

Good Evening, Everybody:

When both the President and his successful rival are of the same mind on one point, that ~~is decidedly~~ ^{surely is} news.

The point on which Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt are agreed concerns all of us -- ~~our~~ taxes. They are both emphatic in a statement that the number of federal, ~~and~~ ^{and other} state taxes that overlap ~~each other~~ has resulted in a tangled maze that baffles everybody.

The President stated ^{in person} his opinion to the Interstate Legislative Assembly which is now meeting in Washington. ~~Mr.~~ ~~Hoover stated his views in person.~~ Mr. Roosevelt, says the correspondent of the New York World-Telegram, sent his ^{similar remarks} ~~the~~ ^{by} letter.

The gist of their opinions is that it is up to the Interstate Legislative Assembly to work out a scientific division of tax sources amongst the various governments that collect them.

BRIEFS

Things are stirring in Roumania. Martial law will be declared throughout that country tonight. The correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle cables that this intention was announced by Roumania's Prime Minister this afternoon. He declares it has been made necessary because of the unrest and agitation that have prevailed with increasing strength in the last few days, particularly riots in the oil district. In the course of those strikers wrecked the administration building of the Roumanian American Oil Company's Refinery.

Then from Naples comes the news that our old friend Vesuvius is on the rampage again. There were three violent earth shocks this morning, followed by a loud roaring noise. No injuries or damage are reported as yet, but ten thousand inhabitants of the town of Boscotrecase^{hge} have fled from their homes. I'd be inclined to flee from my home too, if I lived in a town with a name so difficult to pronounce.

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From London comes a rumor that the next British Ambassador will be no less a celebrity than Viscount Astor. *Well, well.* It will seem curious to have a man, ^{of} not only an American but a famous American name in Washington as envoy from a foreign country. The gossip is that he will succeed Sir Ronald Lindsay in Washington soon after Mr. Roosevelt becomes President. *In England Viscount Astor is known as a sound, quiet man - a stout fellow.*

Then we have news ^{via} ~~from~~ Jerusalem. It is to the effect that there has been serious fighting between the forces of King Ibn Saud, the so-called Puritan ruler of Arabia, and ^{the} rebels. The story goes that the strength of the rebels has recently been considerably recruited. *Well, there is always war in the desert.*

There's ^{more} ~~s~~ trouble too in Ireland. Six thousand railway men are on strike in the province of Ulster. Today five hundred omnibus employe^es in Belfast joined the railway men. They ~~are~~ striking against proposed reductions of their wages.

As the result of this the troops have been called

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out and are patrolling the roads in armored cars and lorries equipped with machine guns. Some of the troops are using military trucks to carry stranded passengers to their homes.

The situation looks a little brighter for the new French Prime Minister. The Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies voted today to support M. Daladier. This assures the new Cabinet of a majority.

AUSTRIA

The Vienna correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that there is serious unrest among the peasantry of Austria. This in spite of the fact that the government has been generous in giving farm relief. But numerous tax riots are reported among the peasantry in the Tyröl' and other Alpine provinces of Austria. Scenes have been observed there very similar to those that have been going on ^{for} so many months in Iowa and other parts of the American farm belt.

NICARAGUA

A dramatic scene took place today in the capital of Nicaragua. General ^{our} Augusto Sandino, who ^{has} been an outlaw for more than five years, arrived quite unannounced by airplane for a conference with President Sacasa.²

The correspondent of the El Paso Herald wires that great excitement prevailed in Managua. Few people believed that General Sandino would dare come to the capital. There was no cheering, but on the other hand, there was no hostility.

At the end of the conference the former outlaw chief announced that he had made his peace with the lawful President of the Republic. And he said "it was all because the last of Uncle Sam's Marines have left."

GERMANY

A reassuring statement was issued today in Berlin by Vice-Chancellor Franz^s von Papen. The new Hitler government, he says, has no idea whatsoever of restoring the monarchy in Germany. Mr. Hitler's Cabinet has no connection with any Royalist movement whatsoever. In answer to a direct question Colonel Von Papen told the correspondent of the New York World Telegram that there will be absolutely no change in the foreign policy of Germany.

At the same time the correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables an ~~interesting~~^{extraordinary} story of the inside details of Hitler's latest rise to power. Those details throw an astonishing light on the birth of the new government, and the curious swiftness with which it came into being.

The key to Hitler's appointment, says the New York Evening Post, was President von Hindenburg's belief that General Von Schleicher, the outgoing Chancellor, had planned a "Putsch", a conspiracy of army leaders to bring about a military

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revolution. This belief, it now turns out, was mistaken.

General von Schleicher had no such plans, and there was no

movement among the leaders of the German army to put over

any such coup *de etat.*

The ^{Prussian} ~~British~~ police are continuing their raids on Communist headquarters. Moreover they are suppressing all public demonstrations. Casualties are reported from several parts of the Republic.

DOUKHOBORS

from New York
Two men are making an airplane flight [^] to Halifax,
Nova Scotia on a curious errand. This concerns the
Doukhobors, that ~~curious~~ ^{odd} sect which started their wanderings
~~from~~ ⁱⁿ Russia three-hundred years ago.

The Doukhobors, as we learn from a story in the
New York World-Telegram are planning their fifth grand migration.
They are preparing to go to Mexico from Canada. The Mexican
Government has given them guarantees of not only freedom but
land.

The airplane flight to ~~Canada~~ ^{Halifax} is being made in the
interests of their leader, Peter ~~V~~ ^{Veregin.} He was imprisoned
sometime ago in Saskatchewan. On the day of his release,
January 31st, hundreds of his followers waited at the doors of
the jail to welcome him. Peter ~~V~~ ^Verigin did not appear. The
Canadian authorities had taken him out by back door, put him
on a train and sent him to Halifax to be deported to Russia.
If he goes to Russia, so say his friends, he will be shot and
his people will be without a leader. So lawyers are hurrying to
Halifax in a desperate effort to save this man from deportation.

BONUS

The Lame Duck Congress is passing the buck on the Veteran Bonus question. This became known when Representative Patman of Texas, the leader of the Bonus ^{advocates,} ~~committee~~ announced that he had no intention of trying to force another vote on this explosive subject before March 4th.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin indicates that action ^{could} ~~might~~ be forced by a petition of one hundred and forty-five ^{of the lower house of Congress.} members. But this, ^{they say} is not probable.

7 ~~xxx~~ Indications are that the Bonus ^{advocates} ~~partisans~~ will wait until the currency is inflated before trying to put their measure through.

VETERANS

On the other hand the House of Representatives today approved an appropriation for expenditures for the veterans amounting to almost a billion dollars. This year's appropriation is increased almost eighteen million over last year.

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Every time I say anything on Friday evening about going somewhere for the weekend I receive a stack of letters asking where I go and what I do. Well, this weekend I'm making quite an expedition -- to Brooklyn, to give an illustrated talk Sunday night at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Four of us, are on for a series:- Sir Hubert Wilkins, Frazier Hunt, and Floyd Gibbons. Mine comes first, this Sunday evening, about an expedition I made through Central and Southern Asia. If you come I'll loan you my best camel for the journey.

Here's an odd one:-

PUZZLE

(Evidently the Jigsaw Puzzle craze is having as violent an epidemic in Canada as in the U.S.A. There was a fire in an apartment house in Toronto early this morning. It was such a blaze that the firemen had to break into some of the apartments and carry the tenants out. In one of those apartments they found a man who did not want to leave. As the Toronto Star tells it, he was busily engaged fitting a puzzle together.)
By the time the firemen broke in, his apartment was in ruins and most of his belongings were destroyed. The firemen had to remove him forcibly. He didn't attempt to take his clothing with him. All he wanted was the jigsaw puzzle on which he was working. And he made a desperate attempt to get back and find one missing piece. ~~And that sounds like a~~

At any rate that's how the story is told.

ROOSEVELT

(President-elect Roosevelt leaves his Southern home in Warm Springs, Georgia, tonight for his long planned fishing trip on the high seas.) George Van Slyke wires the New York Sun that Mr. Roosevelt has finished a goodly part of his job of getting ready to assume the Presidency a month from now. He has drawn an outline of his policies and selected most of the men to carry them out.

(During his ten days vacation he will be the guest of Vincent Astor on the ^{Yacht}~~Mourmahal~~.) There he will confine himself to fishing and so far as possible, resting.

Mr. Roosevelt has announced only fragments of his policies. He is not going to take the public into his confidence about his Cabinet until a couple of days before his Inauguration. The correspondents believe he is going to hold as much ammunition as possible in reserve.

At the same time reporters have learned that Mr. Roosevelt's program ^{will}~~would~~ not be nearly as radical as ^{some had}~~was~~ expected. His Cabinet will consist mostly of experienced politicians of the old school rather than modern radicals.

LAW

A writer in the Cincinnati[✓] Evening Post comments on the vagaries of the American law. It seems that a claim for damages came to trial recently in Cincinnati[✓]. A woman said she tripped, fell on a stairway, and sustained a fracture ~~of~~ the skull. When she got well she sued for twenty thousand damages.

On the jury that tried this case was a certain juror who was particularly conscientious. He considered it was not enough to accept what the lawyers told him -- he wanted to study the situation himself. So on his own responsibility he went to look at the stairway on which that woman claimed she had fallen.

This fact came to light and the woman's lawyers objected. The Judge was obliged to declare a mistrial. According to the American law a juror is not allowed to do any investigating *unless the whole jury is taken by the sheriff.* for himself. [^] Wasn't it one of Charles Dickens's characters who

declared sometime ago "the law is a hăss"?

SALES

The movement of people in the farming districts to prevent ^{the} forced sale of their properties to satisfy judgments, is now spreading to the cities. This became evident in Philadelphia ~~yesterday~~ when a crowd of several hundred sympathizers prevented a couple of constables from seizing the furniture of a man who ^{was} being evicted and sold out. A story in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin relates ~~that~~ when the constables arrived somebody in the house screamed. Immediately a small crowd gathered. The constables persisted and carried part of the furniture outside. Then neighbors and other sympathizers began arriving by the hundreds. Whereupon the constables hastily carried the furniture back into the house. Not, however, before one of them was socked in the nose. Five people were arrested.

Of course, this sort of thing has been going on in the farming districts all over the country for several months now. But this incident is significant because it shows the same wind is blowing in the direction of the big cities. If it goes ~~2~~ further, it will mean that even if the government doesn't declare a legal moratorium on debts, the people will enforce their own moratorium illegally.

BEER

Now for an item that should interest all those concerned with higher education. Some important brewers have been holding ~~an~~ meeting in Chicago discussing what they will do when, as and if beer becomes legal once more. The correspondent of the Brooklyn Times Union reports that one of the gravest problems confronting the brewers will be to educate the American public to drink good beer. ~~once more~~ So many people, they say, have been drinking gin and bootleg beer that it will probably be quite a task to ^{change their} ~~win them over to a taste for decent~~ ~~beer.~~ ~~stuff.~~

MULROONEY

ROOSEVELT

Rumors continue with considerable strength to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt has chosen a new chief for the United States Secret Service. And that chief, say the gossips,

will be no less a person than Edward P. Mulrooney, Police

Mr. Mulrooney declares he is not a candidate for the job.
Commissioner of New York City. ⁷New York newspapers express

considerable concern, because almost everybody admits that

Mr. Mulrooney has been an admirable Police Commissioner. During

his term of office there have been no scandals connected with

the Department, and Mr. Mulrooney, who is a copper's copper,

having worked his way up from the ranks, has successfully

avoided the jams and criticism that afflicted his predecessors

in that exceedingly difficult ~~job~~ *post.*

MOTORS

The taxation on motor vehicles reached its high point in 1932. So we learn from figures made public by the American Automobile Association and quoted in the Automotive Daily News.

The average motor vehicle paid a tax of \$45.28. This in the face of declining registrations and a decrease in the use of cars.

HUNTING

In the course of this winter's hunting season ~~18x~~
I've related several episodes in which the casualties occurred
to the hunters rather than to the animals hunted. Now I have an
interesting report from the New Jersey State Fish and Game
Commission. The Chief Game Warden of that state declares
that last year hunting in New Jersey proved a safer sport than
football or baseball. He ^{points out} ~~declares~~ that considering the number
of persons engaged it was of all outdoor recreations one of the
free-est from accidents. In that state only a few persons were
injured and there were absolutely no deaths ^{from gunning.} ~~in the field at all.~~

^{New Jersey}
It seems the [^]Fish and Game Commission has for many years
~~and~~ conducted a campaign against hunting accidents. This has
been done principally through an intensive course of public
education. The report shows that it is possible to get the
cooperation of sportsmen in this respect and make ^{hunting safe for the} ~~the sport~~

^{hunter} ~~safe~~ [^] once more. ~~P~~ *****
[^] Incidentally, the current issue of the Literary

Digest quotes the remark of a young wife as she was saying

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goodbye to her husband who was going on a hunting trip.

"I shall miss you, dear", said the young wife affectionately. Then she added: "And I shall pray that the hunters you are going with will do the same."

Which reminds me that if I don't hurry away from this mite I shall miss my train ^{for the farm -- so} ~~to the country, so I'll~~

~~say~~

SO LONG UNTIL SUNDAY.