

Good Evening, Everybody:

A new aspect was given to the situation in the Far
^{today} East when John Bull took a hand. ^{His Britannic Majesty's Govt} ~~He~~ slammed down a temporary
embargo on shipments of arms to both Japan and China. This
announcement was made today in the British House of Commons by
~~Sir John~~ Sir John Simon, the foreign Secretary. He told the
M. P.'s that this action was taken pending consultations with
other governments.

The Foreign Secretary said at the same time that ~~no~~
under no circumstances will the government allow Great Britain
to become a party to the dispute. He also said Japan has taken
the law into her own hands, but she has had much to put up with.
He also reminded the Commons that Japan has been dealing with a
neighbor with whom it is extremely difficult to deal.

On top of that announcement comes the information
that France is ready to take similar action provided Uncle Sam
will get in the game.

As for Uncle Sam, President Hoover's proposal to place an embargo on arms came up in the House of Representatives today. But the Democratic leaders would not allow any action to be taken on it. Senator Borah, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, ~~xxxx~~ issued a statement that any embargo by Uncle Sam should apply only to Japan. And that statement may raise a grand hullabaloo in Tokyo.

At the same time, the State Department announced that the U.S.A. will cooperate with the Advisory Committee of the League of Nations which is to be appointed to deal with the problem in the Far East. It is observed that this announcement will not bind Mr. Roosevelt when he becomes President. He can revoke this policy of the State Department. But, it is not believed that he will do so because so far as the Manchurian situation is concerned, it is known that he is in sympathy with ~~the~~ the policy followed by President Hoover.

The warfare in Manchuria, though it is not officially a war, also took on a different complexion today. Just for a change victorious moves by the Chinese forces are reported. The Chinese in Manchuria have risen in a counter revolt against

the government of Manchukuo and Japan. This rebellion is spreading throughout the provinces of Kirin and Heilungkiang. From those provinces Japanese troops have been withdrawn to be used in Reyho. John Chinaman took advantage of their absence and recaptured six Manchurian towns from the Japs.

You'll find this a thrilling show - a thrilling war drama to follow in your newspapers.

FOLLOW JAPAN

Diplomats in Washington are saying that if nothing else will bring about recognition of the Soviet government by Uncle Sam, it will be the crisis in the Far East. Friendly relations between the U. S. A. and Russia, they believe, are vital to the preservation of peace in Asia. An embargo on arms will be ^{a long way} ~~far~~ from stopping Japan. The Mikado's realm has ample facilities for manufacturing ^{all the} ~~plenty of~~ munitions ^{it needs to} fight China. So the diplomats think that at least an amicable accord between Uncle Sam, the League of Nations and Soviet Russia will be ⁺ not only desirable, but essential.

MISSIONARIES

Another dispatch from Asia informs us that Japanese airmen are dropping leaflets all over southeastern Manchuria, *leaflets* printed in English. They contain warnings to all foreigners to ~~evacuate~~ the province of Reyho, or else --. ~~Bales~~ of these leaflets have fallen in the principal cities of the province. Despite these warnings, the missionaries are refusing to leave. They are digging in and building dugouts to shelter not only themselves but their converts.

CHACO

An embargo on arms is also suggested for South America.

Both Great Britain and France ^{have} told the League of Nations they are ready to forbid a shipment of war munitions to Bolivia and Paraguay. This with a view to bring about an end of the fighting in the Gran Chaco. The cooperation of Uncle Sam, ~~of~~ Brazil, and other nations ^{not} members of the League ^{will} also be invited.

Peace seems ^{to be in sight} ~~so in view~~ on the Upper Amazon. Peru and

Colombia sent a communication to Geneva ~~indicating~~ undertaking to suspend hostilities pending a settlement of the dispute over Leticia. And that sounds good, for a change.

CUBA

More rioting has ~~xxx~~ broken out in Cuba. The town of Manzanillo was placed under martial law. This followed demonstrations by mobs against an electric company in which U. S. ~~f~~. capital is interested.

PARIS

There was an important vote in the French Senate today. It was a vote of confidence in the Prime Minister Edouard Daladier and his plan to cut down military expenditures. France's Premier won by a vote of one hundred and eighty to one hundred and eighteen.

GEESE

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Here's an appeal to hunters. I am conveying this at the request of the Canadian government. It seems that ~~the~~ Canada goose is in a bad way. *— not the golden goose, just the goose.* Thousands of this breed and also of their cousins, the brant, have died of starvation. The cause of this plight is the failure of the crop of eel grass which is their principal food in winter, and practically the only food that the brant can subsist on.

The eel grass on the Canadian coast is suffering from some fatal disease which is wiping it out along some hundreds of miles of shore.

~~The~~ Scientists ~~of~~ the Canadian government have discovered the organism that is attacking the eel grass. But they haven't discovered what to do about it. So the Supervisor of wild life protection in Canada declares that for the present the only hope of preservation for these exceedingly picturesque birds is for hunters to have a heart. *So come on boys be good sports and give the geese a break.*

CERMAK

9 The latest information about Mayor Cermak of Chicago is of an anxious kind. His physicians are worrying. The pneumonia which has attacked his right lung has assumed critical proportions. Though they have not lost hope of saving Mayor Tony his ~~vixitxxx~~ physicians declared that their hope is not ^{even} as strong as it was yesterday.

FORD

Henry Ford today became one of the most popular men in Detroit when he stepped into the breach, ~~of the financial crisis there.~~ ^{with} ~~The~~ eight and a quarter millions which he has put into two of the principal banks of Detroit. ~~will enable them to reorganize and reopen under new names.~~ Dispatches this afternoon inform ~~the~~ ^{the country} that the Federal authorities have approved the plans of Henry Ford and his son Edsel. This plan gives them complete authority over the new banks. ~~Another feature of it is that they will be able to pay thirty-five per cent. to depositors.~~ ~~Incidentally,~~ ^{also} The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will ^{also} lend fifty-four million dollars to help the plan along.

~~Incidentally, we hear that banking reforms are under weigh in no less than four states. These reforms are planned to strengthen public confidence in the banking system of the U. S. A. Those states are Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Maryland.~~

TAXES

Some astonishing facts are brought to light by Alfred Reeves, Vice-president of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. Writing in a publication called ~~Bus~~ Transportation, Mr. Reeves points out that increased taxation of motor vehicles is being considered in some forty odd legislatures now in session in the various states. Mr. Reeves is taking issue with the propaganda of the friends of the railroads who are claiming that the roads are being taxed to pay for the building of highways used by their competitors, the trucks and busses.

Mr. Reeves states that Federal, state and local governments collected more money in taxes on motor trucks in 1932 than ~~it is~~ from all the railroads in the United States. He says further that the tax contribution of all commercial vehicles, trucks and busses exceeded that of all the railroads by forty million dollars. Moreover taxes paid by all highway users including passenger cars were approximately four times as much as all railroad taxes.

REPEAL

Here's the latest dope on the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. A survey of the states made in Washington ^{now} shows that three of them are hopelessly dry. This is admitted by leaders of the wet cause. Those states are Kansas, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. Thirteen states are in the doubtful column: ~~The doubtful states are~~ Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, ^{and} South Carolina.

It is expected that the legislatures of eight states will take steps this week to set up the machinery for conventions to discuss ratification of repeal. In the meantime the drys are getting exceedingly busy. They are making plans to raise a huge fund for their war chest to fight for continuance of prohibition. The meeting of the dry leaders in Washington next week will be principally to ~~xxxx~~ organize a campaign to raise millions for an extensive and expensive educational program. They will use newspapers, moving pictures, and radio. Also, of course,

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they expect their chief stand-by to be the churches.

The wets suffered a slight defeat in the Senate today. The Judicial committee of the Upper Chamber reported the bill passed by the House which does away with the interference of the law in doctors prescriptions. The House bill gave physicians the right to prescribe liquor in unlimited quantities, likewise beer. The Senate's Judiciary Committee recommended that the Senate pass the main body of the bill, but ~~xxxxxx~~ cut out the clause providing for beer.

INSULL

Another climax came today in the drama of Samuel Insull, the once billionaire utilities potentate of Chicago. ^{The} /Federal Grand Jury handed down indictments against nineteen people. They include Samuel Insull himself, his son, Samuel, Jr., his brother, Martin, and sixteen others who were officers and directors of the Corporation Securities Company. They are charged with having used Uncle Sam's mails to defraud. Among those indicted are Stanley Field, a nephew of the founder of the house of Marshall Field.

CABINET

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An editorial in the New York Sun tonight comments on the announcement by President-elect Roosevelt that Chairman Jim Farley of the Democratic party is to be postmaster general. The Sun remarks on Mr. Roosevelt's waggishness when he told the reporters he had a real surprise for them in Mr. Farley's appointment. This, says the editorial, is the sort of surprise that is caused every seventy-seven years by the arrival of Halley's Comet. Mr. Farley might have had his official cards engraved a year ago.

Mr. Farley, the New York Sun states further, has intelligence, tact and determination. It was due to him that his party is on the right side of the ledger. "Perhaps he can kick the deficit out of the postoffice department"; that concludes The N.Y. Sun, would be a real surprise.

This afternoon Mr. Roosevelt gave out some more information of an equally astonishing sort. He confirmed the previously published reports that Senator Claude Swanson of

Virginia, would be Secretary of Navy, and Harold Ickes of Illinois, Secretary of the Interior.

4 { George Van Slyke remarks that Mr. Roosevelt is showing himself to be building up the nearest approach to a coalition cabinet that this country has ever seen. He has broken away from ~~other~~ precedents. For ~~in~~ perhaps the first time he has ignored ~~the~~ factional and geographical considerations. So many presidents heretofore have been hampered in their choice of cabinet members because they could not appoint too many men from the East, and had to remember the South, and also ^{placate} ~~to appoint someone from~~ the West, ~~and so on.~~ These complications Mr. Roosevelt has ignored, Mr. Slyke thinks.

WHITNEY

A letter written to the New York Sun makes an interesting comment on the publicity received by Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British speed king. Says this correspondent: "Campbell gets millions of words printed about him because he drove a ^{freak}~~new~~ car a mile or so at the rate of two hundred and seventy-^{two}~~three~~ miles an hour. O. J. Whitney, an aviator, flew from Daytona to New York with photos of Campbell ~~inxxxxix~~ ~~xxx~~ in six hours and forty-five minutes, and yet that fact is barely mentioned."

It occurs to ^{the N.Y. Sun} ~~this~~ correspondent that Whitney's ^{airplane} ~~is~~ ^{mad dash in his freak car.} feat surpasses ~~that of~~ Campbell's. What do you think?

WEATHER

Old Man Weather is on the rampage again. Last night's cold snap, ~~xxx~~ say the ~~weather~~ prophets, was only a foretaste of what we are going to get. Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau predicts twelve degrees of frost in the Atlantic Coast states tonight, but no snow. The gales that swept over large regions of the east were also felt in mid-Atlantic.

Four ocean liners were delayed by the tempests. *Brer,* 'its' getting cold, already. I wonder if it will bring any customers to my fur farm? Well, whether you buy furs or not this is a good time to buy that quick starting gas Ben Grover just told you about.

BASEBALL

The entire baseball world today is ^{still} talking about ~~that~~ sale of the Boston Red Sox to young Tom ~~Yerx~~ Yawkey and the great second baseman, Eddie Collins. Fred Lieb, for instance, writes that this is one of the best things that has happened to baseball in a long time. ~~Yerx~~ He thinks it a splendid move for the American League in particular, and a highly constructive one for all professional baseball.

2 One aspect of the transaction that interests the experts is that it brings new blood into the managing end of the game and this, sporting writers have agreed, has been sadly needed, because too many of the old line executives went about their jobs in a purely routine fashion.

Boston, says Fred Lieb, has deserved a better fate than the sort of team the Red Sox have been ever since a Broadway theatrical manager bought the Club in 1918 and proceeded deliberately to wreck it. Boston used to be called the cradle of baseball. Considering its population, ~~add~~ Fred Lieb, it is

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still the best ball town in the ~~major~~ League^s. In spite of having second division clubs, it has supported them.

The sad thing about the Red Sox was that before the Club was wrecked by a third rate theatrical manager, they were one of the best ~~x~~ teams in either League. They won six pennants and never lost a world series. Well, today with new blood, we hope to see the Red Sox flag flying where it used to. And that ought to bring a few cheers from Boston.

BIRTHDAY

(1) In Yonkers, New York, there is a gentleman in a peculiar situation. He is something like the hero of Gilbert & Sullivan's Opera ^{"The"} "Pirates of Penzance". He has been on earth a hundred-and-nine years, but if you count his birthdays he is only twenty-seven years old. Yes, you have guessed it, he was born on the twenty-ninth of February, eighteen^{hundred and}-twenty-four.

The gentleman's name is Hirsch Smulowitz. Now, Mr. Hirsch Smulowitz, who is the oldest resident in Westchester County, New York, lives in the Yonkers Home of the New York Guild of the Jewish Blind. He is going to celebrate his birthday tomorrow, calendar or no calendar. Mr. Hirsch Smulowitz says that after a man gets to be a hundred, he is entitled ~~to~~ to a birthday no matter what the astronomers say.

Mr. Hirsch Smulowitz has good reason for ~~for~~ wanting to celebrate a birthday. He has few needs and all of them are supplied by the Home where he lives with the exception of his taste for snuff. And, he looks to his birthdays to supply him

with presents of snuff. And, as far as that's "snuff for tonight and s-l-u-t-m."