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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Of course the principal topic of conversation the country over today is that lynching in San Jose, California. The most extraordinary affair of the kind - of mob violence - in American history. I learned that the mob roused to a fanatical frenzy by the news of the finding of young Brookehart's body, - was led by a boy apparently nineteen years old. He is described as an "unidentified" lad.

Some of the details of it are almost too dreadful to repeat. One of the two kidnapers of Brooke Hart, the one named Thurmond, was practically dead before he was hanged, having been beaten and kicked into insensibility. In fact, the lynchers treated the kidnapers with pretty much the same ferocity the kidnapers had administered to their twenty-one year old victim.

Some San Jose policeman swear that they recognized in the front ranks of the mob several young men who were classmates of Brooke Hart at Santa Clara University. Before the affair was over, the crowd had grown so that eye-witnesses declared there must have been at least nine thousand people milling and fighting

around the prison. Several people in the mob were women and it was they who shrieked the loudest: "Lynch them! Lynch them!"

The State of California and the country at large haven't recovered their breath from the excitement and sensation of this lynching. At present, not only the popular but the official attitude quite obviously is one of approval. County authorities at San Jose declare there will be no attempt to arrest or punish the leaders of the mob. And Governor Rolph of California makes no bones about his hearty and unqualified applause for the lynchers. It sounds like the days of the vigilantes in old California mining days. In fact, the Governor declared frankly that he would issue a free pardon to anybody arrested for his or her part in this affair.

It is understood that while the crowd was assembling, Sheriff Emig of St. Jose telephoned to the Governor, asking for troops. This demand Governor Rolph turned down, saying, troops are not necessary. Well, it was really remarkable

that the police and sheriff's deputies in San Jose were able to stand off the crowd for so long. Tear gas bombs did not seem to feaze the lynchers in the slightest.

After the kidnappers had been hung, the leaders of the mob were about to burn them with torches, but at that moment a contingent of cops from San Francisco, who had been hastily summoned by telephone, arrived on the spot. The next occupation of the crowd was to fight for strips of the clothing of the lynched men, ~~which they wanted~~ for souvenirs.

The reward of Sheriff Emig for having run down the two kidnappers, ~~got~~ ^{getting} the confessions ~~of~~ out of them and ~~put his duties~~ ^{doing his duty} is that he is in the hospital with severe injuries to his head.

As for the attitude of Governor Rolph, he expresses it in these words: "This lynching should be a lesson to the whole nation.

It is the quickest way to stop ~~continuous~~ ^{all this} kidnapping, ~~crimes~~!"

Then he added: "It will be far-reaching in effect. Of course it is a terrible procedure and ~~one~~ against every principle of law and enforcement." In spite of this, the Governor declared it should teach these criminals that the people of California will not stand for such crimes.

BUSINESS

And for something about things that concern our pocket books.

In spite of the complaints heard in some quarters, there seems to be plenty of optimism in official circles. For instance, Chairman Jesse Jones of the R.F.C. has made public a statement that business is looking up and that affairs in general are sound.

Then John J. ~~Rosob~~^{to today} called on the President at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia, partly for the purpose of reporting to him a general improvement in ~~business~~^{affairs} throughout the country. Mr. ~~Rosob~~^{to} stated positively that the automobile plants will be working to capacity in January; and nobody can get sore ~~at~~ about that.

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Meanwhile, the R.F.C. is holding the price of gold at the same figure as last Tuesday. This is \$33.76 an ounce, one dollar more than the London quotation. In some quarters this is taken to indicate that the President may decide to stabilize the price of gold at that figure. At any rate, the Little White House still answers criticisms of ~~this gold~~^{the money} policy with a strict and eloquent silence. ¶ Several Big-wigs of the Administration were in Warm Springs today, including Mr. Wallace, the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and General Johnson.

HOGS

One market in the United States was totally ~~negative~~^{inactive} today.

That was the one which deals in hogs. The reason, a strike at the union stockyards of Chicago. 800 men are out while trains and trucks are standing unused in the yards and shipments are stationary.

Early this afternoon an agreement was reached between the officials of the Union and the management of the stockyards to allow the employees of the commission merchants to get the livestock out of the trains;--~~this~~ pending an arbitration of the quarrel about wages and so forth.

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TREASURY

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Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Treasury, was confronted with his first big job today. That is, the raising of \$700,000,000 to retire Treasury Certificates which fall due on December 15th. Mr. Morgenthau was in conference with various heads of his department on methods of financing this transaction. They also discussed the business of refunding the Fourth Liberty Loan, which is now being done.

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INCOME TAX

Another bit of news made public by Mr. Morgenthau, ~~Acting Secretary of the Treasury~~, informs us that a special committee of the Treasury has been appointed to study income tax legislation. This was done at the request of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, the committee which initiates all taxation measures. This committee is to be headed by Professor Roswell Magill, of Columbia University. *Another*

-- in fact the professor seems to be coming into his own. Professor, I don't know whether that should encourage us or not. I'm inclined to think it should.

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EUROPE

(The news from Paris is that the new Cabinet has been called the "Save the Franc" Cabinet.) This is Premier Chautemps' second whack at the job within a few months. It is difficult for us over here to see quite the object of these so-called cabinet upheavels in France - chuck him out one day and put him in the next. So far as can be learned very few essential changes are made in the personnel of the Government. They just shift around the names of their various jobs. A new deal with the same face cards.

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Meanwhile Chancellor Hitler of Germany went to Nuremberg this afternoon to attend a funeral. It was the funeral of the German Soldier who was killed by Austrian Frontier Guards on Friday while he was whiling in the Bavarian Alps.

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As was hinted last week, Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh are going to fly back across the South Atlantic. They reached Cape Verde today on the African Coast after a short hop. That's the point from which the German planes have been taking off for the Trans-oceanic flight to the eastermost extremity of Brazil.

TEETH

Have you ever heard of people being described as ~~being~~ so crooked that they would steal your ^{back} teeth?

A gentleman in Los Angeles met a couple of men who did just that thing. They jumped him while he was sitting at the wheel of his car in a quiet street. They took not only his wallet, watch, and shoes, but they even pulled a gold tooth out of his mouth, saying "Three Cheers for the President, this thing is worth dough now."

BANDITS

Here's a bandit story that does not come from ~~the~~ any part of the United States. It comes from Siberia ~~or~~ or rather, to be accurate, from Manchuria. The most important train in Asia, the Trans-Siberian express, was derailed near ^{Harbin} ~~Changchun~~ by a troop of robbers. Seven cars were overturned and the hold-up gang immediately opened fire upon the passengers and crew with rifles and machine guns. The cablegram through which I learn this carries the news that the greater part of the passengers were murdered. . There were six hundred aboard that train, including several Europeans, some of whom were taken prisoners and are now being held for ransom.

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PERU

An amusing controversy is being carried on between the government of Peru and Esthonia -- Peru on the shores of the South Pacific and Esthonia on the shores of the Gulf of Finland. Peru recently bought from Esthonia two men-of-war, cruisers of the pre-war Russian vintage. Three months ago a contingent from the Peruvian navy took over those crusiers. And only today they limped lamely into the harbor at Lisbon, Portugal. It had taken them three months to make that voyage from the Baltic Sea.

Well, of course the Peruvians are raising a loud howl of swindle and are accusing the Esthonians of having palmed off some worthless ships. The Esthonians retort that the ships were perfectly all right but the Peruvians were such poor sailors that they couldn't navigate a row boat.

There's another joker to this story. When the Peruvian sailors were sent to take over those Esthonian men-of-war, they were given money to buy two submarines. The effect of their experience in bringing the two cruisers from Esthonia to Lisbon is such that they are spending that submarine money in Lisbon after the immemorial fashion of sailors the world over, and we

all know what that is.

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WYNEKOOP

That Wynekoop case out in Chicago just gets more baffling every day. The last time I mentioned it, it seemed obvious the confession of Dr. Alice Wynekoop, mother-in-law that she had committed the crime, had bolished the mystery. But today it seems more muddied than ever.

On top of Dr. Wynekoops' confession, her son, Earle, shouted to the world: "My mother didn't do it, I did." This was confusing enough, but today the puzzle becomes even more labyrinthine. Dr. Alice Wynekoop, that sixty-two year old physician, repudiates her confession. Her attorney issued a statement claiming that the confession was extorted from her by the Chicago detectives, that in short the police put their own words into her mouth, and that she signed the confession merely through exhaustion having been kept without sleep under continual cross-examination for forty-eight hours, the old third degree.

As yet been given out.

Meanwhile we have to observe the situation of young Earl Wynekoop, the husband of the victim. The police stated that they did not believe his confession, that they thought he was trying either to shield his mother or to confuse the case still further.

Nevertheless, Earl Wynekoop was arraigned today in the Felony Court. What the police actually mean to accuse Wynekoop of, is being an accessory. Under the law of Illinois an accessory is held on the same basis as a principal.

The Chicago detectives declare that in their opinion Earle Wynekoop either conspired, at any rate, had knowledge of it months in advance.

Another thing I learn from Chicago is that the cops are now looking for a third person whom they suspect of having been in the plot, - a person concerning whom no details have as yet been given out.

KRESEL

Isidor Kresel, once acclaimed as a brilliant lawyer, in fact, one of the leaders of the New York Bar, was today sentenced to imprisonment from eighteen to twenty-four months. This is Kresel's punishment for his share in the crash of the Bank of United States, which ruined so many thousands in New York. Kresel, you will recall, was one of the Directors and counsel of that unfortunate bank.

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FOX

(3) It looks as though one of the most dramatic charges made by William Fox, former head of the Fox Film Corporation, will be given a full airing in Washington by the Senate ~~Banking Investigation~~ Committee *on Banking*

Two ~~members of~~ ^{*Senators on*} the Committee are in favor of thoroughly investigating ^{*his*} ~~the~~ Mr. Fox's claim that the company was taken away from him by a conspiracy. Also the charge that when President Hoover intervened, A. H. Wiggin, former head of the Chase National Bank, sent word to Mr. Hoover to "mind his own business." This accusation has been denied by Mr. Wiggin.

At any rate, the Senators seem be-minded to drag this entire story out into the daylight.

Film Daily.

REUNION

A story which sounds too romantic to be true comes from the Probate Court of Chicago. It concerns a family named Cook.

2 Mr. James Cook is a ^{rancher} ~~ranger~~ in Utah. Way back in 1902 his brother William and his mother visited him. From the day they left his ranch he had no word or sign from them. A few months ago, being anxious to get in touch with his kin once more, he employed an investigator to trace them. This ~~investigator~~ investigator told James Cook, the Utah rancher, that his mother had died ten years ago, leaving an ~~exit~~ estate of \$12,000 and that his brother William had died a few years later.

So James Cook went to Chicago to file a claim to the estate. While in Chicago on that business, he met an old friend on the street. This friend told ~~him~~ him that his brother William was not dead. On the contrary, he was living in Chicago. And the friend furthermore ^{gave} ~~told~~ James ^{his} brother William's address. So only the other day those brothers met after [?] separation of thirty-one years and instead of either of them being sole heir to the estate they ^{must now} ~~have~~ to split it ~~—~~ whatever the lawyers leave.

R.K.O.

Here's a sign of the times. The officials of Rockefeller Center have become convinced that the day is at hand when every modern business office will be equipped for radio. Consequently, they are installing a centralized radio receiving system in the R.K.O. Building, the thirty-one story structure at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Fifty-first street. As a matter of fact, the system is already working and can be used at any time by tenants of the building. It provides antenna and ground connections for no less than twelve hundred individual radio receivers. All of these operate from one single scientifically constructed antenna. This new equipment known as the antennaplex system, has recently been worked out in the R.C.A. Victor laboratories.

Cromwell.

FAT

A word of consolation or rather of positive encouragement for people who are, shall we say, ~~some~~ stout, comes from England and is found in that exceedingly conservative medical journal, the Lancet. It is written by a well known doctor who glories in the fact of being the fattest physician in the ^{King's realm.} ~~kingdom~~. His name is Dr. Christopher Howard, and he writes: "We glory in our fat, our good temper, our sociability, our appreciation of food, drink and company. We would rather die in full possession of our faculties in ~~our~~ middle age than totter about in scrawny-legged misery for a few extra years, ~~lean and lanky lepers, than~~ alone and ill-tempered." Then the doctor concludes: "We are the salt of the earth, so let us damn the diet writers and stick to our savory,"
and - so say I -
^ and SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW."

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