

Lowell Thomas - October 27, 1932

Good Evening, Everybody:-

The big news of the day ^{again} comes from London, and it is just as serious as the police feared. (The long expected riots broke out. In various parts of London the unemployed battled with the police. The rioters tore down railings and used stones, sticks and umbrellas. The Bobbies retaliated with their batons, *which is critical for a copper's club.* A dispatch to the Montreal Star relates that the most serious of these frays was a fight between two hundred police and five thousand unemployed at the famous Marble Arch, the entrance to Hyde Park,) where the hunger marchers were to stage their demonstration. Before the battle was over there was a crowd of one hundred thousand people in the neighborhood. ~~Sixty~~ ^{wounded} ~~people at this moment~~ ^{now} are in the hospitals, hundreds of others received minor injuries and were treated at a field station which had been set up in the park by the marchers.

The mob was not dispersed until the mounted police, riding several abreast, ~~delivered a charge~~^d ~~on~~ the rioters.

Many windows, mostly in private residences in the streets near the park, were broken. The rioters smeared wet sand over limosines and ~~committed various~~^{did} other ~~forms of~~ damage. A brick was tossed through a window of one of John Bull's post-offices near the entrance of the park.

There was a strong guard around the House of Commons and No. 10 Downing Street to prevent trouble there. ~~to prevent a demonstration there~~ You probably will hear of

more trouble later tonight because the hunger marchers are planning a ~~demonstration~~^{big demonstration} near the House of Commons.

The New York Evening Post says it seems to be clearly established that ~~a good deal of~~ the rioting was started and ~~a good deal of it continued~~^{much of it carried on}, not by the hunger marchers, but by London hoodlums. The authorities see no solution to the problem. And it is feared that the violence will continue, ~~if not~~^{and may} grow worse.

The situation is so serious that late this afternoon King George summoned Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald to Buckingham Palace. It is not known what was the outcome of the xx conference.

DUBLIN

A method of press censorship which is not exactly new but is at any rate unusual, has been witnessed in Dublin. The Evening Telegraph of Dublin, a supporter of President de Valera, has been forced to suspend publication.

A dispatch to the Hartford Times reports that this is due to the fact that the workers' union stopped all street sales. ~~of the paper.~~ This they did by the ~~simple~~ simple method of beating up anybody they caught in the streets reading a copy of the paper.

LINDBERGH

Here is the Lindbergh kidnaping case back again in the news. A gentleman named John Saul was arrested in Seville, in *Sevilla, Spain,* and held for questioning in connection with the kidnaping. *Today*

a dispatch to the Louisville Times says the American consulate in Seville has reported to the State Department that Mr. Saul

had entered ~~Seville~~ *(Spain)* with a fraudulent French passport. This

he was said to have destroyed after calling at the Consulate

last Tuesday. ^{It} ~~He~~ was also alleged that Saul has made conflicting statements. These the consulate will investigate thoroughly.

The man is being held on a technical charge of being without proper documents.

VIENNA

Uncle Sam ^{has just} received an apology ~~today~~ from no less
an institution than the ancient University of Vienna. This was
~~it~~ on account of the beating ^{up} of four American students by Hitlerite
undergraduates. ~~of Vienna.~~

The young Americans were ^{slugged} ~~beaten~~ for no other reason
save that they were not wearing Hitlerite emblems.

^{Both the Chancellor and}
^{the} Rector of the University of Vienna called upon the
American Minister ~~this morning~~ to deliver ^{their} ~~his~~ apology ^{yes} in person.
~~following a visit of the Chancellor of the University.~~ As a
result of the ~~complaint~~ complaint made by the American
Minister, the University has been closed and placed under police
guard. The Minister of Education insists that if such an incident
occurs again the freedom ^e of the University will be suspended. That
does not mean much to us, but it's a serious thing in Europe
where ancient liberties and privileges are tokens of honor.

YEATS

It felt like old times this afternoon. It seemed just like those days when I was a ^{staff newspaper} ~~club~~ reporter, ~~in Chicago~~. I sat in at a press interview, joined in with the other reporters and listened to what a distinguished visitor had to say. The distinguished visitor in this case was William Butler Yeats, the famous Irish poet. He is a powerfully built, ruddy, gray-haired man, in whose face you can see a thoughtful soundness of mind and moreover, a flashing intelligence.

He sat ^{in his suite at the Waldorf-Astoria} and talked of ~~Ireland's~~ Ireland and the Irish drama and Irish literature. One interesting point he made was that the present Irish literary movement is the product of bitter political strife. He told how the downfall of the great nationalist leader, Parnell, caused an intense struggle and disillusionment in Ireland. The young men lost their faith in politics and turned to the drama and poetry. And that began the Celtic Renaissance.

And William Butler Yeats told one interesting anecdote.

He has a marvellous old medieval tower in Galway, - lived there during the time of the ^{recent} Irish civil war. There was skirmishing all around. Mr. Yeats tells how he was standing at a window one day when an old Irishman in a cart drove by. The ^{patriarch} ~~old man~~ gazed at the lovely old relic of medieval times and called to Yeats: "Sure an ^{It's} a good place to stay, ^{soir,} ~~is~~, but what you ^{need} ~~need~~ is some ^l steel windows".

Mr. Yeats is here for the present run of the Abbey Players who have been so ^{enthusiastically} ~~repeatedly~~ received.

TARIFF

A dispatch from Washington to the Cincinnati Post indicates that for all the clamor about a high tariff, there is a strong movement on foot to raise rather than ~~to~~ lower it. This is described as an intensive campaign to raise the barriers against cheap foreign imports. It has the support of the Republican administration. American manufacturers have complained that foreign nations, especially Czecho Slovakia, are dumping their products on the American market to the disadvantage of home industry.

CHICAGO

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The City of Chicago today started warlike measures in an effort to end the tax payers strike which has tied up some \$200,000,000 in taxes. The City Council authorized Mayor Tony Cermak to set up an emergency commission to compel the payment of all tax bills exceeding \$10,000. The Department of Public Works will shut off the water from delinquent tax payers. The Mayor was also authorized to revoke all permits for special privileges ^{such as} ~~and~~ no parking zones.

NAVY

This, by the way, is Navy Day in the ~~S.A.~~ U.S.A. Also, and appropriately, the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, the great T.R. If he had lived, he would have been 74 today.

Navy Day was celebrated at sea, in the air, and at all ground stations and ~~at~~ navy yards all over Uncle Sam's domain.

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President Hoover was ^{well advised} ~~fortunate~~ in choosing the date for the warning he issued to the American people and the nations of the world on the subject of the fleet of the United States. The President's statement has caused some excitement in Europe. In Berlin, it was received with approval. The Germans welcomed his warning that if the disarmament ~~ix~~ negotiations fail, the United States will be obliged to build up its fleet to the full strength of the London Treaty. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post considers it as important support for the German demand for equality in arms.

T. R. There was a peculiar fact about that campaign speech made by

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Governor General of the

Philippines, ~~is going to make a campaign speech which will~~ ^{which some of you may have just heard}

~~be heard in the United States.~~ ^{broadcast over the air, all the way across the Pacific,} ~~The reason I mention this~~

^{half way around the world.}

~~is that in order~~ ^{to} enable us to hear his speech tonight,

Col. Roosevelt ~~will have~~ ^{had} to get up early tomorrow morning, ^{if you know what I mean.}

The reason is that when it is six o'clock Eastern Standard Time, ^{our}

time here,

~~Time,~~ ^{it} is seven o'clock in the morning in the ~~office of the~~

Governor General's mansion in Manila.

^{By broadcasting his speech Col. T. R. Jr.}

~~This reminds me of an anecdote that survives from the~~ ^{avoided a situation that he ran into one day} ~~days when Col. Roosevelt was~~ campaigning for the governorship ^{when he was}

of New York against Al Smith. He was touring the state in

a special train. In the course of his travels, his train

stopped at a certain town and the usual ~~g~~ crowd gathered

around. Col. Roosevelt made ~~them~~ a speech, and as he talked

the crowd increased. In fact, he made one of the best speeches

of his entire campaign.

Now it so happens that the railroad over which he was

travelling was so laid out that in order to get from one point in New York to another in the same state, his train had to cross the borders of Pennsylvania.

In short, the Colonel ^{guilelessly} had made his best speech pleading for the governorship of New York to a crowd of enthusiastic voters of Pennsylvania.

CAMPAIGN

There is one part of the country where the election campaign is not being confined to harsh words. It is being waged to the tune of smashed heads and broken windows, torn banners and ~~vicious~~ violent abuse.

(6) The scene of all this, says the New York Sun, is the upper East Side of Manhattan, where (the picturesque Fiorella la Guardia, the Republican firebrand, is having the fight of his life to hold his seat in the House of Representatives. His opponent is the Honorable Jimmy Lanzetta, ~~as you will observe~~ a gentleman of the same racial origin as Major la Guardia. The Major is one of the most colorful figures in the House.) In fact that sage, political observer, Sam Blythe, ^{remarked} ~~observed~~ not long ago in the Saturday Evening Post that la Guardia was the real boss of the House. Jimmy Lanzetta who is after his political scalp, is described as an engineer-lawyer. He was born in a tenement on First Avenue, qualified as an engineer, then decided to take up law and was called to the Bar. They say he's quick of wit, an easy speaker and a hard worker.

The fight in that district, adds the New York Sun,

is reminiscent of the bloody factional feuds of the old
Tammany days when Tweed and Croker won elections with their
fists. Two people are in the hospital now as a result of
an attempt to break up ^{one} a Republican meeting.

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VIADUCT

Here ^{is} ~~is~~ good news for motorists in the Eastern part of the U.S.A. The new high level viaduct between Newark and Jersey City will be opened Thanksgiving Day. If all the distinguished visitors accept their invitations, the ceremony should be interesting. Among those invited are both President Herbert Hoover and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. ~~That should be an interesting meeting if it comes off.~~

Well the highway, as anybody travelling from New York to Trenton may observe, is a magnificent piece of engineering, *and I'm going to use it a lot. It's a superb spectacle. on my way to Asbury Park.* It is calculated that it will save at least fifteen minutes' time, perhaps more, to people who are driving from New York to Philadelphia or back, in fact this will affect all travel between Philadelphia and northern points. The viaduct is three miles long. It crosses the Jersey meadows and the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers at a height of 135 feet. All this means there will be no tiresome waits for the draw bridges over the Hackensack and Passaic. It will make almost a direct drive

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from the western end of the Holland Tunnel to the superhighway
between Jersey City and Philadelphia *and shore points.*

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FARM

Here is something new from Des Moines, Iowa on the farm situation. The National Farmers Holiday Association adopted a resolution calling upon farmers to declare a moratorium on tax and mortgage payments. Here is what their president says about it:

"With prices as they ^{now} ~~are~~ are, the farmers can't pay these obligations anyway, so we might just as well be frank

about it". In other words the farmers may quit lying awake nights thinking about the old mortgage and those taxes.

A couple of prize winning whoppers ^{in the Tall Story contest} come all the way from the distant Barbados, those isles off the north coast of South America. ^{My English friend} J. W. Brown, in the balmy enchantment of ^{the} tropical ~~days~~ has been thinking up a few. He tells of a young lady in Iowa who always mixes a little Blue Sunoco with her perfume whenever she steps out with her boy friends. And that certainly does speed them up. Just imagine the boy friend when he gets a whiff of "Nights of Love" ^{mingled with} ~~and~~ Blue Sunoco. Talk about speed! ~~Will~~ Will that make him work fast? Why he just burns up -- no, not the road, the lady.

Our Barbados Tall Story teller continues by telling how he was at a filling station the other day and heard the following conversation:

"Where's Pete?"

"Pete who?"

"Petroleum."

"Dunno - Gasolined against the "Sunoco" Pump smoking his Cigar, he hasn't benzine since."

ROBBERS

I have here an item which bears out the contention of my friend, Mike Fiaschetti, author of "^{You gotta Be} ~~the~~ Rough", that coppers should ^{do} ~~be~~ just that with criminals - treat ~~them~~ rough.

A dispatch to the Nashville Tennessean relates that Chief of Police Bob McGinness, of Newton, Kansas, was a mild-mannered man. It is doubtful if he is as mild today.

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Two boys and a girl, all 16 years old, were alleged to have stolen an automobile in Pittsburgh several weeks ago and taken it to Newton. Chief McGinness caught them and was returning them in the stolen car to Pittsburgh. When they got on an uninhabited part of the highway near St. Clairsville, Ohio, one of the boys hit him over the head with a pop bottle. The two boys and the girl then took the chief to a lonely cabin along the highway, manacled him with his own handcuffs, bound him to a cot, and then robbed him of all his money. When he regained consciousness this morning, it was in that cabin that he found himself, minus his wallet containing \$80, minus the stolen automobile which he was returning to its owners, minus his hitherto mild manners.

Just imagine what that chief said when he awoke.

RODEO

Some folks think that broncho busting and bull dogging steers is inhuman. Well, I am not going to argue about that. But I spent most of my childhood in the West, among cow punchers and gold miners, ^{and} I still get a tremendous thrill out of a Wild West Show. I wait for the annual circus each year just like a youngster. And in the same way I wait for the annual rodeo. It ^{is} on this week, at Madison Square Garden. And I'm going tonight and will take about a dozen nine and ten year old boys.

To me the bucking broncho, and the bawling, pitching steer, and the cow punchers in their high-heeled boots, chaps and ~~ten-gallon~~ ^{ten-gallon} hats, symbolize the West. They've been having great crowds at the rodeo this season, and my friends tell me it is as thrilling as ever.

I have an ~~old~~ crony who is one of the most picturesque old-time Texans alive. He has been a soldier ^{in many lands,} of fortune, a Texas ranger, an editor, and so on. He looks like an old-time frontiersman. ^{His life story is one of the most thrilling I know of.} His name is Major Tex O'Reilly. And in spite of his advancing years, ^{and his brittle bones,} he has been

taking part in the rodeo this week, riding those wild horses.

In fact he won third money. And boy, I wouldn't miss that for

a whole lot. All right, let's go, "let 'er buck! And --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.