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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The storm king ruled the water this weekend! The wires crackle with tales of disaster and peril all around the world. Even the giant QUEEN MARY, pride of John Bull's merchant fleet, battered by storms, arrived in Cherbourg from New York hours late.

On the other side of the world, the big Japanese freighter, OSAKA MARU, foundered, went to Davey Jones' locker off Cape Shimonsaki -- there where it can mingle with the Russian war fleet sunk by Admiral Togo thirty odd years ago. For many hours the crew of the OSAKA MARU were in peril, more than a score of them. They were rescued with difficulty.

In the storm tossed Irish Sea tonight, an American liner floats adrift, rudderless. The AMERICAN SHIPPER of the American Merchant Line. For hours she had been wallowing in a

heavy sea. Her first call for help was answered by a couple of tugs from Dublin. But they proved too small and were powerless to handle the heavy liner. ~~Theyxxxxxx~~ There are <sup>some</sup> ~~more than~~ twenty passengers aboard her.

But strangest of all <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ the tale of a Spanish passenger ship, the CHRISTOBAL COLON. She lies piled high on a treacherous coral reef off Bermuda. On board she carried a hundred and sixty <sup>in her</sup> ~~souls~~ <sup>strangely large crew,</sup> crew, and ~~passengers~~.

Herein lies a mystery. The CHRISTOBAL COLON was on her way to Vera Cruz, Mexico, from Cardiff, Wales. What ~~is~~ is she doing on those dangerous reefs off Bermuda? She is miles off her course. Her last call was at Santander in Spain, a port controlled by the <sup>-the left wing,</sup> Loyalists. When she cleared from there, her next land-fall was to be at a port not designated.

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It isn't the first time the CHRISTOBAL COLON has been in trouble in the last four months. Last August, during the first days of the Spanish Revolution, she was bound from Vera Cruz to <sup>V</sup>Vigo, Spain. But before she was even near the harbor, Vigo was captured by the Rebels. So the CHRISTOBAL COLON, with three

hundred and forty passengers aboard, made for Southampton, England.

The officials of the British admiralty refused her permission to

dock. So she steamed across the channel to Harve, in France.

The French authorities followed the example of the Britishers.

That left the master of the CHRISTOBAL COLON in a tough spot.

Not knowing what to do, he ~~in~~ anchored off St. Nazaire, *France,*

Finally, a crew sent by the <sup>*Madrid*</sup>~~Spanish~~ government took charge and

later some of the passengers were permitted to land in France.

A month after that, the CHRISTOBAL COLON was at sea *for*  
ten days, steaming around all over the map, looking for a port  
still controlled by the ~~Spanish~~ government. After almost a month  
at sea, she finally put in at Santander. — *then across the*  
*ocean to her doom on a coral reef at*  
*Bermuda.*

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## SPAIN

The story from Spain can be swiftly told today. It won't be long now, says the Fascist high command. Madrid is now isolated. The Nationalist troops will enter the capital in ten days at the outside, probably three -- says Franco.

The news is that the Rebels have a large force of baby tanks, the last word in offensive warfare. Not much larger than a taxi, they can travel over rough ground at fifty miles an hour. And -- they are said to be of Italian origin.

Today's scenario shows: the dangerous labyrinth into which the Communist-Fascist war in Spain has thrown all Europe. Some find it difficult to see how another Armageddon can be prevented. The reports that Russian ships are on their way with munitions and supplies for the Spanish government were partly confirmed today. Two Soviet cargo steamers on their way from Vladivostok - thru Suez.

~~Six more, it is said, will reach Port Said, in a day or so.~~

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Already Istambul announces that twelve Russian steamers have passed through the Dardanelles in a fortnight, ~~They were all~~ bound for ~~either~~ Alicante or Cardegena.

The charge has been hurled that the Soviet, relying upon its alliance with France, will try to use French ports as bases for naval operations. That ~~was~~<sup>s</sup> officially denied at the Quai d'Orsay. Simultaneously, the Red party in France clamored<sup>s</sup> for an ending of the French embargo on shipments to Spain.

But the big diplomatic bombshell comes from Portugal. That Portuguese note to the Earl of Plymouth, Chairman of the Committee on Non-Intervention, was anything but diplomatic. Wars have been started on less provocation. Russia is trying to instigate a revolution in Portugal. That's what the Portuguese Fascist government complains. It charges further that Soviet strategists in Moscow are advising, and in fact directing, the defense of Madrid. The ambition of the Kremlin, say the Portuguese, is an all-Red Iberian Peninsula - both Spain ~~xxxxxxxx~~

and Portugal Communist. To cloud the situation still further, there were rumors that the Russian steamers on their way to Spain carry not only munitions and supplies, but twenty thousand Soviet volunteers to fight for the Spanish government.

## DEGRELLE

Belgium in a state of seige tonight. Strange from hitherto peaceful little country. People today are asking: "Who is this Leon Degrelle , the new stormy petrel of the European sky? Who is this Baby Hitler, unknown a year ago, today so powerful that the Belgian government threw him into jail over night to keep him out of mischief?"

He is barely thirty years old, a Walloon by birth. His appeal avowedly is to youth. One of his slogans is: "The old role of Belgium is finished." He calls his party the "Rex", the Latin for King. "The purpose of "Rex", he says, "is to abolish old alliances and bring Belgium to a position of first importance." His admitted ambition is to surround France with a ring of Fascist countries, Spain, Italy, Germany, and finally Belgium. He boasts that he has sent as many of his Rexist troops as he could to join the armies of General Franco in Spain.

His rise to power has been swifter than even those of Mussolini and Hitler. He has the sympathy and financial support of the old rich Belgian nobility yet he has violently attacked the bankers, whom he describes as "banksters."

Opposing newspapers first treated him with contempt.

They said that what made Degrelle popular was not Rex appeal, but sex appeal.

In the first election he contested, he won twenty-one seats in the Belgian Parliament. Then instead of congratulating his deputies, he called them together and curtly ordered them to avoid paling up with members of the old parties. He even forbade them to frequent the bar of the House of Parliament. That, he says is where the mischief is done. That is where many an honest young legislator becomes corrupted not by money but by friendship and the demoralizing effects of conviviality. The Rexist members of Parliament even travel third class on the railways, on hard wooden benches, so they won't meet the representatives of the older parties in first class. In a message of defiance to the Belgian Premier, he says: "You want dead bodies, Mr. Van Zeeland, but you will not get them."

Last night, in jail, has far from quenched the ardor of Leon Degrelle. When he was released early today, he issued a fresh challenge to the government. Taking a leaf from Mussolini, he proposes to march on Brussels with ~~not~~ a hundred and fifty thousand of his Fascist followers. The consequence



is that the Brussels police patrolled the streets today with rifles over their shoulders. Every motor car entering the city was searched. No street cars running. The streets are filled with crowds kept on the move by armed gendarmes and patrolmen with clubs. The government has machine gun squads at all key points of the city.

CHARELL

It isn't often that beauty contest are news. But tonight I learned of one that is decidedly news. It began when somebody asked Erik Charell to name the most beautiful women in the world's five foremost cities. Said Mr. Charell: "One of the most beautiful women I ever saw was a Viennese waitress. He wanted to hire her for the American production of "White Horse Inn", that spectacular musical show at the Center Theatre of Radio City.

But the real headline news comes with the second lady he selected as one of the most beautiful of the day. Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, no less. We've seen almost innumerable reproductions of her face in American newspapers lately. None of course, in the British papers. Silence over there. No mention of her. Helen of Troy, it is said, had a face that launched a thousand ships. Mrs. Simpson's face is the one that launched a thousand censorships. Says Mr. Charell: "She's not intrinsically beautiful. But she has the charm and glamor of a magnetic personality.

PATRIARCHS

I ran into an oddity a moment ago, just by accident. We think of this as a young country. And it is. But, there are plenty of fine old firms in these United States, firms now paying, or perhaps I should say still paying, gigantic taxes, for the support of our government, firms that are almost as old as the oldest business houses in the Old World. Well, here's what I ran into:-

Five employees of one New York house who have worked for their firm for an aggregate of two-hundred-and-sixty-two years -- each man has been there for over fifty years -- two for over fifty-five. They were being honored *by Park + Tilford at a swanky Waldorf* luncheon. I stopped and chatted with them for a moment, about the good old days -- when they didn't even have any telephones. And the old boys told me about the ~~big~~ blizzard of Eighteen-Eighty-eight when it snowed without any ~~let-up~~ let-up for three days and nights, and they had to sleep on coffee bags in the storeroom. One told of how he used to sell cigars to John W. Gates of "Bet a Million" fame. And the elder J. P. Morgan, a thousand dollars' worth of cigars at a crack. And in those days they had one cigar that sold for six dollars each --

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- 5 cents a puff,

six bucks for one smoke, Andrew Mellon used to buy cigars from this same man, ten for fifteen cents. Well, those good old days of cigars at six dollars each are gone forever. These five old boys are still going strong.

SUPREME COURT

And now another policy of the New Deal is to be submitted to the acid test of the United States Supreme Court. The Labor Relations Act fathered by Senator Wagner of New York, and one of the measures most highly favored by the President will have to run the gauntlet of the nine justices.

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This bill, as everybody knows, guarantees the right of workers to collective bargaining. But that isn't the point <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ its opponents claim to be ~~un~~ unconstitutional. It's the clause in the act which establishes the National Labor Relations Board that is being attacked. Congress has no power to appoint federal officials to settle disputes between employers and employees. *That's the argument.*

The fight on the Wagner Act is really <sup>two</sup> ~~two~~ sides <sup>d</sup> ~~d~~. <sup>began with</sup> ~~One was started by~~ the ~~formidable~~ Associated Press. The A.P. had fired a man in its New York Office. Morris Watson, the discharged reporter, claimed that he was ~~ca~~ned because he'd been active in the Newspaper Guild. Nothing of the sort said the A. P. officials, he was dismissed for cause. The National Labor Relations Board ordered the A. P. to reinstate

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on the petition. So as the next session won't be until two weeks from now there can be no decision before election.



TUNNEL

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Some seventy years ago, a mining engineer named Sutro, from Germany, went to Nevada and startled the mine experts. He declared that he could build a tunnel which would drain the famous Comstock Lode and make its fabulous riches available. The experts scoffed at him. They pointed out that to do it he would have to tunnel into the Sierras for four and a half miles. Sutro let them scoff but built his tunnel, and it fulfilled every promise he had made for it. The result was that Adolph Sutro became a millionaire, Mayor of San Francisco, and one of the bonanza kings of the good old days of the west.

I happened to be thinking of Adolph Sutro today because I wonder what he would say if he had been at Pocahontas, Virginia, this afternoon. ~~If~~ he were, he ~~undoubtedly~~ would have ~~been one of the distinguished guests who~~ traveled through a drainage tunnel not four and a half miles, but more than eighteen and a half miles long. Such is the new drainway just completed by the Pocahontas Fuel Company. It makes the historic affair constructed by Adolph Sutro, look like a child's plaything.

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~~Actually, the formal opening was yesterday, when~~

This new tunnel at Pocahontas, I am told, is the latest marvel in the world of modern mine engineering. It was built because, without it, the company would have had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a month pumping water out of their mines. We get some idea of the size of the mines by the fact that according to Supt. Bill German, the coal loaded during the last twenty-three days, if placed in railroad cars laid end to end, would reach from Philadelphia to New York.

The Pocahontas people are revolutionizing the marketing of soft coal. Customers complained that its use made too much dust in the house. So the engineers settled that problem by spraying their coal at the mines with an oil made by my sponsor, a product of the Sun Oil Co. And now you tell them about Sun Oil, Navy Day, or something, Neel and SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.