

L.T. - SUNOCO Friday, November 17, 1933.

Good Evening, Everybody:

(Here's a real bit of history to open ~~the~~
~~evening~~ with ^{tonight.} Uncle Sam and the Russian Bear are friends once more.

President Roosevelt announced that diplomatic relations will be
resumed. ^{These} ~~was~~ the breach between the two countries, which has lasted
ever since the Soviets took control, is now healed.

The name of Uncle Sam's first ambassador to
Moscow was also announced. He is ~~to be~~ William C. Bullitt, who has
taken a prominent part in the negotiations which brought about this
historic event.) Young Mr. Bullitt is only forty-two years old,
certainly one of the youngest men ever to be appointed to an
embassy. He ^{has} ~~is~~ always been a precocious fellow. He used to be a
cub reporter but after only a few weeks he was promoted to editorial
writer. When he was only twenty-eight years old he was chosen by
President Woodrow Wilson for confidential missions in Europe. In
fact, he made a trip to Russia in 1919 and in his report urged the
recognition of ^{the Soviet Government at that time.} ~~Russia then~~ But neither President Wilson nor any
of the other statesmen of Versailles paid any attention to it.
Incidentally, he's the son of a big-shot family in Philadelphia.

The final decision to seal this pact of friendship between Moscow and Washington came at the end of a long night's session. The President said that he and Maxim Litvinoff reached their agreement at ten minutes to twelve Thursday evening.

All the points at issue have been settled to the satisfaction of both governments. These questions include propaganda, religious freedom for Americans visiting in Russia, proper legal protection for Americans either visiting or working in Russia, also the question of economic espionage, (syping on each other's affairs) and money claims.

Although this agreement was arrived at Thursday night, Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet envoy, spent a considerable part of today at the White House. The conference between the President and Commissar Litvinoff was interrupted this morning while the Russian envoy talked to his wife in Russia on a two way radio hook-up over the N.B.C. networks. Maybe you heard part of this intimate conversation. It was open to anyone to listen in on. Madam Litvinoff, who is an Englishwoman by birth, told her husband that it was snowing in Moscow and that the children were studying hard.

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Well, that's that. Many prominent men have for a long time been demanding the recognition of Russia, saying it would help business. I am sure everybody hopes they're right. And now we'll watch. It has taken years for America, the U.S.A., I mean to come to this conclusion. But certainly Franklin D. Roosevelt acted with great speed.

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WALLACE

There's one man who ~~is~~^{is} exceedingly skeptical concerning the prophecies of the huge amount of American products that we shall ~~xx~~ sell to Russia ~~is~~^{now that} Uncle Sam ~~has~~^{has} recognized the Soviet government. That man is Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Wallace ~~says~~^{declares that all} ~~the~~^{concerning} optimism ~~is~~^{is} the big volume of trade which it is supposed will flow between the United States and Russia leaves him quite skeptical unless Uncle Sam reduces his tariff. Of course the Government will have to lend Russia the money for any purchases made by the Soviets over here. Mr. Wallace thinks even a six year loan won't be of much use unless the tariff wall is lowered.

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ROOSEVELT

The President ready to leave Washington about now -- off for his southern home, the Southern White House at Warm Springs, Georgia. On the way he's going to stop off at Savannah for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Georgia, but won't be back in the capital until after Thanksgiving. His mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt, will accompany him as well as Secretary Steve Early and others of the White House staff.

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WORK

Before he left for his short vacation, the President had interviews with heads of various government agencies that ~~have~~ ^{have} to do with putting one million men to work next week. He instructed the Civil Works Administration, the Treasury, the Post Office, and other Department^s concerning the payments of wages ~~x~~ in the Civil Works Administration Program.

The President described this as the largest disbursing operation in the history of the Government. All these men will be transferred from the Relief payrolls of the Federal, State, and Municipal Governments. The first payroll on this Civil Works Program will be ~~xxx~~ some twenty-five million dollars -- that ought to do everybody a lot of good when it gets into circulation.

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GOLD

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(Are you still interested in the price of gold? If you are, it is just the same as it was yesterday.) In fact, it hasn't changed now in three days. This fact is giving rise to rumors that the price is going to be stabilized; in other words, that stabilization of Uncle Sam's dollar is at hand. But no official confirmation of this rumor is offered.

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STEEL

One industry which has been operating under the N.R.A. Code professes itself eminently satisfied with the results. That's the Steel Industry. They have been working for the last few months under a probational code, trying it out to see how it works. And today the President of the Iron and Steel Institute informed ~~the~~ President *Roosevelt* that it had worked so well that they want to extend it. In other words, they want to continue as they have been. And that sounds encouraging.

LONDON

The British Parliament was prorogued today and as is usual on such occasions a message from King George was read to the Houses. Like most kings' messages nowadays, it said nothing in well chosen words. The principal sentiment expressed regret that the poor World Economic Conference had come to such an untimely end. It was also stated that the withdrawal of Germany from the Disarmament Conference had put that on the blink likewise. "But", says his Majesty, "the nations of the world must still strive for peace and disarmament". Well, well, well, *and a couple of wells.*

Meanwhile, folks in France are discussing the prospects of making a touch on John Bull, though Johnny has not paid his war debt to Uncle Sam. In fact, his last instalment was merely what was called a token payment, but he seems to have plenty of dough to ~~lend~~ ^{lend} to other people. One Paris newspaper says that English bankers offered a loan to France. I wonder what our chances would be of making a touch.

KIDNAPPING

The whole country has been shuddering with horror today over the details of that awful kidnapping and murder on the coast. The authorities of four California counties were at work last night dragging the bay near San Mateo for the body of young Brooke Hart. One of the grappling hooks fished up a piece of shirt material which is believed to have been worn by the victim. So this encouraged the officers to continue. However, they had to knock off in the middle of the night when a wind sprang up and made the water too rough. They've been keeping up the search all day today, but so far without success.

An ironic addition to the facts in this tragedy is that one of the two men who committed the crime has two children of his own.

When the news of ^{their} confession became known in San Jose, an infuriated crowd gathered outside the court house. There was ~~had~~ talk of lynching. So the authorities moved the two prisoners across the bay to San Francisco, where they are being kept ~~by the~~ in the stout city prison under a strong guard.

The officers now claim to have confessions from both

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these fellows. The prosecuting attorney says he is going to bring them to trial immediately and ask for capital punishment even if young Hart's body is not found. ~~The authorities~~^{He} believe^s that with confessions from both men they can satisfactorily establish the fact that a murder has been committed without producing the body of the dead ~~man~~^{youth.}

The men are said to have admitted that when they kidnapped young Hart they had no intention whatever of returning him alive. They intended to get the ransom after they had killed their victim.

President Roosevelt today sent a telegram conveying his condolences to the father and mother of the murdered lad.

All in all it seems to be the most deliberately cruel crime of this kind since the tragedy in the Lindbergh family.

STICK-UP

A young man in Chicago being hungry decided to go into the hold-up business. He had no experience and had to choose his methods from what he had heard ^{and read.} ~~of~~. So he ~~took~~ picked on a laundry driver, but the driver sized him up as an amateur and fooled him by inviting him to have a ^{hot dog} ~~hamburger~~ and a ~~cup~~ cup of coffee. When they got inside the diner, the laundry driver went into the kitchen, ostensibly for the purpose of ordering the hamburger but actually to telephone the police. The cops came on the run and the hungry amateur bandit did ~~not~~ even get his ^{weiner!} ~~hamburger~~.

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BREAD

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Chicago's housewives counted themselves in luck today. There is a price war between a large chain of stores and the Independent Bakers. Consequently on the banks of Lake Michigan you can get a sixteen ounce loaf for a nickel.

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BIGAMY

Here's a story of a courageous man. His name is Max Minzer, and he was arrested today on a charge of bigamy. When the cop got him to the station house, he found the charge was inadequate. Even trigamy would not fit.

Mr. Minzer's case amounts, on his own admission, so the police say to hexogamy. He had married six women, four of whom lived quite close to each other. To be sure, the gentleman was ungallant enough to have forgotten the names of two of his spouses.

The cops told me that the man was hardly the sort you would picture for the marrying type. He was about five feet six inches high, and weighs almost two hundred and fifty pounds. In his choice of wives he was easily satisfied. All he demanded of a gal was that she should have a job and be able to furnish an apartment for him.

Six wives! Shades of Brigham Young.

TREASURY.

(While Henry Morgenthau, Jr., was being formally sworn
in as Under-Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Treasury ^{today,}
President Roosevelt took advantage of the occasion to say
honeyed words in praise of the achievements of Mr. ^{W^m} Woodin who
is on his way to ^{Arizona to} regain his health ^{and who still nominally}
~~remains Secretary of the Treasury.~~)

At the same time, Dr. William I. Myers, once a
Professor at Cornell University, was sworn in to take Mr.
Morgenthau's former job as Governor of the Farm Credit
Administration.

ICE

All Chicago was obliged practically to slide to work this morning. When the city woke up, it found itself under a thick coating of ice. Rain had xx fallen, and then froze as it lay. The result was that any kind of motor traveling was exceedingly perilous. No matter which way the car was pointed, it was likely to go in the opposite direction. *That ought to make great stuff for news reels and insurance adjusters.*

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RIPLEY

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How that bird, Bob Ripley, gets around over this planet! He has just sent me a photograph of himself, up to his knees in a snowdrift on a road in Georgia. But wait a minute, it's not the Georgia you're probably thinking about, *the Georgia where Pres. Roosevelt is going tonight.* This Georgia is a province of Soviet Russia in Asia.

Bob doesn't say where he is going, but he apparently, for the moment, *He's not marching thru Georgia.* ~~he is in a~~ *He's stuck in a* snowdrift with a crowd of gentlemen in those typical big fluffy fur Caucasuses caps, attempting to get him out.

The envelope he sends me the picture in is addressed to "Tovarich Lowell Thomas, Radio City, Rockefeller Center, New York." Well, I'll bet Tovarich Believe-it-or-not-Ripley, up to his knees in that Asiatic snow, is thinking of the hot day last Summer when he played second base on my ball team against the New Canaan, Connecticut, bootleggers, when the temperature was one hundred in the shade.

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Anyhow Ripley's picture from that snow bound highway in the Caucasuses reminds me that I have just received the full story of the opening of a great new highway here in America. It is on the Kittanning Trail, in Pennsylvania.

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It is x the memorial highway near Altoona, extending to the famous Horseshoe Curve on the Pennsylvania Railroad, one of the scenic wonders of America. This brings true the dream of the Altoona veterans for a memorial to their buddies who went "West" in the great war. That road will undoubtedly bring many more travelers to the Altoona section of Pennsylvania. I obtained my information concerning the road from the Altoona Tribune.

L.T. Personal Correspondence.

HI-JACKING

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It became evident today that the end of prohibition does not mean an end to hi-jacking. ~~440~~ Four hundred and forty cases of sparkling Burgundy were unloaded from the French liner Paris on to a truck and sent merrily on their way to the government bonded warehouse. The wine was consigned to an importer under a government bond. A few short blocks away from the pier three men jumped on the running board when the driver stopped for lights; one of the men took the driver's place and drove off with the truck while the driver himself was put into a car with a bag over his head. He was then taken ~~xx~~ for a ride around town for a couple of hours and later released. That's the story the driver told when he walked into the police station. No guards had been assigned to the truck because it was believed that since the end of prohibition nobody would want to hi-jack a consignment of wine. But-that-guess-was-wrong.

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G.O.P.

Somebody at the Waldorf ~~Astoria~~ the other night ~~was~~ asked me, "Who is the vice-president?" Fortunately, Mr. John Nance Garner of Texas was nowhere in sight and did not hear this characteristic question.

Today there's an article in ^{the new} Collier's by Ray Tucker which asks, "Where's the Republican Party? What has happened to it? Where is it hiding?"

Ray Tucker answers his own question with a reply that a vast, organized, deliberate silence has fallen over the G.O.P. President Hoover, he adds, set the example for this policy of lying low and everybody else in the party has followed it. Mr. Tucker adds that few people believe Mr. Hoover will be the next candidate.

Ray, as G.O.P. Presidential timber, mentions: -
Sen. McNary, ^{Jim} Wadsworth, Ogden Mills, and Dave Reed.
Evidently that's Ray Tucker's own idea.

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GETTYSBURG

Dr. Henry Hanson, President of Gettysburg College, informs me that the college and the town are getting together Sunday for a celebration of the seventieth anniversary of ~~xxx~~ what is recognized as one of the finest pieces of prose in the English language - Lincoln's Gettysburg Address - on November 19th.

The celebration will be held on the spot where that noble piece of rhetoric was delivered. Four famous descendants of the great men of the Civil War will be there.

Among them will be ^a~~the~~ grandson of Abraham Lincoln, ~~the~~
~~grandson of Ulysses S. Grant,~~ ^a~~the~~ grandson of Robert E.

Lee, and ^a~~the~~ ^{Gen.} grandson of ^aGeorge G. Meade. In fact, the principal speaker of the occasion will be Colonel Ulysses S. Grant, the third. And Dr. Lincoln Caswell, who is considered the greatest living impersonator of Father

Abraham, will deliver the ~~memorable~~ Gettysburg Address:-
"Four Score and Seven Years ago" - and so on.
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EINSTEIN

But relatively speaking here's another item rhetoric. It comes from the Christian Register. But the advice comes from no less a celebrity than Dr. Albert Einstein.

Somebody asked the great relativitist whether he knew of any formula for succeeding in life, and this is Einstein's idea on the subject: "If A represents success in life I should say the formula should be $A = X + Y + Z$. X being work and Y being play." "What, then, is Z?" inquired the audience. "Oh", replied Einstein, "Z is the faculty for keeping your mouth shut," and that's exactly what I'm going to do now for two days.

So SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

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