

Senator Norris of Nebraska has a plan which he claims will finally and permanently put a curb on the Father of Waters, ~~the Mississippi~~. It was the Nebraska senator who was responsible for the act which created the Tennessee Valley Authority. <sup>Now</sup> He is preparing legislation to create a similar body for flood control on the ~~MISSISSIPPI~~ <sup>Missouri</sup> River, mammoth tributary of the Mississippi. He declares that this, with the Tennessee Valley project, will effectively control the flood waters of Old Man River.

## MURDER

A sensational murder mystery broke in Chicago today. The body of Mrs. <sup>R</sup>Reta Wynekoop who is described as a beautiful young woman twenty-three three years old ~~xxx~~ was found dead on a surgeon's operating table in the basement of the residence of her mother-in-law on Chicago's west side. Her mother-in-law is Dr. Alice Lindsey Wynekoop formerly of the faculty of the University of Chicago and a fashionable woman physician. The young woman was killed by a bullet which was fired into the back of her head.

The Chicago police say that certain facts indicate this crime may have been the work of a drug addict who was familiar with the house and broke in for the purpose of stealing narcotics from the doctor's medicine chest. However both the manner of the killing and the motive are still a complete mystery.

But here's a later note on this:- Upon discovery that the beautiful Rheta Wynekoop had been insured for five thousand dollars on November eleventh the police have now taken into custody Dr. Alice ~~Lindsey~~ Wynekoop, the sixty-two year old physician

and mother-in-law of the <sup>Also</sup> girl, ~~and~~ six other members of the family,  
Dr. Wynekoop was the beneficiary of the insurance policy, so the  
police say.

## SPRAGUE

President Roosevelt's administration has run slap into the most serious crisis it has yet encountered. Of course it's all over the resignation of Dr. Sprague from the Treasury and the way in which it caused the criticism of the Roosevelt Money ~~Rix~~ Policies to become crystalized. Dr. Sprague's letter of resignation, part of which I related to you last night, has precipitated a storm of real proportions. The many people opposed to inflation are girding their loins for a major fight. <sup>H</sup> Dr. Sprague's protest came right on top of the article published yesterday in the Saturday Evening Post and written by the <sup>t</sup> astute financial magnate, Barney Baruch. Probably you have read it. Inasmuch as he has always been considered one of the President's staunchest friends and confidential advisors, what is termed the desertion of Baruch is looked upon by some as a blow to the administration.

On the other hand President Roosevelt received support from two quarters today. One was Mr. Woodin, who is still Secretary of the Treasury, though on leave of absence. Mr. Woodin, in this afternoon's Wall Street Journal, severely criticises

Dr. Sprague's letter. <sup>The</sup> ~~Let~~ Secretary declares that one idea alone expressed by Sprague showed him deficient not only in knowledge of finance but in sheer common sense. Another forceful reply to Dr. Sprague's attack came from Professor Rogers of Yale who is special advisor to the President in money matters. Professor Rogers warns the country that the Administration's money policy is mild and tame compared to what Congress may do <sup>if</sup> the inflationists get the bit in their teeth. Says Professor Rogers, "The Real threat of inflation lies not in the present policy but in the possibility that it may fail."

It is believed the President may answer his critics in person Friday night when he is due to make a speech at Warm Springs, Georgia, <sup>ing</sup> to dedicate Georgia Hall one of the buildings of the Warm Springs Foundation. <sup>TP</sup> ~~to~~ You may have heard the President <sup>this afternoon when he</sup> spoke over the NBC networks ~~this afternoon~~ in a three way conversation between himself, Governor Ritchie of Maryland, and Ambassador Lloyd Bingham in London. This however was a non-political affair to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Maryland Free State. On Friday night

SPRAGUE #3

There is an historic spot in Rochester that I visited today, however, Mr. Roosevelt is expected to tell us what's what about the site of the famous Reynolds' Arcade. This it was built back this increasingly bitter quarrel between **the** inflationists in 1828 I believe it was the largest building west of the Hudson and the sound money faction.

Incidentally it was observed that the R.F.C. today commercial building in the United States. There it was that the called a halt in the rise in the price of gold. great Western Union Telegraph was first organized. J. K. West Ingeen, of the Western Union in Rochester, is the local historian. He told me that it was in that same building that Thomas Edison experimented with the telegraph. It was there that George Eastman, King of Kodak and patron saint of Rochester held his first three positions. It was there that George Selden perfected the first successful internal combustion gasoline motor—and was unfortunately for him before there was any time to take the thing run right. It was there that Bush, pioneer of the optical industry founded his factory which later became Bush and Lomb, the world's leader in its field.

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Western Union

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WESTERN UNION

was a thriving city for those days, a city of eight thousand people.



EGYPT

An extraordinary story comes from Egypt by way of London. At a small town near Alexandria, near the mouth of the Nile, there was an epidemic and the health authorities fumigated all houses. In one house they entered they found a woman and her two daughters who had been virtually prisoners under that roof for years. Just seventeen years ago the woman was married. She had been kept locked up by her husband ever since, all the windows barred and shuttered and covered with heavy wire netting. And, the two young daughters had never so much as been allowed to see what the outside of the house looked like.

FUR COAT

Out in Chicago there's one determined girl. Some eighteen months ago she entrusted her three hundred dollar fur coat and six dollars to a young man who promised<sup>S</sup> to repair it for that money. But he never showed up again. For days, weeks and months she waited for her fur coat. Then, she just made up her mind that if the police couldn't catch the thief she would. Day after day she kept her eyes peeled, watching for clues. The other day she got her man and now he is in jail, charged with theft.

MORLEY

Christopher Morley, whose play, "Thunder on the Left", is running on Broadway, has given me an odd item based upon the interactions of children and grownups, based on the child players in "Thunder on the Left".

One little actres, age ten, sent a note to her mother saying:- "I want one of father's cigar boxes for my make-up box. If you have one of those fancy, swell-looking make-up boxes, people think it's your first show. Old timers use a cigar box."

YALE

The freshman class at Yale had been disturbed by what they considered a falling off of the old Yale spirit, especially over the fact that the football team had no mascot. So they have organized the Yale Bulldog Association. A telegram from New Haven tells me that (I'm quoting now) "The class has bought the toughest bulldog in these here parts, a fine thoroughbred in the best tradition of old Yale. His name is Eli and he will make a triumphant personal appearance at Cambridge next Saturday in the game against Harvard." The telegram adds further that a strong guard has been organized as interference against any breach Harvard youths who might like to steal Eli, the big bad bulldog.

CHAPIN

Mr. Roy B. Chapin, president of the Hudson Motor Company of Detroit, announced this afternoon that the 1934 Hudson and Terraplane cars will have available as optional equipment front spring axle-flexes. This gives the so-called knee action but does not eliminate the structural front axle. Takes the shimmy out.

## PRECOCIOUS BOY

Californians often boast that their children are precocious, but a schoolboy in Pomona just about holds the record. He is sixteen years old and is already starting a vigorous career in business. His main exploit was to sell to a veteran business man a club house and lot for three hundred and fifty dollars. This sixteen year old schoolboy got the dough but when the business man went to take possession of his property he found the lad ~~had~~ had not the slightest title to it.

## LIQUOR

The other day the Pennsylvania Senate passed a law slapping a tax of two dollars a gallon on distilled liquor.

The first consequence of that was that one distillery promptly moved fifty thousand cases of the stuff from Philadelphia across the Delaware into New Jersey.

## BRUSH FIRE

This is the season of brush fires in California and today flames were raging in a canyon within rifle shot of Los Angeles. Fourteen hundred workers from the Civilian Conservation Camps nearby were rushed to the scene. Already one million dollars worth of damage has been done and for a while it looked as though several large and elaborate private estates were in danger. The flaming canyon is near Lacrescentia, a suburb of Los Angeles. Patients from a sanatorium had to be moved and a colony of Hindus were forced to vacate. The fire was not brought under control until it was on the verge of sweeping through Hollywood and burning the palaces of the movie celebrities.



## STAMP COLLECTION

An exposition is going on in Rochester just now. It is being held in the vast Chamber of Commerce Building. An exposition of the Philatelic Association ----- in plain English postage stamps. One of the finest exhibitions of its kind I've ever seen! and some of those stamps sure are valuable. Perhaps you read in the paper how only a hand full of them were sold in New York for over a hundred thousand dollars, one stamp belonging to Arthur Hind of Utica, just a little stamp, brought over ten thousand dollars in New York City. Mr. Hind of Utica has a stamp collection valued at over a half a million dollars. He's the chap who had the temerity to out bid the King of England on one occasion.

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Here's one for golfing fans. *ex-Golf Emperor* Friends of <sup>^</sup>Bobby Jones declare that ~~the ex-champion~~ <sup>he</sup> is about to get back into the game after three years retirement. They say the acknowledged king of golfers will enter in the tournament to be played at Augusta, Georgia and try to get back the crown that he laid aside when he decided to give up being the Caesar of Golfdom. Bobby himself <sup>^</sup> helped to design the course at Augusta.

LINDBERGH

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh are getting ready to continue their long flight to Europe and <sup>return.</sup> ~~back~~. They spent last night and today in the Azores. Their plane has been refueled and conditioned, all set for another long distance journey. As soon as they get reports of favorable weather they will be off for <sup>balmy</sup> ~~the~~ Bermuda.

Meanwhile <sup>news has come</sup> ~~information arrived~~ from Moscow of a serious aeroplane disaster. The Soviet Government had built a new giant plane capable of carrying as many as a hundred and twenty passengers. Military observers and aviation experts the world over have been keeping their eyes on this craft, watching to see if ~~it~~ it could be a success. It is believed Moscow had in mind the building of a great fleet of similar planes, not only as passenger carriers but in the hope of being able to transport armies of considerable size.

On a trial trip this giant plane crashed near Kharkov and fourteen people were killed. Among the victims were several of the crack pilots of the Soviet Government.

INSULL

The Insull family has been out of the news for several days but today word comes from Paris that Mrs. Samuel Insull is in the American hospital in Paris, suffering from serious injuries to her head. The details of the manner in which she sustained these injuries are unavailable. Meanwhile the former utilities king of Chicago is still a fugitive in Greece.

~~GANNETT (cont'd) #2.~~  
Rochester N. R. A.

Oh yes, I had a chat with General George Keyes, N. R. A. Administrator in Rochester <sup>this afternoon,</sup> He told me that the entire N.R.A. campaign had been a success <sup>here,</sup> ~~in Rochester~~ with, he believed, a better record of co-operation than ~~in~~ most cities.

Did you ever see one of those high, swanky, electric automobiles? For years and years it has been my ambition to ride in one. Today it happened. Mrs. Clarence W. Smith of Rochester, was my pilot, (for twenty-five years ~~the~~ president of a famous club in Rochester) and I'll bet Lieut.-Commander Settle and Major Fordney didn't get a much bigger thrill out of their balloon voyage to the stratosphere than I got out of my cruise through Rochester in that dizzy electric auto.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco has already started putting her unemployed to work on civil works projects. Some of them are already on the job and several thousand more will be working in and around the city next week. San Francisco's Mayor informs me that the money is already there for Saturdays pay checks.

CODES

General Johnson is about to leave Washington for a barnstorming tour of the South. On his journey he will drop in at Warm Springs and call on the President. He is taking with him three codes about all of which there has been a great deal of arguing and squabbling. They are for the newspaper business, motion pictures, and radio. The President will have three other important conferences at the Little White House this week. Among his visitors will be Henry Morgenthau, Jr., new acting Secretary of the Treasury, Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and Administrator of the Public Works Program, and Harry Hopkins Administrator of Federal Relief.

At <sup>9</sup> ~~the~~ Rochester Chamber of Commerce Luncheon today I sat next to one of the ablest and one of the most successful newspaper publishers in the country---and that means in the world, Mr. Frank Gannett, publisher of some sixteen newspapers. Mr. Gannett spends a good deal of his life on Pullman cars, migrating from one city to another. So he keeps in touch with what is going on in America about as closely as any man, and far more so than the average newspaper proprietor.

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First, I asked him how things were in Rochester. He replied that they had improved greatly and I asked him his opinion of National conditions. He was optimistic. He thought the President had done a splendid job so far, and would continue to do so. He also said he considered the appointment of Henry Morgenthau Jr as the new head of the Treasury, a good one. Mr. Gannett does not believe we <sup>are</sup> in for any wild and dangerous inflation. I thought you'd be interested in hearing this because Mr. Gannett is in a position to know just what's happening on the inside. And if he is not alarmed well, it's encouraging.



ROCHESTER ENDING

At the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Luncheon today I was presented with a gavel made from the balustrade used by Thomas Edison, Bausch of Bausch and Lomb, Selden, the great inventor, George Eastman and so on. But I haven't any meeting to call to order and I don't know if any one is listening.

But I suppose that the appropriate thing for me to do, since I have this historic gavel is to use it. I've got it in my hand, so here goes:--- (Three raps)

*Meeting adjourned!*

AND SO LONG UNTIL TO-MORROW.