority they voted for negro boy. And it is a remarkable circumstance that although there are seven hundred students in this high school, only twenty of them are colored.

A similar episode happened in my high school days out in Cripple Creek, Colorado. There was only one negro boy and he was about the most popular chap in school.

TALL

Now for a tall story which I think deserves a copy of the book. It comes from Frank Morrissey of Overbrook, Pennsylvania. Maybe football fans will recall that Frank Morrissey used to play professional football, in fact he did so for four years.

Well, the story is that Frank who weighs two hundred and twenty pounds, was once pointed out as a model by the mother of a small boy who refused to eat his spinach. Said mama to her offspring: "Look at Mr. Morrissey. See how big and strong he is. I am sure he always ate his spinach." Thereupon Frank said to the youngster: "You want to know how I got this big? Well, one time I lived near a ten acre field ~~ex~~ all planted in spinach. One day there was a terrific shower and that ten acre field was just flooded with water. Immediately after that the sun came out with such force that it turned that water into steam and cooked the spinach.

"Well, my boy," continued Morrissey, "you know what I did? I got down on my hands and knees and I ate up all that spinach, and

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that's how I got to be this size."

Now that's a tall story that is a tall story. But

Mrs. Morrissey informs me: "You ought to hear ^{some of} the tale he
tells ^{for} ~~an~~ excuse ^s when he comes ^{rolling in} ~~home~~ late."

All right, Frank, you're elected.

NUDISTS

I had imagined that the nudist craze was almost over, but evidently out on the Pacific Coast it's going strong. Up in the mountains some fifty miles from Los Angeles, is a place known as Elysian Fields. It is a hotel for those who follow the cult of the ultra-violet ray. ~~to an extreme.~~ The rule for guests, male and female, is no clothes except at meal times. When they sit down to table the feminine guests wear ~~xxxxxx~~ brassiers and dinner clothes. Dinner clothes at the Elysian Fields consist of shorts, sweaters, and sneakers.

There are other curious rules at this hotel. They have no running water, no lights, no gas, no radio. The meals are cooked ~~an~~ an old-fashioned oil stove.

Apparently this institution is not bothered by the California coppers. The management of the camp explained to us on the telephone that they ~~xxxxxxx~~ do not fear the invasion of the law because they are not members of a cult, but are just conducting a commercial camp on unusual lines. Visitors are

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welcome, provided they are willing to ~~fix~~ follow the rule of

When in Rome do as the Romans do. If you're calling on anybody

at the Elysian Fields you have to take off not only your shoes

but *the whole works.*
~~everything down to your panties and scanties.~~

SAX

They had a celebration in France recently which I am sure will interest all those who listen to the radio. The celebration was in honor of Adolf Sax, the Belgian musician who invented the saxophone.

I am informed that there are people who have exceedingly unkind things to say about poor Mr. Sax. But, as the London Times points out in an editorial, the pains we suffer are not Mr. Sax's fault. He's not to be blamed for some of the ghastly noises made in his name any more than the man who invented the gasoline explosive engine is to be blamed for all the motor *car* accidents ~~explosions~~ or any more than Shakespeare is to be blamed for all the bad Hamlets.

The Times points out that it's a peculiarity of the saxophone that no other instrument, in fact, not even a whole orchestra can drown its noise. It is, ~~says~~ the Times, "at once penetrating and languorous, aggressive and cajoling. It mopes and yearns with all the reticence of a film-star. It is blatant and

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slimy; it is honey, powdered with cayenne pepper. It is as sentimental as a green suburban girl with a ~~crush~~^{crush} on a matinee idol, and as delicate as an income-tax form or a Customs officer on a cold, wet morning."

~~AND~~ "The worst thing about a saxophone is", adds the Times, "that it is ^{excessively} easy to play, and that is why it so often makes us suffer."

London Times

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James Connolly of New Brunswick, New Jersey, sends me a curious news item. He says that a young chap in New Brunswick named Thomas Perri is training for an unusual trip; he intends to walk all the way from New Jersey to Africa. His plan is to walk to Canada, then across North America to Alaska. He will wait there until the Bering Sea is frozen over; then he proposes to walk all the way across the continent of Asia, to the Suez Canal; and at that point he will enter Africa. That certainly sounds like a tough assignment, just about a twenty thousand mile stroll, when you figure in all the detours he will have to make. From the temperate zone to the Arctic, across ice fields, down the coast of Kamchatka in winter, across China, through deserts, yes, that sounds like quite a stroll.

NAVY

Here's an item that will remind some people of that celebrated operetta of Gilbert and Sullivan, H.M.S. Pinafore. The item comes from the Department of the Navy in Washington, D. C. From that ~~AMGN~~ august department we learn that Rear Admiral Lee, Commander in Chief of the fleet, has issued an order which ~~reminiscent~~ recalls the words of Gilbert and Sullivan's Sir Joseph Porter when he sang: ~~Now~~

"Now I hold that on the seas

The expression 'if you please'

A particularly gentlemanly tone implants

And so do his sisters and his cousins and aunts

His sisters and his cousins whom he reckons by the

dozens

And his aunts."

~~And~~ Rear Admiral Lee says that in future the use of profane and obscene language is taboo in Uncle Sam's navy. The Commander in Chief has requested his officers to see that this practice is discontinued.

Uncle Sam's ~~xx~~ gobs will have to take a leaf from
the book of Gilbert and Sullivan's Captain Corchoran who said:

"Though 'bother it' I may occasionally say

I never use a big big D

What never?

Well, hardly ever."

~~As for me, do I ever miss the time for me to stop?~~

~~No, never. What? Well, hardly ever. At any rate,~~

~~SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

At any rate, now it's taboo
in Uncle Sam's Navel!

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And as for me!
I never use a big big D
What never?
Well, hardly ever!
And s - l - u - t - m.