

Good Evening, Everybody:

There's ~~been~~ excitement in Canada this week, at Ottawa. The capital of our great neighbor to the north is all dolled up for a historic occasion -- the Imperial Conference. Representatives from all the Dominions of the far-flung British Empire are assembling in Ottawa. Though it doesn't open until Thursday, many of Canada's distinguished guests are already there. And the delightful city of Ottawa is in holiday mood.

A dispatch to the New York World-Telegram declares that Uncle Sam has as much or more at stake in this conference than any one individual dominion of the British Empire. Of course, for the British Commonwealth of nations this is the most momentous meeting that will ever have been held.

The importance which Great Britain attaches to the gathering is shown by the character of the delegation she has sent to the conference. It is headed by Stanley Baldwin, twice Prime Minister of Great Britian and now Lord President of the Council. Others are the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State

for the Dominions, the Secretary of War, the President of the Board of Trade, the Secretary of State for the Colonies. All these are members of the British Cabinet in London. Not since the  ~~treaty~~ treaty of Versailles in 1919 has Britain sent abroad such an imposing array of statesmen.

It will be an exceedingly picturesque affair. For instance, the delegation from India is led by Sir Atul Chatterjee, former High Commissioner for India. He's also well known in the United States. Then too, there are delegations from Ireland, from the North of Ireland, from South Africa, from Southern Rhodesia, New Zealand, the West Indies, Australia, and so on. This is strictly a family affair among Britishers. So no foreign countries will take any official part. However, Uncle Sam will be unofficially present on the sidelines. Not only our Minister to Ottawa, but other observers will be present.

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RELIEF

President Hoover returned <sup>to Wash</sup> today from his camp on the Rapidan, ~~to Washington~~, and promptly signed the ~~Garner-Wagner~~ Unemployment Relief bill. Various states of the Union <sup>just as promptly</sup> promptly announced their intention of taking advantage of this bill ~~and~~ by seeking loans from the <sup>three hundred millions</sup> ~~two billions~~ which the measure places at their disposal.

As a matter of fact, eight states have already put in their applications. The first of these was Pennsylvania. Through Governor Pinchot she ~~xx~~ applied for a loan of ten million immediately. She wants thirty-five millions more to be spread over a period of nine months. Thirty states have announced that they will ask for credits from the government.

UNEMPLOYED

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Here's a plan that some people think will provide jobs for no less than three million of the unemployed. They're going to have a conference in Boston tomorrow under the direction of the New Hampshire Unemployment Relief Committee and the Massachusetts Commission on the Stabilization of Employment. This new plan is going to be offered to the conference for discussion.

~~The plan~~ is known as the New Hampshire plan for re-employment. It was developed by an industrial engineer of Nashua, New Hampshire. It involves applying the principle of flexible working hours to all units of government and business. The Idea is to apportion available work among available workers so far as practicable.

The plan is founded on the theory that of the total number of unemployed, more than three million have no In plain English that means the plants aren't properly organized. jobs because of technological reasons. / The plan seems to provide a working basis upon which these people may be sent to work again.



MURDER

The District Attorney of Nassau County, Long Island, had no hesitation this afternoon in declaring that the man who died last week while a prisoner, ~~of the police,~~ was murdered, ~~by the coppers.~~

"The men who killed Stark are no less murderers because they are officers", says ~~Mr. Edwards,~~ the <sup>Nassau County</sup> ~~District~~ <sup>District</sup> Attorney, ~~of Nassau County.~~ He adds: "I have no doubt, <sup>as to how</sup> ~~that~~ Stark met his death, <sup>in</sup> ~~at the hands of the police."~~

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Meanwhile the affair waits upon the decision of Supreme Court Justice Steinbrink, before whom the preliminary inquiry was held. Justice Steinbrink has three points to decide: Was a crime committed? What was the crime? Were there one or more people who took part in it? The Justice is expected to report tomorrow.

No less than thirteen of Nassau County's policemen are under suspension. Four ~~of them~~ are under arrest as material witnesses. The Assistant District Attorney of the



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County told the Court that the Deputy Chief of Police had admitted to him that he, the Deputy, ~~Chief~~, had put one foot on the prisoner's stomach, and the other on his neck, and so rocked back and forward. This deputy ~~then~~ chief is one of the Nassau ~~coppers~~ <sup>police</sup> under suspension.

If Justice Steinbrink decides that the death of this prisoner was caused by the <sup>Officers of the law</sup> ~~police~~, the case will then go immediately to the Grand Jury.

## FARM BOARD

There's another trial down in Washington. The defendant in this case is the Federal Farm Board. It is being tried for its life.

The Jurors are a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. They are meeting to formulate plans for an investigation of the board. This inquiry was ordered after several senators had declared that the Board was a five hundred million dollar failure and demanded that it be dissolved. James C. Stone, the Chairman of the Board, welcomes investigation.



GARNER

There'll be no reporters following Speaker Garner, Democratic candidate for the vice-presidency, when he goes

on his vacation. ~~So,~~ at any rate, <sup>so</sup> says ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Speaker *from his farm in Texas.*

"I'm going to fish in several places, and they'll all be five miles from nowhere", *declared the statesman with the ten gallon hat.* ~~declares the Speaker.~~

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He adds: ~~that:~~ "reporters can come and write about the spotted pony my granddaughter rides, and ~~write~~ about my pecans and my grapes, but they can't quote me on anything, because I won't be here." Speaker Garner alluded proudly to the fact that his grape crop last year was between four and five thousand pounds. He <sup>also</sup> says also that they made excellent wine.



MRS. ROOSEVELT

( Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the Democratic nominee for President, announces today that she is in favor of repealing the 18th Amendment. This is rather remarkable news because barely two weeks ago Mrs. Roosevelt was on the other side. ) Mrs. Albert J. Aiken of <sup>Quaker Hill,</sup> Pawling, chairman of the Dutchess County Branch of the Women's Organization for Prohibition Reform, approached Mrs. Roosevelt at a garden party.

*The N.Y. Sun tells us that*

^ Mrs. Aiken asked Mrs. Roosevelt to join the Dutchess County branch of the organization, thereby endorsing Governor Roosevelt's wet position. On that day, which was July 9th, Mrs. Roosevelt emphatically refused.

BUFFALO

They had a buffalo hunt today. And where do you suppose it took place? Billings, <sup>Montana.</sup> ~~Oklahoma.~~ Furthermore, it took place inside the city limits.

All the citizens of Billings took part. The occasion was that a maddened buffalo bull got loose in the streets and was tearing up and down all through Billings. It took the Billingites an hour and a half to capture the bull.



## BILLBOARDS

Here's a court decree that affects everybody who likes scenery, everybody who motors along the highway. ~~New York~~ ~~Six~~ The State of New York in <sup>the</sup> future is allowed to erect screens in front of all ugly billboards that ruin the scenery along the state highways. This was decided today by ~~an~~ unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals.

The case arises out of a thirty-five foot billboard, a hideous thing that has been marring the approach to the mid-Hudson Bridge at Poughkeepsie, New York. <sup>The</sup> New York Superintendent of Public Works put up a decorative screen to hide this ugly billboard. The owners of the eyesore obtained an injunction. The case went through three courts and now the state is victor in the highest court. ~~Let's hope all other states will follow suit.~~



## GYPSIES

Who would ever think of the gypsies going collegiate? There's a new king of the gypsies, and contrary to all tradition and to all romance and history he's a college graduate -- of the College of the City of New York, to be precise.

This leaks out in a dispatch from Detroit to the Newark News. The new ~~King of the Gypsies is named~~ <sup>monarch of the Romanya is King Steve</sup> Stanley, and it seems he is starting a movement to modernize the habits of his subjects.

His first order was for those subjects to stop once and for all the ancient Romany custom of selling their daughters in marriage to the highest bidder. He's also determined to do away with the colorful costumes of his tribe, both men and women. King Steve wants his ~~women~~ <sup>people</sup> to be arrayed in American clothing.

"The Stars and Stripes are our flag," he ~~ex~~ said. ~~Hurray!~~ He hopes to see all his young people get good educations and grow up to become ~~good~~ <sup>good</sup> Americans with trades and professions. He wants them to quit their ancient callings of fortune-telling, copper-smithing and horse-trading.

King Steve was elected to his ~~throne~~ <sup>throne.</sup>. He received the votes of 4,000 gypsies of the Middle and Far West and 4,000 in the East, in addition to 2300 from Mexico and also the Brazilian tribe.

*Which makes Steve the only ruling king in America.*

COXEY

At the age of 78 years, Jacob S. Coxe, candidate for president on the Farmer Labor ticket, is planning his forthcoming campaign ~~for all the world like~~ <sup>as tho he were</sup> a twenty-five year old. Coxe, of course, is the once famous commander who led the march of Coxe's army, - the army of the unemployed, - on Washington in 1894.

"I expect to spend my 79th birthday in the White House", said ~~Mr. Coxe~~ <sup>the General</sup> Coxe talks with all the vigor of youth. He is planning a two weeks' speaking tour of the Midwestern states. He claims that ~~x~~ few men have <sup>had</sup> such a full and adventurous life as he. "Few ~~men~~ have taken the blows on the chin that I have, ~~taken the~~ ~~blows~~ and come up smiling", ~~says Coxe~~. He has for a fact engaged in innumerable political battles. He was twice unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Ohio. He was once candidate for Senator, and again Congressman.

Last summer, at the age of 77, he ran for Mayor of the town of Massillon, Ohio. He conducted a campaign



reminiscent of the torchlight affairs of the nineties. And he was swept into office by the largest majority polled by a mayoralty candidate in ten years.



CUPID

(or is he your friend?) at any rate he

Our old friend <sup>Dan</sup> Cupid is getting it both ways nowadays.

The present economic condition is ~~affecting~~ having a double effect on the marriage and divorce problem.

On the one hand fewer people are getting married in the United States. On the other hand those who are married aren't so quick to run to the divorce courts.

These figures come from the Census Bureau in Washington. Last year marriages decreased 6.1 per cent, as compared with 1930. There were one-million-sixty-thousand and ninety-five marriages in 1931. But on the other hand, the number of divorces decreased, for in that same year only 183,695 couples let the courts separate them. In other words, there are <sup>now</sup> nearly six marriages for every divorce.

## POSTAL RATES

In case you think Uncle Sam's postal rates today are high, <sup>just</sup> you'd better ~~thank yourself~~ <sup>stars</sup> lucky you weren't alive a hundred years ago.

(2) A gentleman in Springfield, Missouri, had in his archives a copy of the postal regulations of 1832.

Well, <sup>it seems</sup> a century ago, the minimum rate for a letter was six cents provided it did not have to be carried more than thirty miles. For a distance greater than thirty miles and less than eighty, the rate was ten cents. Between eighty and a hundred and fifty miles you had to pay twelve and a half cents. ~~Up to four hundred miles eighteen and three quarter cents,~~ and ~~for all distances over four hundred miles twenty-five cents~~ for a simple letter. <sup>you</sup> What do <sup>A</sup> think of that?

~~Maybe that's a solution, maybe it isn't.~~



BOY SCOUT

Here's a tale that gave me quite a kick when I read it, and it ought to interest all young ~~swindlers.~~<sup>swimmers.</sup> It comes in a dispatch to the Hartford Times. A young man named Vern Kildy of Detroit, who is just fourteen years old, tried to pass the life-saving test in his troop of boy scouts two weeks ago. Well, he failed to pass.

This afternoon while he was boating on Lake Sinclair, a grown man fell overboard and was drowning.

Well, who do you suppose saved him? Young Vern Kildy, the fourteen year old lad who failed to pass the boy scout life-saving test two weeks ago.

BEEES

Here's a new prohibition problem. The farmers in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri are being very much disturbed. Their bees come home every evening with all the signs of having been on what is vulgarly known as a toot.

A dispatch to the Indianapolis Times has it that they apparently get all liquored up from mash thrown out of nearby stills.

The farmers don't object to the staggering way in which the bees fly. But they find that the flavor of alcohol doesn't improve the honey -- although that seems to be a subject for debate.

So the question is, what to do? Any answer will, I am sure, be gratefully received in the Ozarks. Or send your answers to me, in care of the Empire State Building, in New York. And while you're thinking it over, I think I'll go out and get some honey, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.