

Good Evening, Everybody:

The fat is in the political fire in New York City.

The long expected statement from Joseph V. McKee, former president of the Board of Aldermen, and acting mayor after Jimmie Walker hopped it for Europe, was made public today, and his statement is like that of the celebrated Barkis in Dickens' David Copperfield. You may remember that Barkis's proposal of marriage was conveyed by a third party in the terms "Barkis is willin'," ^{So,} ~~like~~ like Barkis, Joe ~~McKee~~ is willin' and will be New York's next mayor, that is; provided he gets enough votes.

This makes it a three cornered political fight between the ^{present} ~~President~~ incumbent of the mayoralty, the Honorable John Patrick O'Brien; ~~our~~ picturesque ~~friend~~, ex-Congressman Major Fiorello La Guardia, and now Judge McKee, who to some of his associates in the political world is known as Holy Joe.

As he threw his hat in the ring Mr. McKee aimed

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all of his brickbats at Tammany. He ~~xxxxxxx~~ declared ^{for} one thing that the reason Father Knickerbocker's credit is on the blink today is ~~because~~ ^{that} Tammany has made such an unholy mess of the ~~city~~ ^{of the world's largest city, - if you're not a Londoner,} government. Says Mr. McKee: "The city is under an arrogant leadership of stupidity and corruption, unmatched since the days of ~~the~~ Boss Tweed." He says the way the Tammany leaders have run Father Knickerbocker's business has been marked by not only incompetence and stupidity, but by utter callousness to public opinion and a total disregard for decent standards of political life.

Judge McKee was at one time a school teacher and though he doesn't advertise it among politicians, even now reads Latin and Greek ~~xxxxxx~~ poetry just for fun. He's the only man who ever sat ~~in~~ the Mayor's chair who was able to answer joking letters in spontaneous verse. He throws his hat into the political ring as an independent candidate, and promises thee ~~g-r-r-eat~~ ^{--- thee pee-pul} public that he will be free from political domination

In other words Utopia will be right here on
or obligation to any leader or set of leaders. ~~He believes~~
the banks of the Hudson. He believes
that New York voters want what the country at large is getting,
~~that is~~ a new deal. This he undertakes to provide.

I'm not a political expert, but some of those who
are tell me that Judge McKee's entry into the ring kills the
chances of the anti-Tammany forces for winning the election,
for Tammany is always sure of ~~the certain stable~~ ^{the solid} support of ^a quite
numerous block of voters who always vote the same way. The
anti-Tammany vote they tell me, will now be split between the
pugnacious ^{and Firey Fiorello} ~~Major La Guardia~~ and Holy Joe. ~~McKee~~

N.B.C.

UNTERMAYER

Meanwhile the efforts of the Tammany Administration
of Gotham to ~~take~~^{dig} the city out of its financial ~~hole~~^{morass} seem to be
getting no further. The last few weeks they've had the help
of Samuel Untermeyer, the celebrated orchid raiser and ~~lawyer~~^{legal luminary}.
Mr. Untermeyer got sore today and says that if he doesn't get
better cooperation from the city officials in the way of economy
he will throw up the job in despair *and go back to his orchids.*

N.B.C.

STRIKE

(There's no doubt that the N.R.A. today is in a tough spot over the strike situation. It seems too ironic that just as unemployment the country over has been reduced, the movement should strike a ~~snaf~~ ^{a somewhat wholesale} in ~~the~~ walk-out ~~of~~ on the part of the workers. Nevertheless, the dope from Washington is that no less than a hundred thousand coal miners are out, and what's more, these labor troubles are spreading in the automobile industry, in the tool and die plants, in the steel mills, and the industries depending on these.)

For instance, ^{today} there was a big disturbance at the ~~big~~ U.S. Steel Corporation plant at Clairton, Pennsylvania. Three thousand miners marched on that factory to get the steel workers to join them. Their parade was escorted by state troopers, but when they got to the Allegheny County line, they were stopped by deputy sheriffs who wanted to prevent them entering the county. However, the state constabulary informed the deputies that Governor Pinchot had given orders that the men had a right to enter the town and they, the state constables, were there to see

that the men got their rights. Accordingly the steel company's deputy sheriffs had to step aside, the miners entered the town, and picketed the steel factory. In some cases it is said they took away the workers' dinner pails.

Then in Detroit four thousand tool and die workers ~~XXXX~~ who are on strike, held a meeting under the sponsorship of the Mechanics Educational Society. They drew up a statement, calling for wage increase of twenty-five per cent. An official of the National Labor Board arrived in the automobile capital to try his hand ~~XXXXX~~ at settling these labor difficulties. Senator Wagner, the head of the Labor Board, tells us that similar attempts will be made to mediate the differences of opinion in the Ford plants at Chester, Pennsylvania, and Edgewater, New Jersey.

COTTON

Here's some good news for you if you're a cotton farmer. Uncle Sam is going to lend you ten cents a pound on this year's crop. The Federal Farm Administration has completed plans for raising the money. A federal commodity credit corporation will be erected, and this body will borrow the money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at two per cent interest to finance the undertaking.

N.B.C.

BANKS

And now to encourage bank depositors. The Comptroller of the Currency announces that three hundred ^{and} seventy-five national banks which have been closed since March 4th, will be opened shortly. These banks are scattered over thirty-seven states. The details of their reorganization are now being completed.

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BEER

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Uncle Sam's income has been mounting steadily since the legalization of the three per cent beverage. The total tax taken in since it was made ^{lawful}~~legal~~ amounts now to more than seventy-one million dollars. In fact, in August alone it was seventeen million. That takes some burden off the taxpayers in general.

N.B.C.

ROOSEVELT

Evidently it's not so easy to be a President's son.

At least Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., a freshman at Harvard University, seems to be finding this out.

Last week ^{young} Franklin D., ~~son~~, showed up for the freshmen football squad. When he arrived on the field ~~xx~~ he found a regular cohort of news cameramen waiting for him. The young man promptly turned in his football suit and decided to give up all idea of the game.

Then today he appeared on the banks of the Charles River, all ready to try out for the rowing crew. Just as he was about to step into the shell he saw a Boston photographer trying to take a picture of him. He jumped out of the shell, walked up to the camera man and said: "Now look, if you don't leave me alone, I'm going to punch you ~~right~~ in the nose, and I mean it. ^{Then he added:} ~~Y~~ / I'm not going to be hounded by ~~you~~ ^{you} so and so photographers every time I move."

His action brought results, because later on the University of Harvard announced that the President's son will in

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future be protected from molestation by newspaper men while on the campus and grounds of the University. And the Secretary of Information at Harvard said: "By this action Mr. Roosevelt has won the respect of not only his classmates, but everybody at Harvard. He wants to be treated just like the other one thousand and eighty-eight freshmen. He wants to lead his own life without being tied to the car of his father's fame, and the University is going to see to it that he's protected."

And I'm sure everybody else will say - good for him.

N.B.C.

And having said that let's say a word for the cameraman. He gets his orders from higher up, and frequently he's ashamed of those orders, and says to his boss: - "next to you, that ain't no kind of a job to send a guy out on!"

Dr. Frederick L.
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Founder of
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Sept. 29, 1933.

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FOR DR. GAMAGE.

I am afraid Lowell, that I do not agree with the charming lady. I am a clergyman ^{as well as schoolmaster} and I could hardly approve of the telling of tall stories. The radio audience, I am sure, will understand that a clergyman should not condone any sort of falsehood, mendacity, or trifling with the truth. However, strange things do happen in Dutchess County. We have remarkable hunting dogs up there.

Our neighbour, Albert Akin, has a bird dog that will point the bird on Nellie's hat. One day that dog fell to pointing a stuffed owl in the attic. It refused to take food or water and Squire Akin had to shoot the stuffed owl before the dog would stop pointing.

That bird dog also points fish. Once when Squire Akin took the dog on a trip to Bermuda, the faithful animal saw a flying fish. He was so confused that he started pointing his master. And the Squire almost had to shoot himself.

And now for the tallest story of all. Three years ago this evening I sat at my radio at home and listened intently. A friend of mine was making his debut on the air, his first appear-

ance in a regular program of the day's news. He was Lowell Thomas. I have followed his progress ever since -- for three years. Now I'll bet Lowell, that it hasn't occurred to you that this is your third anniversary on the air, or at any rate that you haven't thought of anything in particular to say about it.

FOLLOWING DOCTOR GAMAGE.

I am afraid Doctor that I am not ~~much~~ good on birthdays, anniversaries and so on. I did remember vaguely that tonight marked the end of my third year on the air, but there really isn't much to say about it, except one thing:- about how ~~nice~~^{kind} the radio audience has been, ~~to me~~. People have gone out of their way to give me encouragement, and that helpful word that means so much, and even when they have corrected my mistakes, as I have given them plenty of occasion to do, it has been with ~~such~~ a genial spirit of friendliness and well-wishing, but it's pretty hard for me to make an anniversary speech with so much crowding up.

MICKEY MOUSE

For instance, take this bit of hot news.

Here's one about a real anniversary -- the fifth birthday of Mickey Mouse. I am informed that all the schools in America will be closed on that day. Mickey Mouse's fifth birthday occurs tomorrow. So you see, Doctor, good old Walt Disney must have his joke -- the schools are closed anyway tomorrow -- it's Saturday.

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But, to get on with world affairs,

LINDBERGH

X Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh are in Esthonia
now. They left Moscow this morning and arrived at Reval
about three o'clock this afternoon.

N.B.C.

GENEVA

End,

(4) The demands of Germany to be allowed to re-arm were turned down today, at Geneva. The principal powers of Europe announced that any increase of Germany's war equipment will not be allowed.

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TRIAL

Also, a high spot was reached today at Leipzig in Germany where those five Communists are on trial -- the men charged with having set fire to the German Reichstag. The principal performer today was Marinus Van der Lubbe, the young Dutch brick mason who when the proceedings opened, expressed himself with scorn and defiance. Day before yesterday he admitted having set fire to three public buildings in Berlin, and today he confessed that it was he who had tried to burn down the Reichstag.

NBC

BERLIN

The second stage of the strained relations between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia has been reached. I mean the dispute over the expelling of German newspaper men from Moscow. The German Government sent a note of protest to the Russian Embassy and protested that ^{if} these newspaper men were not allowed to stay on the job, it would be a sore strain on the supposed friendship between the two countries. Moscow, of course, expelled those German newspaper men because Russian reporters had been barred from the trial at Leipzig.

N.B.C.

LEHMAN

Friends of Governor Lehman of New York have been considerable upset by the news of his indisposition. However, a late bulletin from the Governor's Park Avenue Home in New York City brings the information that his condition is favorable. Among those who telephoned the Lehman house to inquire were President Roosevelt, Cardinal Hayes and former Governor Alfred E. Smith.

LIFEBOAT

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Here's something to interest athletic ladies. The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, ^{plying}~~plowing~~ between Vancouver ~~Yanoo Convey~~ and Asia, has a lifeboat crew composed entirely of women. During that liner's last visit to her home port those eight ladies, all of whom are employed on the ship, showed their expertness in handling that lifeboat to such effect that they were awarded certificates from Lloyds, the great insurance underwriters organization.

N.B.C.

HUBBARD

On Monday evening ~~we are~~ ^{I am} going to have another interesting guest speaker, Father Hubbard, the famous Glacier Priest. Father Hubbard is ^{back} in New York, ~~and so~~ ^{-- straight from the North,} I grabbed him at the first opportunity, to tell us some of his latest adventures with Alaska's glaciers, ^{+ volcanoes,} and he will be with us on Monday.

BUNGALOW ENDING

Jones and Brown were having a confab concerning
Brown's house.

Said Jones: "Why do you call your ^{two-story} house a bungalow?"

To which Brown replied: "If it isn't a bungalow,
what is it? The builder made a bungle of it -- and I still
owe for it."

So it's a bungalow to me and a toodle-oo to you
and

SO LONG UNTIL ^{Monday} ~~TOMORROW~~

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