

Good Evening, Everybody:-

(The whole country seems to be talking, talking about the return of better times.)

The rise of stocks and the rise of commodity prices these last few days, of course, are responsible. The retiring Secretary of Commerce, Mr. R. P. Lamont, attended his last Cabinet meeting and said his official farewell to President Hoover, today. Mr. Lamont said he believed there was something substantial back of the upward market.

The business leaders of the country are displaying what a dispatch to the Cleveland Press describes as cautious optimism. They are more hopeful of improvement in conditions than they have been in months. I was in Philadelphia today and the new note of optimism was apparent everywhere.

Some industrial leaders indicated to a United Press reporter their belief that confidence is being restored. John Willis, the automobile magnate, for instance, declares that a

definite upturn is under way.

In Washington, farm agencies of Uncle Sam's government are considerably cheered by the rise in the prices of farm products.

Another important automobile man in Detroit, stated that the people of the United States have at last quit hoarding their cash. The mental attitude of the country at large, he adds, has undergone a considerable change.

Then in Philadelphia, I learned that three banks, which have been closed, made payments to their depositors today.

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Now I know where all the apples come from. I bumped into one thousand people today, all of them authorities on apples. The whole thousand of them are in New York for the 37th annual meeting of the International Apple Association, which is in session at the Waldorf-Astoria. They say that here in the U.S.A. we are raising some thirty million barrels of apples this year. And that's an item of interest to all of us, but particularly to small boys who consume most of our apples. It also will interest farmers, merchants, and doctors, too, because of that apple-a-day-keeping-the-doctor-away theory.

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Well, Libby Holman Reynolds put one over on the reporters early today. Scores of them were sent by their newspapers to Reidsville, North Carolina, to follow and report all the lady's movements. But a dispatch to the New York World Telegram ~~today~~ carries the information that she gave them ~~all~~ the slip. She had been ^{secluded} ~~cloistered~~ in a hotel at Reidsville, and was expected to spend the ~~entire~~ night there. But about two o'clock this morning a blond young man entered the lobby, looked around and asked the night clerk whether there were any reporters ^{in the office.} ~~in the lobby.~~ The clerk replied that the news hounds were all in bed. Whereupon the blond stranger hurried upstairs to Miss Holman's room, a few minutes later he came down with her, accompanied by her brother and her nurse. The four hurried across the lobby, rushed outside of the hotel, stepped into a waiting motorcar and sped away northward.

Libby Holman Reynolds was reported today to be on a

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shopping tour in Baltimore, Maryland. After that she was supposed to return to a country estate in Maryland where she has been in hiding for the past few weeks. But, as the whereabouts of that place have become known, it is believed she has now changed ~~those plans, and will look for~~ ^{to} some other place of refuge ~~for~~ pending her trial for the murder of her husband, Smith Reynolds.

BERLIN

Here's serious news from Germany. For the first time in many years the streets of Berlin are filled today with policemen armed with rifles. That is proof that the government is looking for further deadly outbreaks. A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times describes the situation through the Republic by saying:

"Germany seethed with political terrorism, rioting, and bombing today."

In reply the von Papen Cabinet is getting ready *with* a heavily mailed ~~fix~~ fist. The text of the decrees providing the death penalty for rioters was telephoned to President von Hindenburg after a Cabinet meeting today. Those decrees were ^{this afternoon.} ~~approved by the President and promulgated at any moment.~~ [^] ~~with the~~ [^]

These are probably as drastic decrees as any government ever ^{issued.} ~~proposed.~~ [^] One of them provides execution for any person caught with a weapon in his hand in a crowd where anyone has been killed. Another provides the death penalty for any person

guilty of political riot, treason, arson, instigating explosions, or floods, or damaging railways.

The Cabinet has ~~appointed~~ appointed a special commissioner for East Prussia where the ^{grimiest} ~~deadliest~~ scenes of bombing and armed outbreaks have occurred. At least a dozen Silesian towns are under what amounts to ~~what is practically~~ martial law. Then in Hamburg fifty trucks took fifteen hundred policemen ^{who} ~~and~~ occupied the Communist center of that seaport.

Another feature of the new decrees with which the Cabinet is arming itself is the establishment of Summary Courts, special courts where persons arrested under those decrees will be taken and given immediate trial.

CHINA

From China comes the news that the country is without a Cabinet today. The entire Cabinet resigned. This followed on the resignation of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister. This situation was brought about as a result of the crisis in Manchuria and the expectation of further military aggression by the Japanese.

From Europe comes the information that Secretary Stimson's speech^{of last night} about this situation was very favorably received. However, Japan doesn't care for it. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ^{The} Uncle Sam's Secretary of State told the Foreign Policy Association that Uncle Sam was determined to uphold the ~~xxx~~ sacredness of the pact of Paris in the Far East.

In Washington Mr. Stimson's speech was interpreted as a warning to Japan that the United States would continue to uphold the pact and would oppose any recourse to war for the accomplishment of national aims. The pact of Paris is not just a pious promise, said the Secretary, it is a binding treaty.

ACCIDENTS

Score a good mark for the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the place where furniture comes from. Grand Rapids has just passed through a period of six months without having a single death as the result of motor car accidents. This announcement was made today by the National Safety Council. Such a record places Grand Rapids at the top of all cities of its class.

FIRE

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Eight people were injured in New York today as the result of a fire in the subway. It was not the flames that hurt them, but the effects of the shock, inhaling smoke, and the panic which followed. Of course, the lights went out, and some hundreds of passengers were imprisoned in the darkened tunnel for as long as thirty minutes.

~~The fire is still going on and subway officials believe that they won't be able to restore service on that particular line until ~~xi~~ tonight.~~

There were sensational scenes of panic and hysteria. Men, women and children fought to get to the exits. Most of them made their way to the surface by the emergency outlets from the big east side tube.

~~The latest editions of the papers report that~~

^{fought}
~~Firemen and engineers are still fighting flames in the big~~
^{amid blinding}
~~tunnel, which, of course, is filled with smoke. Naturally, this-~~
~~has caused a serious traffic condition over all Manhattan.~~

WALKER

There's going to be a big show in Albany, New York, ~~the~~ day after tomorrow. Governor Roosevelt has designated Thursday as the day on which he will hear the Honorable Jimmie Walker of New York City defending himself in person against the charges made by Judge Seabury. He will also hear Judge Seabury in person, ~~and not a picture.~~

The Honorable Jimmie is evidently determined to make a good show of it. He has reserved nineteen rooms in an Albany hotel for his witnesses. He is demanding the right to summon those witnesses and to cross-examine Judge Seabury and another citizen who also filed removal charges against the Mayor.

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But a story in the New York Evening Post intimates that Governor Roosevelt does not favor making such a show of ~~this~~^{the} affair. He does not consider this hearing as a regular trial with all its accompaniments of witnesses, cross-examination, and so forth. And he is reported to be in no mood to let the Honorable Jimmie stage one of those scenes/~~at~~^{at} which he is so

skillful.

Although on the face of it this event concerns ~~originally~~ New York City alone, as a matter of fact the whole country is interested in the outcome and in what Governor Roosevelt will do. Democratic leaders from the West say that out in ^{the} Dakota and ~~in~~ Iowa the people are keenly interested. They want to see what Mr. Roosevelt will do to one of Tammany Hall's pet children. The State Chairman of Nebraska declares that he believes the people in the West are more interested in the outcome of the case than people in the East ^{realise.} ~~believe.~~

At any rate, it promises to be a lively show.

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The Daily News of Springfield, Massachusetts, came out this afternoon with a young sensation. The News says it has learned on good authority that Governor Roosevelt has definitely decided to remove Mayor Walker. The Governor, according to this story, has been making a private investigation on his own hook which has uncovered certain information about the Honorable Jimmie.

The Daily News says further that Governor Roosevelt began this private inquiry while the Seabury investigation was in progress. In removing the Mayor, Mr. Roosevelt will be acting on this information which he gathered himself.

SPOOKS

There's going to be an interesting show tomorrow night on the 82nd floor of the Empire State Building, ~~in New York~~. You may have heard that Dunninger, the magician - (he seems not to use his first name) - anyway, Dunninger, the magician, is following in the footsteps of the late Harry Houdini in exposing spiritualist ^{mediums.} ~~meetings.~~ He has posted a forfeit of ten thousand dollars which is to be paid to any medium who can produce spiritualistic phenomena which he cannot duplicate by mechanical physical methods.

Well, a couple of ~~a~~ mediums, a man and wife from Germany, Mr. and Mrs. ~~W~~^Warner to be exact, have taken up Dunninger's challenge. They are going to have a test seance tomorrow evening appropriately enough on the 82nd floor of ~~the~~^{the} Tall Story headquarters, Mr. and Mrs. Warner declare that they can get in touch with the spirit of the late Thomas A. Edison.

Well, that ought to be interesting, and ^{I think I'll be} ~~you can be sure~~

I won't miss it. ^{there.}

WOODPECKER

You've heard about Jersey justice? ^{Well,} In one part of Pennsylvania they seem to have a curious variety of it.

There's a lady out in Fayette County who's serving a sentence of twenty days in jail for killing a woodpecker. It's a violation of the game laws of Pennsylvania to kill a woodpecker. This lady didn't know anything about game laws, and what is more, she killed the woodpecker to feed her children.

She was sentenced by Justice of the Peace William J. Ruble, of Fayette County, first of all to pay a fine and costs, totalling twenty dollars and fifty cents. Naturally, a woman who had to feed her children [^] on such - well, I never ate a woodpecker, but I can't imagine it is very palatable - anyway, ^a ~~the~~ woman who had to feed her children on woodpecker meat obviously didn't have twenty dollars and fifty cents to pay the fine. So Justice of the Peace William J. Ruble sentenced the lady to twenty days in jail.

Even the Prosecuting Attorney of the County saw the absurdity of the whole business, and will himself appeal to Justice of the Peace William J. Ruble to modify his sentence. It may be necessary, thinks the prosecutor, to make an appeal to the Pennsylvania State Game Commission to secure the lady's release.

Strange as it may seem, this is not a tall story.

It comes in a dispatch to the ~~Pitt~~ Pittsburgh Press, and ^{is} a serious story about a family that lived on woodpeckers.

GLASSFORD

Here's one on General Glassford, Superintendent of Police at Washington, D. C. We heard plenty about General Glassford during all the months when the Bonus Expeditionary Force occupied so much attention. But here is a story of a different kind.

First it should be explained that General Glassford, in addition to being a retired Brigadier of the United States Army, is also a painter of considerable ability.

Well, a dispatch to the Trenton Times reports that last night General Glassford raided a swagger speakeasy in Washington. Can you imagine his surprise when he discovered that the walls were decorated with paintings that he himself had done several years ago.

It seems that he was retained to decorate the establishment before he became Superintendent of Police. The place then described itself merely as a night club. The

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Police Superintendent who earned many favorable opinions by his handling of the Bonus Army situation, did not know that he was interior decorator for a speakeasy until he raided the place.

OLYMPICS

The sporting world today is talking about that young riot which marked yesterday evening's Olympic games at Los Angeles. A dispatch to the St. Louis Star and News describes the scene as one of hooting, roaring, flying fists, and flailing nightsticks. The Los Angeles police got into the dispute and, as police ^{sometimes} ~~usually~~ do, she ~~lacked~~ the wrong people. They mishandled the president of the Hungarian Water Polo Association, and roughly treated Olympic officials at the close of one of the water polo matches.

The match in question was between the Brazilian and German teams. The spectators sided with the Brazilians and against the referee who was a Hungarian.

Well, at any rate, the riot enlivened the proceedings, and, of course, none of those actually responsible for the riot were in any way touched by the Los Angeles coppers.

Today the principal events at Los Angeles are yachting in the harbor, swimming, rowing and boxing.

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(The figure that emerges from this Olympiad as the most spectacular and popular is that of a woman, ~~Yes,~~ Babe Didrikson, of Texas. It is not only the sporting record she has made in the games. Her personality seems also to ~~have~~ be full of color. She's nineteen years old. She is a working girl and earns her own living.

Westbrook Pegler, in the New York Evening Post, says that she can run, jump, throw the discus, the javelin, the baseball, and the eight pound shot.) She can sew, knit, cook, wash dishes, dive from a thirty foot tower, and hit a golf ball two hundred yards. And in addition to all this she plays croquet, basketball, and football. Her only failure so far has been at Ping Pong, in which she is too enthusiastic and consequently can't keep the ball on the table. As we used to say out West - some gal, and so-long until tomorrow.