

L.T. SUNOCO - July 28, 1932

Good Evening, Everybody:-

( The Bonus Army provided Washington with real excitement today. It ended with the calling out of Uncle Sam's troops by the War Department, after the police had fired on the rioters. The police gunfire killed one of the veterans and wounded at least two others. Fourteen more were injured in the rioting. )

At this point the Commissioners of the District of Columbia declared themselves unable to maintain order, and appealed to the War Department. Thereupon two troops of United States Cavalry speedily crossed the bridge over the Potomac from Fort Myer, fully armed, and took up a position back of the White House.

Before the District Commissioners appealed for help, ( General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the army, had already called a meeting of the staff to discuss the situation. As soon as the urgent telephone message from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia reached the War Department, Secretary Hurley ordered General MacArthur to send for the soldiers. )

This dramatic, in fact tragic affair, was the climax to a day of riotous violence in the capital. Indeed, it is a climax that authorities have been fearing for months.

The day's excitement began when Treasury agents were sent to evict the veterans from the government buildings they've been occupying. The eviction was not in anger, but new structures are to be put up in place of these buildings, and the wreckers are ready to go to work; so the Treasury agents, supported by police, reluctantly started to oust the boys.

The scene of the excitement was promptly thronged with hundreds of curious Washington civilians anxious to see the show. The police had to send more and more reserves to help the Treasury agents.

Eighteen of the veterans refused to be ousted. One grabbed a worn American flag, climbed to the roof of the old National Guard Armory on Pennsylvania Avenue, and sat there defiantly.



Early in the day it was made known that Uncle Sam had decided to take an active hand against the B.E.F. This was formally announced by Attorney General Mitchell. He warned the Bonus Army that it must cease violation of district and Federal laws. He added that jail was yawning for those who would not obey.

Later in the day the resistance of the veterans developed into a real riot. Several hundred of the bonus boys rushed the police lines. They occupied a dump of bricks from demolished structures behind the government buildings. Using the bricks as ammunition, they started a wild barrage on the coppers. Brigadier General Glassford, Washington's Chief of Police, sent out a hurry call and mobilized all the reserves.

In the course of the fighting General Glassford was hit by a brick. Several of his policemen were bowled over by more bricks. One of the ex-soldiers challenged the General to personal combat.

"Get that guy," said the Chief. Whereupon two policemen gave him all the fight he wanted and loaded him into a patrol wagon.

Some observers estimated that there were as many as five thousand men in the riot.

( A later bulletin to the New York World-Telegram reported that the <sup>regulars</sup> ~~cavalry~~ had advanced from their position behind the White House towards Pennsylvania Avenue. The cavalry have been reinforced by a battalion of infantry and several field tanks. ) It now turns out that the Commissioners of the District made their appeal for help <sup>direct</sup> to President Hoover, ~~himself~~. The President in turn informed the Secretary <sup>of</sup> for War that the civil government of the district was unable to maintain order.

Secretary Hurley instructed General MacArthur to use all humanity consistent with the ~~absolute~~ necessity of putting down the disorders.

An eye-witness to the shooting which precipitated this situation states that the policeman who fired the first shot was hit by one of the boys. The cop hit the veteran with his stick and knocked him back five feet. The officer then drew his gun and shot the <sup>man</sup> ~~boy~~ twice.

The capital, which has been worried for weeks over the bonus army, is vastly relieved by the presence on the scene of Uncle Sam's troops.

You'll find the full account in the late editions of your newspapers tonight — and in your favorite paper tomorrow morning.



Well, that's news that isn't so good — but here's an item to cheer us up.

~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

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There continue to be signs that this prosperity business is actually stirring its stumps and getting a move on. The Middle West is in an uproar today, an uproar of a very pleasant kind. The price of wheat has risen so much that the value of the wheat crop ~~and supply of the farmers in the~~ ~~g corn belt~~ has gone up in value more than eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars, overnight. By the same token the value of cattle, sheep, and hogs grown for the market has risen more than fifty million dollars <sup>in the last few days.</sup> ~~over recent quotations.~~

A story in the Chicago Daily News expresses it that the harvesters ~~which are~~ clipping wide paths through the fields of golden grain, were playing cash-register-tunes today for the farmers. This optimism was reflected in statements by business and industrial leaders. The bullish sentiment also spread to the <sup>grain</sup> ~~corn~~ exchanges. Railroad presidents, mail order houses, and commercial agencies, were all making optimistic

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statements. On the New York Stock Exchange the prices of shares continued to climb. The number of shares which changed hands was also large - one million three hundred thousand were sold the first two hours of business this morning.

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Before the Stock Exchange closed, some three million shares had been sold. Stocks rose from one to as much as five ~~percent~~ points.



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OTTAWA

The British Economic Conference at Ottawa has achieved one valuable thing. It's a thing which will arou<sup>se</sup> the envy of government officials at Washington, and all the state capital<sup>s</sup>ists in the United States. And that is, they have got rid of the lobbyists.

A story in the Ottawa Evening Citizen has it that the lobby<sup>ists</sup> <sup>boys have</sup> had such a tough time being ignored at Ottawa, that many of the fraternity are packing their bags and leaving for home.

Ever since the conference opened they have been standing in the wings waiting vainly for a cue <sup>— cue that</sup> which never came. About all they have achieved, the story continues, is to cool their heels around the Chateau Laurier and get some first hand experience of what <sup>un-</sup>employment means. The Conference delegates are so busy and so hard to <sup>button hole</sup> grab <sup>off</sup> that the lobbying brethren <sup>are giving up their job in disgust.</sup> have ~~about given up the job.~~

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The Right Honorable Stanley Baldwin, former Prime Minister, and the head of the British delegation, presented an important statement to the <sup>Ottawa</sup> Economic Conference today. In it he pleaded that England is a good mother to her trade hungry dominions. But, he added, that she must also remain, as he put it, a friendly trade sister to all the world. This was a plea to the dominions ~~published recently in their request for~~ to be reasonable in their request for preferential treatment in the tariffs.

The principal meat exporting dominions of the British Empire are reported to have agreed to ask for a three cent a pound preferential tariff on ~~beef~~ beef and ham, and four cents a pound preferential for mutton products. These meat exporting dominions are Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. This will not seriously affect the United States. Uncle Sam doesn't do much chilled beef business with Great Britain. One group of the delegates in Ottawa are considering a tariff which would reduce Canadian imports of chemicals from the United States.

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IRELAND

As a byproduct to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa the Canadian government has hopes of being able to effect a reconciliation between John Bull and his neighbor, <sup>Ireland.</sup> ~~Britain~~. A dispatch from Ottawa to the Washington Daily Times <sup>relates</sup> ~~reports~~ that these efforts are proceeding slowly. Nevertheless, they are proceeding.

Ottawa newspapers report that British and Irish delegates are playing bridge together. It is now believed likely that the Canadian<sup>s</sup> will <sup>provide</sup> ~~make~~ a fourth at their table.

GERMANY

(All Germany - in fact all Europe - today is excited over the dramatic entry into Berlin last night of Adolf Hitler.

It was the first time the ~~F~~ German Fascist election campaign had been brought <sup>right</sup> into the nation's capital. In the drizzling rain a hundred and sixty thousand wildly enthusiastic followers listened to Hitler.) There were 70,000 persons packed into the

immense grandstand at the stadium, an equal number were at the racetrack next to it. Twenty thousand of Hitler's brown shirt storm troops mingled with white shirt <sup>recruits.</sup> ~~troops.~~ Loud speakers carried his message to everybody in that huge crowd.

"We must stop thinking of ourselves as proletarians and employers, landlords and tenants, Catholics and Protestants", exclaimed Hitler. "We must think of ourselves only as Germans. Our movement is one of peasants, clerks, workmen, all cooperating, of brains and brawn pulling together. And", he added, "we must forge them together." ~~He urged that Germans must raise themselves in unity, or the German national life will die.~~



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This dramatic entrance marked the final stage of the election campaign. Apropos of this, a story from Berlin shows that there are no less than fifteen parties contesting the elections which will be held Sunday.

Meanwhile, the emphatic statements made by Chancellor von Papen yesterday were producing reactions all over the world. In Washington officials said that Germany should proceed cautiously in regaining her ~~xx~~ place in the sun. Otherwise, they point out, she may cause fear and apprehension in other nations. On the whole, however, Washington ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> sympathetic with Germany's ambition. Everybody realizes that a world power like Germany cannot forever be kept in bondage. Nevertheless, she must break her bonds gradually. Several Senators spoke favorably of Von Papen's statement that tariffs should be reduced all over the world. Comments in Paris were that von Papen was in error in demanding an equality of armament with the French.

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*The* story of the Communist plot against the big national banks of America continues to interest newspapers. Federal agents in Washington today made it known that the signature of a prominent official of Uncle Sam was forged to a letter, to be used in this campaign. This letter was intended to be sent out to depositors in big banks and, relying upon the authority of this prominent official's name, to create a panic.

A dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press quoted Federal authorities to the effect that there is increasing evidence of systematically organized campaigns against the banks. In one city on the West coast a number of persons canvassed office buildings and apartment houses, telling the residents that their banks were unsound. In another case several hundred letters were mailed from an ~~eastern~~ eastern city to depositors in certain western banks.

On the other hand, celebrities in the Communist party deny that there is any such person as the George Rowland for whom the Michigan State Police are looking. William Z. Foster,



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Communist candidate for the presidency, said there was no such person as Rowland. He charged that this whole story of the Communist plot was a deliberate fabrication on the part of the police. Communist leaders deny that ~~in that~~ any such plot existed, or that the Communists as Communists had anything to do with it.

## COUNCIL

Somebody in the city government of Wyandot<sup>to</sup>, Michigan, has a sense of humor. There was a meeting of the city fathers today. The Clerk was reading ~~x~~ the draft of new ordinances - to be precise, a new juvenile code which the Council intended to make into a law. As the Clerk's voice was droning out, he read this sentence:

"It shall be unlawful for any child under the age of twelve years to engage as a bootlegger after twelve o'clock at night."

3 Well, sir, you may well imagine that sentence startled the city fathers of Wyandot<sup>to</sup>. <sup>There were hurried</sup> ~~The~~ ~~Conferences~~ ~~to~~ all over the place. Some of the spectators giggled. Councilmen scrutinized the record more closely. Finally one member said:

"I think there must be an error in the last item."

Well, there was. Instead of bootlegger, the word should have been bootblack. ~~Well,~~ ~~It~~ It seems a pity to spoil a good joke, but the ordinance <sup>thereupon</sup> was changed to read bootblack.



## TALL STORY

"How is the Tall Story Club getting along?" That question was put to me this morning by one of the most eminent members of the club, Bruce Barton, editor, author, and big business man. Bruce Barton was one of the members of the Tall Story Club who helped place the crown on the head of Arthur Brady, Bristol, Pennsylvania, grocer and butcher, who won the Tall Story championship of America last year. Perhaps the best way to answer Bruce Barton is to tell a tall one. Stacks of them come in every day to the Tall Story headquarters in the tower of the Empire State Building.

Here's one from Miamisburg, Ohio. W. C. Runyan introduces his yarn by saying: "Here's a ~~Tall~~ one that is absolutely true." Then he <sup>explains:-</sup> ~~goes on to say:~~ "I have a sister-in-law in Maplewood, Ohio, Mrs. F. M. Clayton, who has a large flock of Ancona hens. One of these hens persists in flying to the top of a large apple tree where she lays her egg in a <sup>robbin's</sup> ~~birds~~ nest. Of course, as the nest is not large enough to accommodate both hen and egg, the egg falls to the ground. So my sister-in-law has the hen trained. Just before she is about to lay an egg, I mean the hen, she comes to the kitchen door and cackles. ~~Then~~ She then flies up to the tree. My sister stands underneath ~~the~~ and catches the egg in her apron."

And the story is absolutely true, <sup>says</sup> ~~is~~ Mr. Runyan of

Miamisburg, Ohio, <sup>And I guess that elects him</sup> ~~is hereby elected,~~ to the Tall Brotherhood.



## GHOST

The citizens of Joliet, Illinois, have been much intrigued for the last few weeks over a hymn singing ghost. The voice of this ghost was heard coming from a quarry behind a cemetery, not far from the famous penitentiary.

(1) Last night a crowd of four thousand people were attracted to the neighborhood anxious, if possible, to catch a sight of that ghost. The hymn started as usual, but when investigators proceeded to the spot they discovered that the so-called ghost was a trusty from the Joliet prison. He had been assigned to duty as night watchman in the quarry. He seemed as surprised as everyone else when his identity was exposed.

"I ain't no ghost", he said. "I've been working here three weeks, ever since the other night-watchman escaped." But when they asked what about the hymns the people had been hearing in the cemetery at night, he replied:

"Well, I have to go down behind this old cemetery every morning to look at those <sup>graves</sup> stones, and it's kind of

spooky around here. So I sing ROCK OF AGES and ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS, to cheer myself up."

The warden of the penitentiary ordered him in the future to do his hymn singing in the daytime. And Announcer ----- has just ordered me to cease my warbling for tonight, and say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.