

Good evening everybody.

Here's a surprise. Norman Davis, Uncle Sam's Ambassador at large, has tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt. Raymond Carroll cables the New York Evening Post that Mr. Davis wants to relieve President Roosevelt of any embarrassment which might arise out of what everybody now knows, that he was on the preferred list of the House of Morgan.

On the other hand, from Washington comes a report of a different kind. The State Department denies that Norman Davis has resigned.

## WAR DEBTS

More news about those war debts. At least three countries have proposed to cut the installments they should pay Uncle Sam tomorrow, and send in only partial payments.

A report from diplomatic circles in Washington has it that John Bull proposes to pay ten percent, Italy the interest on her debt, but not the principal. *This will* amounting to some million and a quarter dollars. Czecho-Slovakia offers a trifle over ten percent.

~~The White House has said nothing about these partial payments. Indications are that the President will receive the partial payments, but will not formally accept them as he does not want to become involved with Congress on this troublesome issue.~~

ADD - WAR DEBTS

Here's a flash from Washington. One of my colleagues of the NBC wires me from the Capital that the President has just released statement concerning the war debt payments. In part here are the President's exact words:

( "The British Government has today announced a payment to the United States of ten million dollars with a note indicating that this payment is to be considered 'As an acknowledgment of the debt pending a final settlement.' " )

Then he adds:

"It has in its accompanying note pointed out circumstances that have induced it to take this action. Such payment down does not, of course, in any sense prejudice the freedom of either government in any subsequent discussion of the entire debt question which will take account of this and other debt payments."

Those are the words of the President of the United States. You will find a great deal more concerning this in your favorite newspaper tomorrow morning.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

It looks as though John Bull and Uncle Sam might take the lead at the World Economic Conference at London. Raymond Gram Swing cables the New York Evening Post that this was made abundantly plain today by <sup>the</sup> speeches of Neville Chamberlain, <sup>British</sup> Chancellor of the Exchequer, and our own Secretary of the State Hull. Swing says these speeches outlining <sup>the</sup> programs of the two countries show a wide measure of agreement between <sup>the</sup> British and American Delegations. The New York Evening Post <sup>adds that Mr.</sup> Chamberlain's address this morning was the ~~meatiest~~ <sup>meatiest</sup> yet delivered before the Conference. It contained <sup>a</sup> complete program, most of it in harmony with what is known as the "American Idea." Part of it concerned conditions necessary for the return to the gold standard. With this part, Secretary Hull expressed the approval of Uncle Sam.

Swing describes <sup>our Mr.</sup> Hull's speech as much less specific than Chamberlain's. But <sup>I have just</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>learned</sup> by Wireless, that Secretary Hull promises, that the American Delegation will propose specific remedies for all the economic ills that

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distress the world. ~~The~~ Secretary <sup>Hull</sup> made a plea for lower tariff duties. In effect, he asked for an international tariff truce and the end of economic isolation. In other words, Uncle Sam asks the <sup>whole</sup> world to drop <sup>the notion of</sup> economic nationalism.

Secretary Hull also said <sup>that the</sup> success or Failure of the <sup>London</sup> Conference means success or failure <sup>for</sup> of statesmanship everywhere.

He carefully avoided any mention of the war debt situation. <sup>TP</sup> But a

wireless <sup>direct from the conference</sup> report ~~was~~ informs <sup>us</sup> that the principal sensation on the second day of the Conference came when Maxim Litvinoff, Head of the Russian Delegation, made the first concrete proposal the Conference has heard. The Soviet spokesman announced that Russia would buy one billion dollars worth of foreign products in addition to what she is purchasing now. In return for this the Soviet Government would expect repeal of all discriminations against ~~Soviet~~ Soviet goods in other countries. The Moscow Government proposes to pay this huge sum in installments.

## INTERNATIONAL - TELEPHONES

There is an institution in the City of London that is being used a great deal these days by the delegates to the World Economic Conference.

It is the new International Telephone Exchange through which the radio telephone conversations of five continents have to pass. If you are Mr. Cordell Hull and you want to call President Roosevelt, or if you are in Montreal, Canada, and want to get Rome, your call has to pass over that switchboard. By the same token, it is through this switchboard that Buenos Aires has to call Berlin, and subscribers in Sydney, Australia, get in touch with Saskatchewan.

Incidentally we learned that there are 34 million telephone subscribers in the whole world. Of these, some 32 million can put their calls through the great International Exchange in London. And its unusually busy this week.

WASHINGTON

News from Washington indicates that millions of people will be put to work soon. The Administration announces that it will be ready to put <sup>the</sup> provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Bill into operation as soon as it is signed by the President. This will happen within the next day or so.

At the same time, the White House is expected to make two important announcements. One will concern regulations governing the administration of the industrial control act. Also the first trade agreement adopted by those industries which are willing to submit to the provisions of the Bill. Another announcement will concern the letting of contracts for public works projects to be undertaken under this measure. You will remember it calls for an expenditure of three billion three hundred million dollars.

Speaker Rainey told us at Grove City College, Pa., today that the wheels are in motion - and the rainbow in sight, even if there are dark clouds still on the horizon.

CONGRESS

Congress is still at it. Adjournment is not yet in sight partly because many members don't want to go home before they learn what is <sup>going to be</sup> done about the war debts and what Secretary Hull is going to do at the London Conference. Partly also because the fight is still on over the Veteran's Compensation.

Harold Brayman wires the New York Evening Post that the recalcitrant Senators have thrown the controversy back into the lap of the Representatives. Leaders of Congress are beginning to get jumpy. They have been unable to find any way to avoid forcing the President to veto the Bill. Every other important measure has been disposed of.

I discussed this with the Speaker of the House, Mr. ~~RAINEY~~ Rainey, today. Mr. Rainey said it is barely possible Congress will be able to complete all its work tonight. But he doubted it. He thinks the President will veto the bill which includes the Veterans. That will throw it back to Congress. Then he believes the House and



the Senate will eliminate the portions of the Bill displeasing to President Roosevelt. And hold them over for future consideration, thus enabling Congress to adjourn. Mr. Rainey told me that Congress may get through with its work this week - or it may take longer.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Catholic University of America in Washington. The commencement address was delivered by Cardinal Hayes and the President spoke a few words in appreciation of the honor.

SPEAKER RAINEY

I am ~~not~~ <sup>tonight</sup> here in Pittsburgh for the purpose of speaking at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association at the General Motors' Headquarters, at the the corner of Liberty Avenue and 37th Street.

<sup>Flag Day,</sup>  
Today, I have spent my time in ~~what~~ what I consider an exceedingly profitable way. I went to a college commencement and <sup>there</sup> I heard Congressman Rainey, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the man second only to the President of the United States in importance in Washington. I listened to Mr. Rainey tell the inside story of what has been going on in Washington. He said that up ~~and~~ until March 4th, the people of this country have been following the theories of <sup>the</sup> wise men of old, men like Riccardo, Malthus, John Stewart Mills, and so on. But, declared Mr. Rainey, this is an age of mechanization. And, without realizing it the American people in recent years have been coming dangerously near communism - nearer than any country but Russia.

Our Government was loaning millions upon millions to help the railroads, to help insurance companies

and the banks, but these were unable to pay the Government what they owed. It looked as though it would be necessary for the Government to take them over. Prior to March 4th the Federal Government was taking over farms everywhere in the country. As the speaker of the House put it: "Plunging toward communism".

He said it was time to turn and go the other way. He said that is what Congress has been doing, and that March 4th definitely marked the start of a new train of thought, a new era. He reminded us that Congress has recently passed 19 laws in order to meet every phase of this great industrial depression, everyone of the 19 new and novel. A year ago they would have been denounced as radical and unsafe. He said that Congress had been passing these laws in order to ~~xxxx~~ restore the buying power to the American People, and especially to the farmer.

~~This~~ is just a little of what he said. It was a magnificent speech, delivered as the commencement day address, at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, an exceedingly up-to-date college where it is possible for a boy

or girl to get a good education without bankrupting father.

There's the deuce to pay among Railroad men today. The Wall Street Journal reports that the roads will ~~sent~~ send out notices to the four principal brotherhoods of the railway unions demanding a twelve and a half percent cut in their wages. As soon as this was published, word came from Chicago that A. F. Whitney, head of the Labor Railway Executive Association, has decided not to wait for this formal notice. He has called a meeting of all leaders of the Railway Unions to convene at the Palmer House ~~in~~ Chicago on Friday and discuss the crisis.

Railway Unions already have <sup>taken</sup>~~begun~~ a ten percent temporary cut, <sup>which</sup>~~that~~ means that this new proposal will bring the total cut to twenty-two and a half percent. ~~SIXTY~~

On the other hand, word comes from Akron, Ohio, that a large rubber company plans to increase the wages of all employees in rubber factories ten percent beginning July

2nd. Another famous manufacturer of tires announced <sup>that</sup> he will increase <sup>the</sup> wages of <sup>the</sup> employees in all <sup>of</sup> his companies throughout the United States <sup>— to take</sup> effective ~~in~~ tomorrow.

## NAZI

There's a merry little squabble going on between Austria and the <sup>German</sup> Nazi Government. As you may recall the Nazis <sup>in Germany & Austria</sup> are trying to gain <sup>the</sup> same control over Austria that they have in the Fatherland. But the Austrian Government has stood pat and defied the power of the Hitlerites.

A prominent Nazi, a deputy in the German Reichstag and also an inspector <sup>delegated to</sup> the Nazi party in Austria, had been appointed press attache of the German Legation at Vienna. The Austrian Government arrested him. <sup>H.R.</sup> Knickerbocker cables the New York Evening Post that today the Nazis struck back. They arrested the press attache of the Austrian Legation at Berlin and ordered his immediate expulsion from Germany. Knickerbocker says that relations between Berlin and Vienna <sup>are now</sup> ~~are~~ strained, ~~today~~. They can hardly be called diplomatic at all.

Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria is in London at the Economic Conference. News of the Austrian Attache's arrest was telephoned to him there, and all Europe is waiting to see what he will do.

COLD WAVE

A few days ago we told about a record heat wave that swept over the East. Today, folks nearly everywhere awoke to find a record cold wave.

Only once in the history of the Weather Bureau has the temperature been lower than today's fifty degrees in New York City.

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Lost -- one balloon, a blimp. If you find it please return to KDKA. It belongs to the Westinghouse Company. It broke loose this morning, headed south last, and they don't know where she is.



## SEASICKNESS

At a time when many people are thinking of taking sea voyages a piece of information conveyed by Dr. E. E. Free in the current issue of the Week's Science, is particularly appropriate. Dr. Free reports that two French scientists have discovered a cure for people who get seasick or air sick. These two Frenchmen recently reported the results of their experiments to the French Academy of Scientists in Paris.

The treatment they suggest for seasickness or air sickness is electric neck heaters. The idea is to heat by electric current the small bulb of nerve tissue which doctors call the medulla oblongata. This formidable sounding thing is located inside the back of your neck just at the junction between your spinal cord and your brain.

These two French scientists first got on the track of this idea two years ago. It occurred to them that many things which cause nausea such as tickling the throat or shocks to the internal organs, have to go over nerve paths which pass through

MARY DORAN

Color madness was the strange reason given by Eugene Walter, famous playwright for the disappearance of his wife known in the films as Mary Doran. Mrs. Doran was found in <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ Los Angeles <sup>California</sup> jail under a fictitious name after police had arrested her for allegedly taking from stores many articles. — all <sup>the articles</sup> <sup>(Eugene)</sup> green <sup>in case</sup> Walter said his wife has charge accounts at all stores, but when a sudden craze comes over her to possess green articles, she can't resist them.

## INSECTS

Here's something that seems appropriate now that the picnicking season is on.

A young couple were looking for a place to stop and lunch, with the girl at the wheel of the car. They had the usual arguments that occur when any party is looking for a picnic spot. About two hours after it was time to have lunch the lady finally found a place that suited her. So they ~~xxx~~ got out and spread things in the grass.

Said she: "Jimmy, old boy, this is my idea of an ideal spot for a picnic."

Said Jimmy:- "It must be ideal. Fifty million insects can't be wrong."

And so long until tomorrow!