

~~Good Evening, Everybody.~~

BEER

(The principal excitement for millions of Americans tonight is the ~~real~~ ^{re-} approach of ~~beer~~ ^{that amber} ~~of course~~ ^{white colored liquid. While} there are other millions who view it with alarm. To the confirmed prohibitionists, of course, it is a source of grief and anger.

In nineteen states midnight will be the zero hour for the 3.2 per cent stuff ~~in~~ ^{also} nineteen states and the District of Columbia.) Those states include New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and, of course, Wisconsin, ^{also} Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, and California, ^{and others. In some} ~~in other~~ parts of the country the legislators have not yet made up their minds as to how the foamy ~~stuff~~ ^{liquid} should be handled.

Apparently the price ~~of the drink~~ will vary, ~~it~~ ^{depending} on ~~whether~~ where you buy it. And the conditions of distribution are also different in different localities. That means some states prohibit bars and others prescribe that it may be sold only at places where food is served. ^PIn New York and other cities there was a terrific line-up of would-be dealers waiting for permits to sell. ~~In New York City~~ Thousands of them crowded the offices of the Health

Department which temporarily has the job of handling the issue of licenses.

People who have organized parties to celebrate the return of ~~the legal beer~~ will be out of luck in New York, not because of the law, but because the ^{malheur}~~brewers~~ who don't want to promote thousands of jubilation parties, will not deliver ^{it}~~the stuff~~ until six o'clock

tomorrow. As a writer in the New York World Telegram puts it,

"Pity the poor society matron who invited friends for a celebration.

She'll have to make her friends rejoice on nothing but ^{milk and}~~cocktails and champagne.~~ *sarsaparilla.*"

In New Jersey and Pennsylvania ^{they say it}~~beer~~ will be on tap one minute after midnight. The folks who live in upstate New York and Connecticut will be out of luck altogether.

In nineteen states not only hotels and restaurants, but groceries and soft drink parlors are already prepared for the sale of beer.

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AKRON

The three men who were rescued from the wreck of the Akron were taken to the White House today and received by President Roosevelt. Lieutenant Commander Wiley, Boatswain's Mate Richard Deal, and ~~Metalsmith~~ Erwin were escorted in a Navy Department motor to the White House by Assistant Secretary Henry Roosevelt. They were met by the President's ~~Naval~~ Naval Aide and taken into the office of the President's Secretary. There was real excitement at the Executive Mansion over their arrival. Clerks, stenographers, and everybody dropped ~~their~~ ^{in their} work to see and cheer the three Akron survivors.

President Roosevelt ~~was~~ talked with them for twelve minutes or rather listened to them as he made each ~~of them~~ tell his story. As he shook hands with them the President said: "I am thankful you are here. Be seated and tell me about this."

Commander Wiley among other things, gave the President a highly complimentary account of the conduct of the German captain of the tanker Phoebus who rescued them. The President then turned to Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and said he was anxious that something

appropriate should be done to show the country's appreciation of the rescue work done by the German captain and his crew. He added that he himself would write a personal letter ~~xx~~ of thanks to the Captain.

It is ^{reported} ~~said~~ that the three men were not able to tell the President any reason for the disaster. Before they left, President Roosevelt said that all three of them deserved anything the Navy Department could do, and that if they wanted leave all they had to do was to ask for it.

Early this afternoon the Navy Department received information that some wreckage has been discovered about three miles out at sea near Barnegat. It was spotted by pilots of navy airplanes. Twenty-two miles southeast of Barnegat Lightship a large spot of oil was seen on the surface of the water. A coastguard patrol boat reported the finding of an oil slick and also signs of oil bubbling to the surface. ^{The sea at the} ~~The~~ spot where this oil was found was ^{more than} ~~over~~ a hundred and eight feet deep, and officers of the Navy believe this may

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~~REXX~~ indicate that some of the wreckage may be at the bottom of the ocean at that spot.

Other vessels have found an empty gas tank, radio equipment, ~~the~~ life raft, and other articles.

GERMANY

As I observed last night, there ^{may be two} ~~is another side~~ sides to the story of conditions in Germany. ~~today, the story of atrocities, murder and persecution of Jews.~~ ^{Some} People in America who have friends in Germany, friends who are not Hitlerites, are receiving letters to the effect that the atrocity reports are tremendously exaggerated. They say these exaggerations, and, as they claim, fabrications come from Communist sources. Politically it is known that the Communists were disappointed to the point of frenzy at the rise to power of the Hitler party. It occurred at the moment in history when the Communists saw victory for themselves within their grasp. So now they are manufacturing these atrocity tales.

It ^{is pointed out} ~~is also a fact~~ that many Communists are Jews. This does not mean that all the six hundred thousand Jews in Germany are ^{far from it.} Communists. There are just as many anti-Communists among them as in any other race. But many of the outstanding leaders of the Reds are of ~~the Jewish~~ ^{they say that} race. It was this, ~~which~~ directed the Nazi animosity towards Jews in general.

Specimens of the letters written to Americans by

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German friends were shown to me today. Not any of them were written by Nazi adherents. In point of fact, one ^{characteristic letter} ~~of them~~ came from a doctor who is by religion a Roman Catholic, and politically of the Centrist party. This is part of what he says:

"The National Socialists in the last election won by a large majority and they joined with the ~~German~~ Nationalists and have used this majority to ^{seize} ~~take~~ power for themselves. As their battle is principally against Communism and Marxism, ~~the~~ acting in what they consider the interests of the people at large, they have imprisoned the leaders of the opposing parties. This, to be sure, is a serious violation of the personal liberty of the individual. But there ^{has} ~~have~~ been no such thing as atrocities, bloodshed, and torture. No such stories can be authenticated. There have, indeed, been individual instances of hoodlumism by young hotheads. But no serious ~~x~~ crimes."

And then this Roman Catholic Centrist goes on to say about Hitler himself:

"The good will of the ^{Nazi} leaders, no sane man can question.

Even we who are politically opposed to him must endorse a large part of his platform. As you know, I never was for the man until recently. But since he has become Chancellor, I must say that he seems to want to be more than the leader of a party. He wants sincerely to do what is best for Germany, and until we are convinced to the contrary, the rest of us are backing him up."

So writes one Roman Catholic, a former anti-Hitler man.

On the other hand H. R. Küncherbocker, brilliant correspondent for the N.Y. Eve. Post today continues his series telling about what he terms the torture, persecution of the Jews.

RUSSIA

Those six British subjects, engineers arrested by the Russian government on charges of sabotage will be placed on trial

in Moscow.
Monday; A special revolutionary court will hear the case.

Meanwhile the House of Commons met in London today and the principal business on the calendar was the third and final reading of an act of Parliament which will enable the Cabinet to bar all imports from Russia. The act will not be mandatory, but it will simply give the Prime Minister authority to act as he chooses about Russia's trade with England.

The general public in the land of the Soviet is only mildly interested in the case of those six British engineers. But John Bull is growling and furious. British newspapers are full of long articles ~~of~~ ^{and} indignation. The House of Commons during a second reading of the bill is reported as being in a more angry mood than it has been for years. The British take it very seriously when a British subject is arrested in any other country. And they take it still more seriously if they think any of their Nationals are not getting a square deal.

BANKS

President Roosevelt and his advisors are hard at work, among other things, trying to bring about a ^{unified}~~united~~ banking system in the U. S. A. under government supervision. This will be the principal object of the banking legislation which is being prepared by the President's advisors and by the Senate Committee on Banking.

It is said at the White House that it is not the purpose of the administration to try to coerce the banks of the country. Persuasion, rather than force, will be used. The government will try to make it more attractive for banks to come in under the general regime than to stay out.

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HARRIMAN

A Federal Grand ~~Jury~~ Jury in New York City today brought indictments against Mr. Joseph W. Harriman, founder and former President of the Harriman National Bank, ~~of New York City~~. As you may recall, Mr. Harriman was arrested some three weeks ago while in bed suffering from an affliction of the heart. He has been allowed to remain at his home in twenty-five thousand dollars bail.

There are fourteen counts in the Grand Jury's indictment ~~of~~ Mr. Harriman. They charged him with making or causing to be made false entries ~~in~~ on the books. Specifically, he is accused of having charged the accounts of various depositors with large withdrawals which were not made by those depositors.

The Harri~~m~~an Bank is one of those which did not open after the moratorium. At present it is in the hands of a Conservátor.

INSULL

The Insull case ^{is back in} ~~got into~~ the papers again today. Reports in Washington have it that Samuel Insull himself may return and stand trial on the indictments that were brought against him.

Negotiations have been going on between Representatives of Insull on the one hand, and Uncle Sam's State and Justice Departments on the other. They will not try to bring Insull back by force, but will try to persuade him that it is to his interest to come back to the U. S. A. and ~~stand trial~~ *face the gaff.*

STRIKE

There's a big strike on in Chicago, and the strikers are pupils of the public schools. And what do you suppose they are striking about? This may sound astonishing, but those Chicago youngsters are up in arms because they think teacher isn't being treated right.

As a matter of fact ^{teacher hasn't} ~~they haven't~~ been treated right. They haven't had any pay for months, something like twenty-eight million dollars is owed them by the fair city of Chicago.

The strike started yesterday. Some ^{thirteen} ~~twelve~~ thousand high school students left their classrooms and went on a ~~parade~~ with flags of protest.

The officials of the Board of Education made light of the strike saying that it had been organized by a bunch of precocious young Communists. But today the strike spread, ~~and~~ **I** it was pointed out that you could hardly find thirteen thousand Communists in the entire United States, let alone in the public schools of one city.

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Well, the strike seems to have been effective. The city fathers got busy and started active measures and conferences with bankers and so forth to raise enough cash to give teacher ^{a paltry} two weeks' pay. Of course, that isn't much, considering she's been paid, if at all, in nothing but scrip for months. At the same time, two weeks' pay is two weeks' pay, and we hope teacher will show her gratitude when it comes to handing out ^{high} ~~the~~ marks ^{to those boys & girls} at the end of the year.

McADOO

An interesting anecdote is told about Senator McAdoo of California. A/Colorado friend called on the Senator one afternoon at their capital. Said Mr. McAdoo: "Hello! I'm just off for Charleston, South Carolina. Why don't you come along?"

The friend accepted, bought a toothbrush, telephoned his wife and jumped with Senator McAdoo into his private plane.

When he returned from the trip Senator McAdoo's guest said: "Gee whiz. We went a hundred and eighty miles an hour, and all the way McAdoo kept saying: 'This plane is too slow. I want one that can do better than this.'"

~~And~~ That trip ^{at} a hundred and eighty miles an hour left California's ^{lantern-jawed} ~~now~~ Senator with the conviction that he needs a new airplane. *I wonder how fast he wants to go?*

MOTORS

Here's news from Detroit which has considerable importance for the country at large. Automobile factories not only in Michigan but in other manufacturing centers are speeding up production. And this is being done in order to meet a considerable increase in sales.

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ODDITY

C.R.Partik of Lantier, Quebec, tells me that he has an experimental fur farm something like the one I have up in the hills of Dutchess County, New York. But instead of writing to me about furs, here's what Mr. Partik says:

"Dear Mr. L.T.:-

You know so much, perhaps you can give me an answer to the following:-'If my step-daughter marries, would the happy man be my step-son-in-law, or my son-in-step-law?' Then he adds: "You may assume that I should be the happiest man, but this is obvious and beyond the point."

Maybe some of you folks can answer that letter for the gentleman up in Quebec.

Lantier,
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SHAW ANECDOTE

Geo. Bernard Shaw is on his way to New York dropping quips and quiddities and wise-cracks at every stopping point. But the best yarn I've heard about ~~George Bernard Shaw~~ ^{G. B. S.}

lately was told to me ^{in Washington} ~~today~~ by my old friend, Frederick William Wile, famous Washington correspondent, whom I knew in the days when he was an equally famous correspondent in Europe.

According to Fred Wile, some weeks ago when Shaw was on his way down the China Coast, he received an invitation from the Rotary Club in Shanghai, China, to attend a Rotary luncheon. Shaw curtly said: "No." When asked why he wouldn't go he answered: "Rotarians always remind me of a bunch of stuffed monkeys all having lunch together."

When the President of the Shanghai Rotary Club was told about this Bernard Shaw wisecrack, he said: "Mr. Shaw is quite right. We Rotarians are like a lot of stuffed monkeys. But that's why we asked him to come and have lunch with us. There's always room for one more."

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