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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The week's news opens with some hopes that war may be averted in the steel industry, that there'll be no repetition of the tragedy of Eighteen Ninety-Two at Homestead, Pennsylvania. The hopes aren't particularly concrete as yet. They are founded mostly on two facts. First of all, the Union has asked the leaders of the steel industry for a conference. They want to negotiate before taking action, action that could plunge at least three states into bitter labor strife. If history were to repeat itself -- Homestead Strike history.

Indeed, the news looked ominous early today. To begin with, as everybody knows, (the steel industry had announced that it would resist the Union, resist as it said, "with all its resources." To counter that came a statement from Lieutenant-Governor Kennedy of Pennsylvania that the resources of the State would be behind the steel workers if they struck.)

Kennedy, in addition to being Lieutenant-Governor, is Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers, which is the spearhead of the Unions. Investigators for the

Union then claimed that they had information to prove that the heads of the steel industry were drilling and arming large forces of deputies, *which the steel heads vigorously deny.*

The second fact that gives us hope for peace is that the government is intervening to bring about arbitration. The National Labor Relations Board, as established by the bill of Senator Wagner, is trying to compel the steel companies to accept the provisions of that act in order to avert the ~~terrible~~ strife that is threatened.

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For all that, it's a situation to make everybody anxious. A determined man is John Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, and head of the Committee of Industrial Organization which is pressing the drive. Determined men also are the leaders of the steel industry, who are not at the top of their <sup>*business world*</sup> ~~class~~, because they are weak. And, as we have seen during the past two weeks, Lewis also has the influence and power of the American Federation of Labor against him.

All together, it is a complication<sup>*ed*</sup>, many cornered, many headed fight. There have been several serious strikes in the last



GLAVIS

An appointment just announced in Washington call up<sup>s</sup> memories of one of the bitterest feuds that ever shook the capitol. Louis R. Glavis, the stormy petrel of the Taft administration, is to become a chief attorney for the Senate's Committee to investigate campaign activities. For the last three years Mr. Glavis has been head of the inspection force of the W.P.A.

~~He ought to be at home in his new post.~~ Political excitement has been Louis Glavis' middle name for some thirty-two years. In Nineteen Four, when he was only twenty-one, Commissioner Richard Ballinger of the United States Land Office, gave him his first ~~ke~~ job. That was to be chief of the Field Division of the Department of the Interior on the Pacific Coast. ~~He hadn't~~ ~~been there long before an evil odor assailed his investigating~~ ~~nostrils.~~ He ran into evidence that Uncle Sam's coal lands were being grabbed by a syndicate by means of dummy claimants. Glavis reported his discovery to his chief, Commissioner Ballinger. What did Ballinger do? He resigned his job with Uncle Sam and became attorney for the identical group that

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Glavis was trying to get the goods on. Nevertheless, Glavis persisted. But in Nineteen Eight, William Howard Taft became President and one of the first things he did was to name Ballinger Secretary of the Interior. One of the first acts of the new Secretary of the Interior was to order Glavis to stop his investigation. Glavis went over the Secretary's head and took his story straight to President Taft. The President upheld Ballinger, Glavis was fired.

This helped bring on a Congressional investigation. It cleared Ballinger, but he resigned six months later. The man who followed Ballinger as Secretary of the Interior declared that Glavis had saved the government some two hundred million dollars in rich coal lands.

He stuck to a modest private practice until Nineteen Thirty-Three, he went to Washington, to try to get a job for a friend. In the corridors of the Interior Department he accidentally met Secretary Ickes. "Where the deuce have you been?" said the Secretary, adding: "We need you right now." So he became head of the Department's Bureau of Investigation.

Today the story going round Washington is that Glavis now becomes chief attorney for the campaign investigating committee at the request of President Roosevelt himself. Then there's still another version that would have us believe that the shift comes as the result of another row with Ickes. Glavis and Ickes differing over department details. Glavis, as he had done in Nineteen Nine taking his case over his boss's head to the President. This time, instead of being fired, he gets shifted to another job.

## TREASURE

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What fascinating material there is for a great novelist in that treasure hunt story from Iowa! <sup>And</sup> It isn't the usual treasure ~~story~~ <sup>yarn</sup> ~~story~~ <sup>no</sup> pirate stuff, no buried loot. The workers who are digging around that old Iowa farmhouse at this moment are not looking for anything so romantic. What they are after is a <sup>pile of</sup> Uncle Sam's bank notes, hidden there years ago by three thrifty bachelor farmers.

The place of this extraordinary scene is a typical Iowa farm. From the outside you might say that there could be no romantic story concealed in such a place. So what is happening now just shows that there is no place on earth where you cannot find strange human stories - if you only know where to look for them. The tale behind this tale is one that would have kept the late Mr. Balzac up for many a long night saturating himself with black coffee while he wrote it. Or it might have inspired Sir Walter Scott to write another of those brief novels of his in some five hundred thousand words.

Several years ago that farm near Tipton, Iowa, was being worked by three elderly brothers named Iwers. As farmers they

were not particularly remarkable, <sup>But -</sup> as individuals they were.

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In a friendly community they had no friends. Surrounded by chatty neighbors, they never chatted with anybody. And they never, except by accident, spoke to a woman. <sup>It</sup> Nobody in the county ever dreamed that they had any money. They lived in a simplicity so stark and austere as to be positively penurious. Their home was bare, their clothes threadbare. Hardly ever bought a new suit. They didn't even own their eight hundred and eighty acre farm, <sup>Most</sup> most of it was rented.

The last of the Iwers brothers died last year, seventy-four years old. He left his property to a couple of his cousins. They didn't think much of the bequest, knowing that few of those eight hundred and eighty acres belonged to the three miser brothers. And none of the other relatives got excited about it or felt slighted at being left out. But in rummaging round, they came across two stout iron bound chests. It isn't difficult to imagine their astonishment when they found in those chests money including gold ~~certificates~~ certificates to the tidy total of two hundred and thirty-four thousand, eight hundred



dollars.

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Now follows a sequel <sup>such as</sup> ~~that~~ has been used by many a playwright. The other relations of the Iwer<sup>s</sup> brothers who had been quite indifferent when the Will was first probated, got up in arms. Seventeen of them banded together and hired a lawyer to break the Will. What is more, fresh information has come to light which indicates that more treasure may be buried on ~~that~~ Iwer<sup>s</sup> farm. For it now turns out that the three miser brothers owned several rich mortgages as well as bonds. Whenever a check or a coupon came their way, they changed it for cash. All the bills found in those two treasure chests are old ones, dating long before President Roosevelt called in all the gold certificates. Therefore the heirs are asking: "What can have become of all the cash they handled in the last few years?" Hence the feverish activity with pick and shovel, <sup>and</sup> a legal battle begun with all the bitter feeling, hatred and recriminations that only a family row can develop. ~~to the utmost~~

BASEBALL

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too fair with the cash customers. They've gone under the theory, that since the teams were chosen mostly by the votes of the fans, those who bought their way through the gate had a right to see *all the stars nominated for this special squad* ~~the entire team~~ in action. The American League Managers, on ~~the~~

the contrary, have fought to win and used few substitutes. The consequence was that several *Amer. League* ~~quite spectacular~~ stars took a

long journey just for the unusual experience of spending the afternoon sitting on a bench. *Now* *for the Junior League,* Marse Joe intends, so it is said, *to do the same thing* — ~~to~~ give everybody his turn either at the bat or in the field.

He 's going to use all his pitchers, even if the man who leads off is *pitching air tight ball,* ~~in perfectly good form, perfectly able to hold the mound.~~

The betting is that Robert Moses Grove, commonly known as "Lefty", of the Red Sox, will start for the Americans, and that either Curt Davis of the Chicago Cubs or the dazzling Dizzy Dean of the Cardinals ~~will~~ will start on the mound for the Nationals.

# For eighteen of the players it will be a first experience in that all-star game. Among these will be ~~that spectacular~~ lad from San Francisco, Joe DeMaggio. *They're all talking about Joe.*

OLYMPICS

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The row over the Olympic games has burst forth again. That comes from the announcement by the American Olympic Committee that the fund is a hundred and fifty thousand dollars shy. Unless that money can be raised; the United States cannot send a full team to Berlin. This revives in a measure the old argument that the country should not be represented at all in the Nazi capital. <sup>for political reasons</sup> Those who were opposed to sending a team for political reasons are saying: "Ah ha, I told you so! It's all the result of the sentiment against the Nazis in this country." So declares Judge Jeremiah T. Mahoney, former President of the Amateur Athletic Union. Judge Mahoney took the lead in clamoring for ~~the absence of~~ American athletes <sup>to stay away</sup> from the Berlin games.

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People who don't like the mixing of politics with athletics, have a different argument. They point out that the opposition now will merely work a hardship on those American athletes who won't be able to go. The Committee has enough money to send a team, but not a full team. If they don't raise their hundred and fifty thousand, they say, it would just mean that several lads will lose their chance to take part in the games. Also, it will probably mean that some other country will run away with top honors, ~~That's the situation today,~~ probably Germany — and that would please the Nazis!

JAPAN

The Japanese have their own way of doing things. (There <sup>has</sup> been almost a dead silence from Tokyo over the abortive military revolution of February, the revolution in which three Cabinet Ministers and another man were assassinated. <sup>now -</sup> Suddenly, we learn that in ~~the next~~ this intervening time a special court has been trying the rebellious young officers responsible for that attempt to seize <sup>control</sup> ~~the national reins~~. Everything has been so secret about that trial, that nobody outside the government knows even where it was held. It is presumed that the big Yoyogi <sup>or</sup> parade grounds was the scene of the proceedings. It <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ observed that those parade grounds <sup>have been</sup> ~~were~~ under constant heavy guard, nobody admitted. Not even a list of the men on trial has been published.

In fact, we wouldn't even know that the trial had been taking place but for a short, sharp announcement from Tokyo today. It's grim enough. (Sixteen officers of His <sup>Imperial</sup> Majesty's army and one civilian sentenced to death. Five of the officers to spend the rest of their lives in jail. <sup>So</sup> There's the tragic end to that sanguinary chapter in <sup>Far Eastern</sup> history <sup>about which we were hearing in the news several months ago.</sup>)

GENEVA

( Good-bye to sanctions! The League of Nations today formally ended that sour comedy. The official date for the lifting of those penalties against Italy is July fifteenth. )

That settles one sore spot in European politics. But, the troubled question of Danzig still rears its head to threaten the peace.

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A weird variety of fears have <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>ing</sup> ~~ing~~ the dreams of the diplomats <sup>since</sup> ~~after~~ the turbulent speech of Arthur Greiser, the Nazi President of the Danzig Senate. ~~Riotous~~ Riots, fighting, even a Nazi putsch, might follow Greiser's attack on the League's control of the Free City <sup>of the Baltic.</sup> As it happened <sup>in Danzig is</sup> everything ~~was~~ as calm as a <sup>Sabbath</sup> ~~Septic~~ picnic. Riotous conduct <sup>solely</sup> ~~was~~ confined <sup>to</sup> the editorial columns of the newspapers. <sup>IT</sup> But it's plain as a pikestaff that the Nazis won't rest until Danzig is German again. And that again offers a fresh source of trouble, trouble between Germany and Poland. The last few years <sup>two countries have</sup> they ~~have~~ been friendly, maintaining a solid front, so they claim, against Communist Russia. The only action taken on this question by Geneva <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ that the League Council

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<sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>made up</sup> ~~made up~~ of French, British and Portuguese <sup>are representatives</sup> ~~are representatives~~ of France, Great Britain and Portugal. <sup>And while they watch the situation I'll say a-l-u-t-m.</sup> ~~on that committee~~

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