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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There's little European news tonight -- just about  
the lightest war-news-today since the war began over there.

So let's skim through it quickly, <sup>Then</sup> let's have a look at  
Asia and finally pass along to some vivid and dramatic  
American items for a climax and a close.

AIR RAIDS

Great Britain had some more air raid alarms today -  
alarms and not much else. German planes ~~were reported to have~~  
*flew*  
~~flew~~ over the Firth of Forth, which Hitler war-birds bombed last  
Monday. Today no bombs were dropped, the German planes ~~may have~~  
*were*  
~~been on a mere~~ *on an* observation flight. They flew over at a great  
height and were away before British fighting planes were able to  
get near them.

## FRANCE

To the idea of a separate peace with France Berlin chimes in with a denial. The official German news agency issues a statement, saying - There's nothing to the suggestion that Hitler is planning an offer to France, trying to get France out of the war. Absurd, says the German news agency. And it adds ominously - that there will be a fight to the finish on the Western Front.

The assumption that the Germans intend no large scale attack in France - not right now at any rate - is not believed in Great Britain. London experts are saying - you can't be sure that Hitler won't order a big drive.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS

The Paris police, in a French drive against the outlawed Communist Party, arrested three Reds today. And in raiding their haunt in a Paris <sup>suburb</sup> ~~post~~ the gendarmes found twelve large trunks crammed with treasure. Masses of silver and gold crudely melted into ingots; also ~~more~~ silver and gold not melted down at all. Church vessels encrusted with jewels, historical pieces of ecclesiastical art, priceless old paintings, works of art of all sorts. It was easy to guess the secret -- plundered from looted Spanish Churches. Treasures <sup>seized</sup> ~~seized~~ by the Left elements in the Spanish Civil War and shipped to Red organizations in France.

TURKEY

Berlin reports that Hitler today had conferences with the Ambassadors of Italy, Soviet Russia and Turkey - discussing the new treaty between Turkey and the Allied powers. The ~~English~~ Nazi government is said to be much disturbed by that most recent pact, the government circles in Berlin are calling it - unneutral.

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FINLAND

The Foreign Minister of Finland returned home today - returned from the conference of the Scandinavian powers at Stockholm. Helsingfors reports that the Foreign Minister went into immediate conference with the Finnish Cabinet for the purpose of drafting a final reply to the demands made by Soviet Russia. The ~~war~~ world still has no real idea of what those demands are or what the reply of Finland will be.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today confirmed the supposition that the United States ban on submarines applied to the traditional three mile limit. But the President repeated his previous contentions that the term "territorial waters" may have a flexible interpretation - not merely three miles off shore, but maybe much further. The President said it depended on circumstances. Things might be such that we'd consider our territorial waters as extending hundreds of miles out to sea - maybe a thousand miles.

All of which would make "territorial waters" an exceedingly flexible term - proving that rubber is not the only thing that's elastic.

## NEUTRALITY

(Lindbergh's famous radio speech stirred up new trouble today - in the Senate, during the Neutrality debate. Senator Brown of Michigan, who supports the repeal of the Arms Embargo, took a fling at the Flying Colonel for what he had to say about Canada. Lindbergh took the attitude that if the United States is guaranteeing this Western Hemisphere against powers abroad, the United States should have something to say ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> the policies pursued by the nations it guarantees. And he pointed to Canada, and the solemn guarantee that President Roosevelt gave to the Dominion. Canada has gone into the war, which has a decided bearing on the American guarantee, said Lindbergh.)

Today, Senator Brown called it - "gratuitous insult to Canada." And the Senator remarked: - <sup>It was</sup> ~~this~~ is a plain statement <sup>urging</sup> ~~that~~ Canada <sup>to</sup> ~~must~~ cut the last tie between itself and the mother country.\* Speaking of Lindbergh's theory of the position of the United States in the Western Hemisphere, Senator Brown declared: - "I condemn his remarks, because they lend encouragement to the spirit of nationalistic imperialism that has cursed the world for centuries and which is the potent poison that has killed peace."

SHANGHAI

China pops into the news tonight with a sounding pair of words - "uncontrolled hooliganism." The complaint is from Shanghai, where the Chinese part of the City is governed by a regime installed by the Japanese. Foreign interests in the International Settlement have important properties extending into the Chinese part of the town, and ~~are~~ patrolling the streets in this area. The protest is that the Japanese-appointed city government is running things badly, conniving with the opium traffic and with all sorts of misdoing and disorder. Disorder characterized by those two mouth-filling words, "uncontrolled hooliganism."

Assaults have been ~~committed again~~ committed against *foreigners* ~~business~~ and patrolling police in the employ of the International Settlement have been killed. The situation has become so bad and unruly that today an American official said - "Call the marines." He wants the marines to take over sections of the Chinese part of <sup>the</sup> Shanghai and preserve order. ~~and the Chinese authorities, sponsored by the Japanese, won't do it.~~

In Washington today Secretary of State ~~Cordell~~ Hull was asked about the Shanghai trouble, and the suggestion that the marines be used. He replied that the State Department was leaving it up to the local American representatives in ~~Shanghai~~ *the Far East.*

TOKYO

Tokyo newspapers were saying today that Japan appreciates the candor of American Ambassador Grew. This, referring to the decidedly candid address the Ambassador made, a warning to Japan that the United States is ~~distinctly~~ opposed to ~~the~~ Japanese ~~conquest~~ <sup>violence</sup> in China and the violation of American rights there.

The Tokyo newspapers are answering that by saying - "Yes, we appreciate the candor." And then added, that American opposition will not affect ~~the~~ Japanese policy one bit. The Mikado's government will go ahead and try to establish what it calls "a new order" in eastern Asia - whether the United States likes it or not. But, anyway, thanks for the candor!

## SHIP

The United States Steamship ACADIA put into New York today with a tremendous story of storm. And not only that, storm at sea and fighting on the ship. The ACADIA was caught in the violent tempest of several days ago, with five hundred and twenty passengers from Europe. It went through a trying ordeal - especially when fist-fights broke out among the crew. The passengers complained that the sailors acted badly all along, were insolent and cantankerous. ~~The~~

The trouble started over matters of shore leave at ports in France, England and Ireland. Then, a row started between two labor factions aboard, two union groups. Some of the crew belonging to the National Maritime Union, which is C.I.O., others were members of the International Seamen's Union, which is A.F. of L. So they had the old C.I.O.-A.F.L. <sup>of</sup> scrap aboard ship - while the storm was raging. The wind was a shrieking, howling gale. The sea is described as - heaving mountains. At the height of the tempest the ACADIA had to heave to, and lie wallowing amid the mountainous waves. And to cap the stormy climax, there were fist fights among the crew, <sup>the</sup> C.I.O. ~~slung~~ <sup>slung</sup> it out with the A.F. of L. - while ~~the~~ tempest raged.

K-D-K-A

Twenty years ago, Station K-D-K-A in Pittsburgh began organized radio broadcasting. Today, twenty years later, K-D-K-A is installing a powerful ultra-modern transmitter unit, a transmitter embodying the latest of science, improvements never before used in broadcasting.

And that raises the question, "What will things be like twenty years from ~~today~~<sup>now?</sup>" K-D-K-A is trying to answer that. Tonight they're having a ceremony, installing the new transmitter, and in a glass time cabinet they're sealing predictions of fifteen leaders of science. These experts of technology have written their own prognostications of what scientific progress may be expected at the end of twenty years. These prophecies are being sealed in the time cabinet, and will remain sealed - until Nineteen Sixty. Then they'll be opened, and people will be able to judge the correctness of those scientific prophets of today.

## PROCLAMATIONS

You know how governors of states issue proclamations dedicating various days to various things. There are Mother's Day and Father's Day, Tree Planting Day or Shine-Up-Your-Automobile Day. Days dedicated to various activities, days commemorating heroes of battles, or ~~what-kay-eyx~~ what-not. <sup>"</sup>Too many of those dedicated days," says Governor Aiken of Vermont.

His Honor, the Governor, declares that he is beset by all sorts of propagandists and pressure groups wanting him to issue proclamations dedicating days to suit their own interests. So today Governor Aiken issued a proclamation which goes like this:-

"Now therefore I do hereby proclaim now and for the duration of my term, that the executive office is not going to be used for propaganda artists, pressure groups, lobbyists, and promotion managers. I shall issue no proclamations except for those few occasions that are generally respected and observed by the people of Vermont."

A proclamation to end all proclamations.

DOG

At the Yale-Army game tomorrow, one of the prominent figures will be, "Handsome Dan." That may sound like good news at New Haven, but it isn't. There seems to be no hope for Handsome Dan, the Yale bulldog mascot - struck by a hit-and-run driver on Tuesday. He's Handsome Dan the Fourth, and today it appears that he won't recover. So for the Yale-Army game they'll parade - no, not his successor. His predecessor. They're bringing out Handsome Dan the Third from his comfortable retirement.

Several years ago, that Yale bulldog was pensioned off because of old-age. But now he'll take his place once again as a mascot of the Blue in a big game to be played before Ex-President Hoover and Governors Carr of Colorado and Baldwin of Connecticut.

## SHOOTING

There was a nerve-wracking affair at Austin, Texas, today - a gun battle in a school-yard, a hail of bullets across the playground. And the yard was crowded with children, as the police shot it out with a bandit!

Yesterday this bandit robbed a bank at Blanco, Texas, and got away. Early today, with a manhunt on, he held up a police officer in an automobile. He took the policeman's pistol - also the car. And away he raced. Another police car picked up the trail, and there was a wild pursuit, along the highway and into Austin, the capital of Texas. The speeding police car was catching up with the racing bandit. He was just passing a school yard, when he stopped suddenly, jumped out, and dashed on to the playground. It was recess time, crowds of children playing their games. The bandit tore through the ~~crowd~~ <sup>throng</sup> of kids, and took shelter behind a tree as the police car came up. And he opened fire on the officers. They shot back - bullets whistling over the heads of the children.

It was nerve-wracking all right, but the teachers helped a lot. They yelled to the children to lie down, and the kids

got the idea - they threw themselves on the ground. As the shooting went off, one policeman dropped with a bullet in his leg. And the bandit, as he blazed away from behind the tree, was hit in the foot. He emptied two guns he had, and then surrendered. The casualties among the children? None at all.

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## VALENTINO

Every so often the news brings us a bit to remind us of the cult of Rudolph Valentino. It still lingers on.

And today brings the most curious Valentino story of all, simply fantastic in its emotional twisters. In Chicago, a girl is in a hospital with a badly burned hand and arm, and today in a police court a young man faced the judge on a charge of theft. He summarized the story in these words:- "My girl Marian," he told the judge, "was nuts about Rudolph Valentino."

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boy friend:- "Ben, I'd dearly love to own that film." (She wanted the pictures of the Sheik to put in her collection, as part of her Valentino shrine.)

Ben was a devoted lover. He'd do anything Marian asked. So at night he broke his way into the theatre, ~~got into the theatre~~ got into the projection booth, and swiped the newsreel. He took it to Marian, who was waiting for him in the basement of her home. Together, they unwound the film, found the Valentino sequence, and snipped it out with a pair of scissors. They decided to burn the rest of the film in the furnace. They didn't understand how inflammable and explosive motion picture film is. As Ben tossed the mass of celluloid into the furnace, a sheet of flame shot out. Marian was standing with the strip of Valentino film in her hand. It caught fire and flamed swiftly upward. She screamed, as the blaze seered her hand and arm. They took Marian to the hospital and Ben to jail.

That was the story Ben told the judge in court today. Whereupon it all ended happily. The Judge dismissed the charge against Ben. The manager of the burglarized motion picture

theatre stepped forward and made a remark about Ben and Marian getting married. "And for your wedding present," announced the theatre manager, "I'll give you a copy of that Valentino film."

And what have you to add to that happy ending, High?

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