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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As President Roosevelt's photograph with Fala appears on the cover of our June edition of Living Tissue, I thought you might like to have a copy. If you would like additional copies, we should be only too happy to send them to you upon request. Perhaps Miss Suckley would like one, although we do not have her address.

The President of our Society has written an article on page 1 in which you may be interested also, A Great Leader and a Small Dog.

The loss of your distinguished husband's services to the nation will be felt for years to come. His special talents are so much needed now, to conclude the war and the peace. May we express our deep sympathy for you and your family in your personal bereavement?

Very sincerely yours,

Georgia P. Burford

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A Great Leader and a Small Dog

By GEORGE R. FARNUM

AT times of stirring events and in days of high emotions, the little incidental happenings of everyday existence have a way of obtruding themselves with peculiar insistence upon the public attention and of strongly moving the public imagination. So it was that, amid the universal shock and the deep mourning over the sudden death of our great war President, little Fala, his pet Scottie, came in for no small share of notice. It is well that people in general do not lose the common touch and that, regardless of the strong emotional pressures and powerful distractions to which they may be subjected, they are still responsive to the tremulous approaches of the pathos and tenderness of the little incidents and dramas of common daily life.

The love of a dog for his master is a theme of universal appeal and will always remain one of the haunting mysteries of life. As Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian dramatist, best remembered as author of The Blue Bird, once observed, "We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet; and amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us."

Only those of us who have owned a dog and have admitted him to the inner circle of our family life can fully appreciate the rare joy of his companionship and the deep consolation of his devotion. We have been witnesses daily of the steadfast love he bears us, of the deep reverence in which he holds us, and of the ready submission he accords us. And how

heavy with sorrow is the day when we lay him tenderly away, shedding an unashamed tear on the pathetic little mound which marks his last resting place. And how intolerably empty the house seems when he has gone! We vow we will never have another dog and undergo the heartache of losing him. But in the end we are likely to succumb and pay him the compliment of obtaining a successor. Though the new dog will soon be ingratiating himself into our affections and establishing himself in our lives, the one that has gone will not be forgotten but, on the contrary, will live on among our most grateful, if saddest, memories.

If perchance we are the first to go, we may confidently expect that our four-footed friend will be among those who will most deeply and truly mourn our passing. There are few spectacles more touching than the inarticulate grief of the dog who has lost his master. During the years I spent at the nation's capital, I made the acquaintance of Thomas D. Schall, Minnesota's blind Senator, and Lux, his Seeing Eye dog. The latter died of a broken heart during his master's trip to Montana to attend the funeral of his colleague, Senator Thomas J. Walsh. Tragedies of this sort in the canine world are by no means rarities. Since Pearl Harbor there have been many peculiarly affecting accounts in the daily press of the utter desolation of dogs which have been left behind when their young masters have gone forth to war.

And so there was something altogether natural and at the same time deeply touching in the public interest in the role that Fala played in those last memorable and heroic years of the life of our late President. The companionship of the great leader and the small dog was something which people in general could understand and feel in terms of their common life, and could interpret in the light of their own observations and experiences. We can well believe that there were many times in those hard and harassing days when Roosevelt turned to Fala — the traditional "best friend" — as an outlet and for that sympathetic understanding which only a dog can give to relieve the tension of crushing responsibilities. Yes, and to lighten the oppressive weight of solitary hours, for great leadership entails its full share of deep loneliness of spirit.

When they laid his master at rest at Hyde Park, Fala was there to join in the last solemn burial rites. As the West Point guard of honor fired their tribute over the grave of their fallen Chief, Fala followed each volley with a sharp bark. The late President's cousin, from whom Fala had originally come and to whom he has now returned, rather quaintly observed, "I wondered about it. It struck me in a way."

The practice of kindness toward dumb creatures is a sign of development to the higher reaches of intelligence and sympathy. For, mark you, in every place there are those who are giving of their time and thought and energy to the work of protecting from cruelty and needless sufferings the beasts of the field and streets. And you will invariably find that these people are amongst the most progressive and sympathetic and intelligent of a city's populace. They are the leaders of every good work. These are the people who make the earth clean and sweet and more like what God intended it should be.

THE REV. GEORGE LAUGHTON.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

By this time you undoubtedly have heard of Walter Winchell's broadcast of last Sunday evening and his comment in his daily column the following day referring to your alleged attack on Secretary of State Byrnes in your address at the Hotel Taft here on October 9.

I assigned two reporters to cover the event and one turned in what I thought was a very capable account of your talk. She made passing reference to your mention of Mr. Byrnes but by no stretch of the imagination could I interpret it as an attack on the Cabinet member. Since then I have talked with the writer and she, too, was unable to interpret your remarks as an attack.

No doubt Mr. Winchell has been misinformed again. However, it would please me very much if you answered Mr. Winchell either in your very interesting and widely-read column or through a personal note.

I am enclosing a clipping of The Register's account of your address as well as a proof sheet of Mr. Winchell's Monday column in which the charge was made.

Very truly yours,

Charles T. McQueeney

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NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1945

MRS. ROOSEVELT SAYS U. S. MUST FORGET FEARS

Another great war cannot be avoided unless the United States as a world leader forgets her fears of other nations and learns to understand their problems, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said yesterday. She spoke before an overflow audience of nearly 700 men and women at a luncheon meeting of the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs at the Hotel Taft.

The secret of the atomic bomb cannot be kept by this country as long as men think in other parts of the world, Mrs. Roosevelt said. If there is a next war, "it will be easier for nomadic Arabs and the cowboy in the West to escape bombs than it will be for New York or New Haven. We have to have peace or gradually all people and all highly concentrated centers of civilization will be destroyed."

Many Americans are afraid of Russia or Great Britain, Mrs. Roosevelt said. "With such fear we can never arrive at an understanding or at real co-operation. We must not let ourselves indulge in suspicion of other peoples or judge them without taking into consideration the conditions they face."

Although Americans had many inconveniences during the war, "quite honestly, we never did wonder when the enemy was going to land on our shores. The end of the war left us much less tired than the other peoples of the world. We have initiative, strength, and courage and a tremendous sense of confidence in ourselves. I hope it is justified."

The United States must be an example to other nations, Mrs. Roosevelt said. Other nations will say, "If the United States cannot solve its economic problems, how can we; if they cannot learn to live with others, how can we?" America has the most wealth and strength now; other nations will be envious and wary of her intentions.

America's leadership is the responsibility of the people of the nation. "We are the Government of this country and we assume responsibility for the actions of our representatives. We cannot shovel off this responsibility on anyone else. We must make many fundamental changes in our thinking although many of us are a little disconcerted about this change, about the necessity of beginning peace in a stranger and newer world than we had expected."

Mrs. Roosevelt warned the audience against sinking back into the apathy that characterized the end of the last war. "If we do, we may wake up some morning to find that atomists have been thinking in some other part of the world. There will be no more declared wars; the only advantage in the next war will be—who acts first."

"We should not be discouraged," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "By the results of the failure of the Foreign Ministers to reach an understanding. The failure of the meeting as almost a foregone conclusion. When three men knew each other's background and temperament as little as did Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Molotoff, they could not reach agreement. We must learn to have great patience and to view world problems through the eyes of other nations. But we should not be discouraged by one failure. If we really mean business, we will have peace in this world where peace is imperative."

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced by Dr. Katherine Blunt, president of the Connecticut College for Women, who called Mrs. Roosevelt "a woman of great courage, real imagination and tremendous devotion to the cause of peace." Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, representative from Connecticut's Second District, served as chairman of the luncheon. Leaders of many State and local women's organizations attended.

Mrs. Roosevelt Meets Women Leaders Before Luncheon

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt converses with two of Connecticut's women leaders before the luncheon meeting yesterday at the Hotel Taft. At the left is Dr. Katherine Blunt, president of Connecticut College for Women, who introduced Mrs. Roosevelt to the overflow crowd of nearly 700 guests. Mrs. David McCoy, wife of New Haven's Democratic town chairman and secretary of the Connecticut Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs, stands at the right. Mrs. McCoy arranged the details of the luncheon.

Walter Winchell
In New York

Man About Town

Jean Dawn, the radio-screen pet, is expected to startle her fans with a serious personal announcement...Fifi D'Orsay will give her wedding ring another chance—this time with Peter LaRiess...Allan Ryan and Sheila Ryan were planning a Las Vegas elopement as we went to the printers...Jackie Coogan is linked with this and that one—except Helen Forrest—his steadiest date...Marion Marvin is secretary in the Manhattan office of Warner's; weds Curly Howard (of the 3 Stooges act) in New York Wednesday. They met two weeks ago...Petrillo is plotting another agony for the radio chains...Mrs. Roosevelt's trip to Russia (for her syndicate) may include a hop to China. Mme. Chiang invited her...The on-and-off-again merger of socialites Fletcher Godfrey and Paulette Bragg (set for Nov.) is now off again. Miss Bragg's coming-of-age-birthday party will be held on the 32nd floor of the Sherry-Netherlands Hotel on Oct. 18th when she inherits thirty million dollars.

1008 agents in training were not accepted until they had passed the following test: Find a job (themselves) in a war plant in the U. S. and steal some important papers or plans...All of them did!

It will eventually be made known that ex-Sec'y of War Stimson was for giving the atomic bomb secret to Russia. Some Stimson intimates add: "Everyone had poison gas, but the Germans didn't use it"...Correspondents back from Japan report that Gen. MacArthur probably will retire in the near future "because of serious heart disturbances." Another report is that he may accept a high post with the Philippine govt...Chief Justice Harlan Stone is reported adamant on Supreme Court justices accepting any further outside assignments, even at White House request, as in the case of Mr. Justice Robert Jackson...A famed Republican is said to be studying Hess time-tables to wed a British Capt...Does the FBI know that a representative of a Chicago "patriotic" mob came East to pick up "a bundle of literature" by a "drop" from England, who wore the U. S. uniform?

Never-A-Dull-Moment Dept.: Memo from a phone operator: "An army officer on the Winchester Victory which took deported Fritz Kuhn back to Germany phoned. He said to omit his name. That Kuhn conversed with a Sgt. Lubeski during the voyage and said that when the Sergeant returns to the U.S. to be sure and contact Winchell and say that he (Fritz) will be coming back."

General Spaatz, reported retiring soon, is being tempted by an offer of an exec post with Eastman Kodak...Leslie Howard's widow is due here next month to collab on his life story...Reed Lawton has filed action against the CIO for picketing him in Bridgeport when he appeared there with the famed "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show...The President is left-handed—except when he writes...Post offices in the U. S. do an annual biz of about 16 billion 300 millions!...Mountbatten's aide, Col. Bunny Phillips, and his Mrs. are 3'ing. She is the former Gina Wechner, kin of His Majesty the King.

Gamblers and suckers should be interested in this: Publisher John Hirshman's civil action to regain $1,300 (which he allegedly lost in a crooked gin-rummy game) will reveal this obscure statute among New York State gaming laws. It is found under section 985 of the Penal Code, to wit: Anyone who loses more than $25 while gambling may sue to recover his entire loss.

Henry Wallace tells chums: "It is providential that I was not renominated because too many interests would still be fighting over me. Mr. Truman has fewer enemies"...Ed Beattie, the star war correspondent jailed by the enemy in Europe, is back looking none the worse for his misery...The curious who study houses on 92nd St. (because of the FBI film, "The House on 92nd Street") do not know it is an East 93rd near Madison..."Polonaise" had 70 standees Sat'dee night...All 5 stage names in that Equity-Spanish Refugee Rally matter are guarded by detectives...North American syndicate first bid $50,000 for Gen. Wainwright's story. Hearst got it for 15G Gs.

Last week defendant Edward A. Rumely (of the Committee for Constitutional Govt) challenged the Dep't of Justice to prove that he or his group had ever engaged in politics...In 1944 that committee lobbied for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which would limit income taxes. That was a political move...In 1943 the Rumely group fought against extension of the Social Security Act as proposed by Senator Wagner. The bill's number was 1161. That lobbying activity was political...In 1945 Rumely's outfit flooded the nation with literature opposing H. Wallace's appointment as Sec'y of Commerce. There is much more!

Eric Severeid, the war correspondent, corrects an item: He says the Nazi iron cross presented by FDR to a Washington columnist came from Larry Lesueur of CBS—and that he, Severeid, was merely with Larry when it was given to FDR as a souvenir...Arthur and Erwin Lesser signed ex-Police Comm. Valentine for a series of crime newscasts...Jacqueline Dalya has a role in the new play, "The French Touch"...The claim filed in Marion, Ind., by Madeline Boskhurst against the estate of a former Detroit publisher as his "non" secretary and companion for 13 years" reminded New Yorkers (at the was Madeleine of Le Poissonier (a midtown restaurant)...A coatroom gal at a 57th Street hotel got a $1,000 bill as a gift from a bookmaker—then handed it to a cab driver (who got away) as her fare and tip—thinking it was a buck!

"Kiss and Tell," starring Shirley Temple, advance-peekers allege, is one of the bawdiest movies ever to get by the Hays censors...The 1st'l Harvester's radio show will offer the largest cast on the air—110 people...That much lioned Milton Berle-Lee Shubert "fist-fight" was actually a series of pointed fingers...Mark Hellinger is here for a few days to close an important movie deal he will produce. He will never again live in New York, if he can help it...Edith Fellows of "Marinka" and the Strand's Tommy Dix are where?...The George McKenzies have a third boy. All being born in the last dozen years on the same date, Sept. 27th...The man who really settled the elevator strike was D. Dubinsky, the union boss. Workers and owners of bldgs asked him to do the job.

Gen. Donovan got the credit in the headlines...Insiders wonder why a fighting speech made in New Haven last Tuesday was not carried on the wires or published. The speaker pulled no punches in a sharp attack on Sec'y of State Byrnes. The speaker was Mrs. F.D.R.

...The Wood Comp. Control Committee in the 81st Congr. has commend the scripts of the following radio oracles: Johannes Steel, F. Kingdon, Gallmor, Hans Jacob, Lisa Sergio, J. Raymond Walsh, Sidney Walton and John Vandercook.