

Good Evening, Everybody:

More Vital news ~~continues to come~~ from Washington, ~~D. C.~~
President Roosevelt is still ~~at it, that is, he is~~ hard at work.
The ~~reporters~~ ^{boys} covering the White House learned today that before
the end of the week he will send two more important messages to
~~the~~ Congress. One ~~of these~~ will be for farm relief, the other to
provide jobs for the jobless. ^{The President is} ~~He is~~ going to ask Congress for
permission to put people to work not only in the national forests
but also ~~on~~ ^{construction} ~~other~~ projects of Uncle Sam?

The Congress will probably get the message on
unemployment relief tomorrow. That on farm relief will ^{may} ~~probably~~ take
a day longer to work out.

The President's original plan was to permit Congress
to take a recess after it had passed the beer and economy measures.
Recently, however, Mr. Roosevelt decided to strike while the iron

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is hot and get ~~from Congress~~ some emergency legislation for the benefit of the farmers and ~~the jobless~~ ^{those who are out of work.}

It is learned at the White House that neither the farm nor the unemployment relief measure will be of a permanent nature.

~~Wallyx~~ They will just be of a kind to enable the administration to rush help to those who need it most, pending the drafting of bills of a more ~~permanent~~ ^{lasting} character.

SENATE

The Finance Committee of the United States Senate reported out the beer bill which the House rushed through yesterday, adding, however, a comedy touch. The bill offered by Representative Cullen of New York, provides for beer of ~~2~~ 3.2 per cent strength. The Senators want to add wine and fruit juices to the list.

Well, here's the joke. Evidently there is no wine drinker on that Finance Committee of the Senate. If there were, he might tell his colleagues that in the first place you couldn't transport 3.2 per cent wine. In the second place, you couldn't keep it, and in the ~~third, xxxxxx~~ ^{and} third most important place, it wouldn't be fit to drink.

However, Senators will be Senators, and I suppose they must have their little joke.

The dope is that if President Roosevelt's economy bill which has also been passed by the House, gets through the Senate today, they will pass the beer bill ^{immediately.} But, of course, the Economy bill comes first.

In the struggle over this the
~~The~~ supporters of the President won another test vote. ~~on~~
~~that Economy bill today.~~ ~~That~~ was on an agreement to limit debate
which, by the way, is pretty nearly at an end. Several amendments
were offered, some of which were passed, others, which the
Democratic leaders considered would destroy the effect of the
bill, were defeated.

One of the principal speeches in opposition today
was made by Senator Borah of Idaho. Mr. Borah didn't attack the
President, but ~~invighed against his~~ *pitched into his own senatorial* colleagues. He made the
charge that Congress appeared to be ready to abdicate its powers
in financial affairs, and was admitting its inability to
economize.

Mr. Borah
~~He~~ [^] used the following words: "The sole reason yet
assigned for the passage of this bill ^{is} ~~is~~, ~~declared Mr. Borah, "is~~
that Congress is broken down; that we've failed and cannot function,
and for that reason we should delegate our power to the President."

Those were Sen.
~~So says Mr. Borah's~~ *own words.*

BANKS

And here's the latest progress in the bank situation. Thousands of ~~xx~~ them opened throughout the country. And from every one of them came the same story: deposits exceeded withdrawals many times over. As a headline in the New York Sun puts it, the nation's bank machine is back in high speed once more. It became obvious that confidence had been restored from coast to coast. The clearing of checks went on today ~~at~~ a more rapid rate. The machinery for this is now functioning at normal capacity.

Secretary of the Treasury Woodin~~x~~ told Washington correspondents that everything is working out beautifully. The government, he says, has had marvelous cooperation from all parts of the country.

The Administration was considerably cheered by another incident. The government offered two special issues of short time certificates. These are called the Roosevelt issues. They carry interest at four, and four and a quarter per cent., and ~~and~~ ^{one} of them runs for five months and the other for nine. The total of the two issues ~~was~~ ^{came to} only ~~for~~ ^{for} eight hundred millions, and the public over-subscribed them to the extent of more than a billion dollars.

And that certainly means something.

POUGHKEEPSIE

There seems to be optimism in the air everywhere today. At any rate that has been my own personal experience. I went up to Poughkeepsie this morning, the famous city on the Hudson, capital of the county in which I live. Yes, I went in order to get under that March 15th wire. I left it 'till the last minute too; and didn't discover until I arrived back in New York that Uncle Sam had postponed the final closing date for Income Tax returns until March 31st.

As soon as I got to Poughkeepsie I picked up a copy of the morning newspaper, The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News. Across the top of the page I read that all the banks in that city were opening today and were in excellent shape. And that same thing was happening in towns from coast to coast. I visited several of the banks and found that most of the people coming in were not withdrawing money. They were depositing it.

Business in the stores was brisk. Every man seemed to have a smile on his face. Then I ran into the Mayor of the city made famous by the boat races, Vassar College, the Smith

Brothers and their whiskers, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and so on.

Mayor Alec Caven was just full of high spirits. I mean mentally, not the other way. He took me along to a Rotary Club luncheon to meet the Honorable Edmund Platt, former Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Mr. Platt showed me the first of the new bank notes, the new national currency, that I had seen. And then he made a most encouraging remark. Said he: "People are bringing their money into the banks so rapidly now that this new currency may be called in quickly and the country may hardly need to use it at all." As Secretary of the Treasury Woodin said the other day, the era of fear is past.

~~Then I listened to a hundred Poughkeepsie business men sing a song that seemed particularly appropriate just now. It was that old familiar ditty: "Pack up your troubles and smile, smile, smile." Not a bad idea.~~

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CANADA

at a time when there is so much excitement over gold,
1 *it is interesting to learn ~~at this time~~ that more than*

ten thousand people are employed in the gold mining industry throughout Canada. And that's not counting more than five thousand who are panning in the Placer fields in British Columbia. This information comes from the Canadian Minister of Mines at Ottawa. The annual payroll of ~~xxxx~~ those connected with gold mining in Canada is about seventeen millions. The Canadian output of the precious metal is increasing all the time.

LONDON

European correspondents see considerable ~~significance~~ significance in the announcement that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain is going to Rome for a pow-wow with Premier Mussolini. He will be accompanied by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon.

The purpose of this visit will be an effort to save the disarmament conference from failure. (That poor disarmament conference has had a rocky road to travel the last few years.) Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon are at present in Geneva trying to break ~~bring~~ up a deadlock between the various delegates. It is reported that before he leaves for Rome he'll spring a surprise on the world at large in the shape of a new disarmament treaty, and it is understood that the basis of this treaty will be the support of four great powers, Great Britain, France, Italy and Uncle Sam. The ~~diplomats~~ diplomats say that in Europe the key man of these negotiations is ^{Benito} ~~Premier~~ Mussolini. The rise of the German Fascist^s to office has made the other great powers more than ever eager to get Mussolini on their side.

MUSSOLINI

There's an interesting anecdote in ^{the}~~the~~ Progresso, New York's Italian paper, about ~~Premier~~ Mussolini. One of his policies is to lose no opportunity of mixing with working men. Every time he's out inspecting public works, he sooner or later leaves his staff and gets to various parts of the job talking to ~~bricklayers~~ bricklayers, mechanics, carpenters and others. He *apparently* never forgets the day when he was a bricklayer and a hodcarrier himself. He makes a point of finding out all about the men he is talking to, how they are getting on, what their living conditions are, etc.

His experience as a bricklayer proved awkward to somebody else, the other day. The Duce was laying a foundation stone and as he took the trowel in his hand and was about to slap on the mortar, he frowned and turned around to the mortar mixer, and, said ~~the~~

Black Shirt dictator:-

~~the Duce:~~ "Look here, if you were working for me I'd fire you.

This is no way to make mortar if these buildings are going to

last. You take that away and mix me some more and do it properly."

He seemed to know his stuff - a bit too well.

GERMANY

Re Far Germany,

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The opponents of the Hitlerites seem to have given up the fight. The Socialist party has dropped even the formality of resistance to the Nazis. Their leader, Otto Braun, former Minister-President of Prussia, is now in exile in Switzerland. He ^{has} telegraphed his resignations from his seats in both the Reichstag, the German Parliament, and the Prussian ~~Diet, that is,~~ ~~the Prussian~~ legislature. He has also withdrawn his appeal to the Supreme Court against his forcible removal from office.

The German Parliament will assemble next Tuesday. But it will be to all intents and purposes just a Hitler Parliament. There'll be no Communist members present. Most of the Reds are in jail and they've all been cut off the ~~Hitler~~ salary list. Many of the Socialist deputies will also be conspicuous by their absence.

Correspondents are pointing out that in six weeks of Nazi rule Chancellor Hitler's Cabinet has eliminated more *parliamentary* opposition than Mussolini did in two years.

The suppression of newspapers and magazines continues.

Anybody who wants to write in Germany nowadays has to write to please Herr Hitler or write to please his own waste-basket.

Who was the most hated man in the World during the War?

Many would say the Crown Prince of Germany. Now he's telling his story. I read it in Liberty Magazine today. Fascinating.

PARIS

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Meanwhile the French are exceedingly worried about the capers of the Nazis. The demonstration of storm troopers and other Hitlerite followers in the Rhineland have been so aggressive that the French Foreign Office was obliged to lodge a ~~ke~~ vehement protest in Berlin. The German Foreign Minister promised the demonstrations would cease.

But Paris has another source of worry. The sound of rifle fire has been heard along the Rhine. The reason was that some of the Nazi~~x~~ troops were putting on sham battles in the ~~low~~^W mountains near Fribourg. The French considered this a violation of the treaty of Versailles, and are none too happy over it.

STOCK EXCHANGE

For the first time in twelve days the gong sounded in buildings that had been uninhabited and deserted for all that time. I mean, of course, the Stock Exchanges. Everywhere there were big crowds of brokers and attendants waiting for the sound of that gong several minutes before opening time. When ~~that~~ the gong ^{rang out} ~~sounded~~ it was greeted with cheers. Trading ^{opened} ~~started~~ promptly-- and heavily. Several leading issues ^{opened} ~~started~~ at a price higher than March 3rd, and went up farther still. ^{Among the} ~~The principal~~ shares in the upward climb were those of companies that expect to gain from the passage of the beer bill. It was a gala day in the stock exchange world. More than 3,000,000 shares were sold in N.Y. The rush was so great the ticker jammed.

AVIATION

Commercial aviation in the United States has broken all previous safety records during the last six months. All the ^{combined} transport lines in the country flew a distance of 9,113,672 passenger miles for each fatality.

As you probably know, many airplanes now have flying hostesses. Eight are on flying duty with one of the Eastern air lines, and the average for each of these flying hostesses is 190,000 miles in the air. Two of them, Beulah Unruh and Marion Cook, have flown more than a quarter of a million miles each, in the big eighteen-passenger Curtiss Condors operated by the Eastern Air.

HOOVER

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Here's some news about ex-president Hoover. It was announced today at the Waldorf Astoria that he will leave New York tomorrow for his home in Palo Alto, California. Mr. Hoover's personal business in New York has been accomplished, ~~also~~ as well as the main object of his stay ^{which} ~~that~~ was to complete plans for financing three relief organizations with which he is associated and for which he is largely responsible.

THEATRE

There's quite a rumpus in the Theatre world. The producers of several shows in New York have announced that unless they can cut their expenses ~~■~~ they can't afford to keep ^{going.} ~~their shows on the boards in present conditions.~~ The Actors' Equity Association expressed its willingness to allow its members to take a cut provided the stage hands and the musicians did the same. But the stage hands and the musicians union refused to play ball. The managers tried to persuade them that half a loaf was better than no bread, but the unions said they'd rather not work ^{at all} than work for less wages. As a result of the argument two New York shows have closed down and there are reports that others will follow suit unless the unions have a change of heart.

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ENDING

Here's a hot shot from a Canadian newspaper:-

Said one man to the other, "Did he have an xray taken of his wife's jaw?"

"Well, they tried their best to take an xray picture of herjaw, but all they could get was a moving picture."

And that's my cue to stop moving my jaw and say --

So Long Until Tomorrow.