

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(Today an army of thirty-three thousand men backed up by a large fleet of brand new tanks from Russia, burst into the narrow winding streets of the Spanish town of Belchite. That's a key position bang in the middle of General Franco's salient around Teruel.) Belchite is twenty-two miles southeast of Saragosa, a small but ancient walled city famous for its wines. (According to the latest report that victorious government army has the rebel garrison of Belchite surrounded in the city hall and the buildings of an old seminary. Unless Franco can rush reinforcements that garrison will be wiped out.)

More excitement in those latitudes today was caused by a submarine attack on a British destroyer, the HAVOCK.) Torpedoes were launched at the HAVOCK off Cape Antonia, some sixty miles south of Valencia. The immediate response was a concentration of British warships, eight destroyers and two cruisers. (It is believed that the submarine which launched those torpedoes belonged

to Italy. This is denied in Rome today.) When the HAVOCK was attacked, it counter-attacked with depth charges, but apparently without effect.

Indignation in France over the situation in the Mediterranean came to a head today. The French say they are fed up with the repeated torpedo attacks on merchant ships. French anger burst out in a formal statement from the Paris Foreign office, a complaint to Great Britain. "The torpedoing of merchant ships in the Mediterranean cannot be attributed to Spanish submarines because they occur at great distances from the coast of Spain." An official spokesman made the statement in these words: "The patience of the French and British governments has its limits," and adds:- "It is increasingly difficult for them to resign themselves to the fiction of non-aggression which is so openly and broadly transgressed by a power that is resolved not to take an account of its commitments." The power plainly indicated being Italy!

VETERANS

Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri is on the war path over the war debts. He is vehemently opposed to allowing the European nations to settle those billions of obligations at a few cents on the dollar. So he told the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their national encampment in Fuffalo. But that's tame compared to what the veterans heard from old Gimlet Eye; Major General Smedley Butler.

"Uncle Sam should immediately withdraw his protection of all American investments in China." So said Old Gimlet Eye. At which the Veterans jumped to their feet cheering. They promptly adopted unanimously ~~to that~~ a resolution to that effect. Smedly D. went even further: He urged them to demand that American flags be takdn down from any vessel not owned by the United States Governemtn.

CHINA

And now we come to China. One of the most interesting statements about that danger-laden situation, comes from the ~~Honorable Dan Roper, our~~ ^{Roper:—} Secretary of Commerce, "The worst is over in Chinese waters," says ~~Secretary Roper.~~ ^{he.} "The tension is lifted. It won't be long before Uncle Sam's merchant vessels will be able to ply ~~their~~ there just as usual."

To be sure, Admiral Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of ~~the American~~ ^{the American} ~~Uncle Sam's~~ fleet over there has ordered American ships to keep away. But a dispatch from Shanghai says that foreigners are ~~getting to~~ ^{ing} breathe more easily. The curfew law tonight isn't as strict as it has been the last few days, and everybody expects that American liners will resume their regular calls within a week. It's also stated definitely that the Japanese naval authorities are not interfering with any but Chinese ships. There was a report that they have virtually barred foreign ships from the Whangpoo River, and that report is firmly contradicted. As a matter of fact, one French merchant vessel ~~xxx~~ steamed through the line of Japanese ships at the mouth of the Whangpoo this morning. The only reaction to that was a warning from the

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Japanese naval officer that foreign ships should be careful to avoid collisions and should also remember that they are in danger of being attacked by Chinese planes if they get in too near Japanese war vessels. That sounds like an eminently friendly attitude, and a contrast to some of the alarming messages that have been coming out of China.

Perhaps the most startling intimation we have from the Far East is that Russia is about to jump in. ~~with all four feet~~ However, ~~we have to remember that this is not a fact but a~~ ^{mere} surmise, a guess on the part of some of the diplomats on the China coast, ~~It is~~ based partly on rumors that more than twenty ~~of the~~ Soviet army pilots are flying ^{these} Chinese fighting planes. That again is ~~just a~~ rumor. But it's a fact that the Japanese are pushing their attack northwest of Peiping into the Province of Suiyuan. So doing, they are thrusting a spearhead dangerously close to the parts of Outer Mongolia, over which Moscow claims suzerainty. Furthermore, the belief prevails that Dictator Stalin has practically finished his blood purge though we ^{do} heard of six more executions only this morning. Of course, if Russia

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LABOR

The latest eruption on America's labor front occurred in San Francisco, an embargo declared by teamsters serving the San Francisco docks. It's another one of those things, a quarrel between rival unions. Because the two unions can't agree, the teamsters won't remove anything from the docks or deliver any cargoes to ships. So huge masses of materials are piling up on the piers. Perishables are spoiling, foodstuffs becoming uneatable.

There's a new departure in the Province of Quebec, Canada. The Fairway Act, passed by the provincial parliament, went into effect; an act which gives the provincial government the power to regulate, wages, hours and working conditions in all lines of business except farms and private houses. Incidentally, it establishes a board of five members, somewhat like our own Labor Relations Board but with wider powers. In Quebec, the decision of the Labor Board is final in any dispute in case the union cannot come to terms with the employers.

ZENDA

This is a red letter day in the history of the smallest ~~city~~ ^{town} in the world. It's in the province of Ontario and its name is Zenda, just the same as in Anthony Hope's famous novel. It's a red letter day because that smallest ~~city~~ ^{town} in the world is completely empty. Its entire population was evacuated by a TWA plane and carried to New York to see the latest film version of "The Prisoner of Zenda" at the Radio City Music Hall in Rockefeller Center. So today Zenda is literally a twentieth century replica of Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Its tiny business section is boarded up, its front doors locked and barred, temporarily — because the entire population will be flown back to Zenda.

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GEHRIG

Lou Gehrig, the celebrated iron man of baseball, was in a non-receptive mood today -- non-receptive to money. He refused to accept -- not one check, but two. One was sent to him from Columbia University to pay him for a lecture he had delivered. Larruping Lou, an Alumnus of Columbia, returned the check, saying he was only too delighted to have been of slight service to his Alma Mater. He also returned a check from a radio sponsor. That sponsor happened to be the manufacturer of a cereal. When Lou got on the air several weeks ago he declared that his good health, endurance and vigor were due not to the cereal made by that sponsor, but to a rival product. Lou just got the names mixed. So today he declined to accept the check which was sent to him. The radio sponsor evidently is a good sport for he said, "That's all right, Lou. You keep the check, We got our money's worth."

Now here's the inside story:- I was talking to the advertising expert who handles that account. It's anew product and the Gehrig bull he says attracted ten times as much attention as the correct version would have done.

McCARTHY

A romance has gone on the rocks, and all because of a dummy. However, it's the most famous dummy in the world.

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Charlie McCarthy - everybody knows him - has caused all of us many a hearty laugh. Today, ~~he's~~ causing a heartbreak. Judy Conover, says it's on account of Charlie that she has thrown over her fiance, Edgar Bergen, *the ventriloquist,* popularly known as Charlie's stooge.

"I won't play second fiddle to a dummy," says Judy.

It isn't the first time Charlie got ^{*his boss*} Edgar into trouble.

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~~Mr.~~ Bergen went to Northwestern University with the intention of becoming a doctor. In those days Charlie was just a hobby of Edgar's. But Charlie made such a hit, that Bergen decided to cash in on him and give up his career as a medico. That was much to the chagrin of the Bergen family. In fact, even today while ~~the~~ Charlie is earning more money for Edgar in a week than he would make in a year as a doctor, the Bergen family shakes its head, *while the nation shakes its sides.*

They say in Hollywood that what got Judy Conover's goat was learning that Edgar Bergen had written a clause into his will leaving Charlie McCarthy ten thousand dollars.

BREVITIES

Can you imagine anybody wearing long flannel underwear in this ~~ex~~ weather? In Brooklyn, New York, there's a gentleman who thanks his lucky stars that he has that eccentric habit. He sold an apartment house he owned and was on his way home in a taxicab with the money -- six thousand seven hundred dollars. On the way he was held up. The thieves got fifteen dollars which he had in his hip pocket. But they didn't get the six thousand seven hundred dollar wad which he had tucked down into one of the legs of his heavy summer flannel underwear. Moral -- let's all put on flannel underwear -- if we have six ~~th~~ thousand dollars to carry round.

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There was a collision at sea off the coast of lower California. A Mexican freighter was rammed, and sank to the bottom. Four of her crew, trapped below decks, went down with her. Fourteen passengers and sailors and a stowaway were rescued.

That nine-year-old girl who recently became a bride in Tennessee, is separated from her bridegroom. Charlie, the twenty-six year old groom got fed up with his in-laws and lit out for Illinois -- leaving his nine-year-old bride.

Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British speed king, has a new record. He wasn't content with having driven an automobile faster on land than anybody else. It's just about two years ago that he made a pace of more than three hundred and one miles an hour over the salt flats at Boneville, Utah. And today he made on hundred and twenty-six and a quarter miles an hour in a motor boat on Lake Maggiore. It hasn't been recognized as official yet, and our own Gar Wood says that if Campbell's mark is recognized he-- Gar -- will lose in time in trying to break it.

Guns continued to crackle in the Holy Land. The latest victims of the shipping are two Arabs. In the last three days ten Arabs and Jews have been killed. The British authorities say if there's any more of this there will be Martial Law in Palestine -- law of war in the principality of the Prince of Peace!

There's a convention of the American Psychological Association now on at Minneapolis. And one of the questions asked was "What's wrong with the World?" -- a question that has always been asked. The answer of one eminent psychologists was "What we need is more altruism and more confidence." It seems to me one has heard that sentiment expressed in the Bible, and expressed rather better. But one eminent scientifico came out with a completely startling notion. He says it is wrong to make small boys wash their faces. Youngsters who are cruelly and painfully forced to have that tender spot behind the ears scrubbed every day are the ones who, when they grow up, become radicals. Say he! Maybe that's why I'm not a radical. My face was always dirty. And

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.