

SMITH

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Here's news that ^{will} ~~ought to~~ astonish not only the publishing world but the world at large. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith is going to follow in the footsteps of Theodore Roosevelt -- I mean the great T.R. of course.-- No, he's not going to turn Republican. But he is going to become an editor. And ~~xx~~ the magazine which he will edit is the same one of which T.R. was once contributing editor,-- The Outlook.

Last spring The Outlook was changed from a weekly to a monthly. Then it suspended for a short while. ~~A few weeks ago~~ It will resume publication ^{soon} ~~shortly~~ under the leadership of Al Smith. It is announced that Al will ^{be} ~~not~~ merely a nominal editor. He will write general articles as well as editorial comment. He will also influence the policy of this famous old magazine. That ought to astonish the Democrats too. And maybe you think they aren't sitting on ^t ~~tenderhooks~~ waiting to see what Al will do in the forthcoming campaign.

REPUBLICANS

A radio listener who signs himself Billy Sunoco, which indicates that he ~~must be~~ knockless and full of pep, writes and asks me if it ^{'s} ~~is~~ true that the Republican Campaign Committee has taken an entire floor at the Waldorf-Astoria. He says that sounds like a Tall Story. So on my way to the studio I dropped by the Waldorf to investigate. I found that the Republican National Committee has taken over forty-one rooms, in that world-famous caravansary, and the offices are presided over by two United States Senators, Senator Hebert of Rhode Island, and Senator Hastings of Delaware, and President Hoover's former secretary, the jovial George Ackerson.

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The gubernatorial race in New York State begins to look complicated. Lieutenant Governor Lehman may be the Democratic choice. But the Republicans have two vigorous candidates in the field, Colonel Donovan [—] and Trubee Davison of aviation fame who was endorsed by the Nassau County Republican Committee today.

CONFERENCE

It looks as if the Economic Conference which President Hoover has called will be well attended. More than a hundred leaders of business and industry throughout the United States have accepted Mr. Hoover's invitation to plan means of stimulating a revival of business.

The conference will meet Friday in the new building of the Department of Commerce. It will last two days.

OTTAWA

That Economic Conference of the British Empire at Ottawa will have far wider effects than anybody expected. So says William Phillips Sims, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers today. Mr. Sims reports that Uncle Sam's foreign trade experts in Washington believe that conference has sounded the death knell of ^{Uncle Sam's} ~~the~~ existing tariff policy. ~~of Uncle Sam.~~

He points out that the United States is ~~far~~ faced by constantly rising tariffs in other countries. These are blocking the free flow of trade in every direction. Consequently, observers believe Uncle Sam is approaching the place where he must adopt one of three drastic changes. First, to take part in world wide tariff reform ^{as} ~~at~~ a live-and-let-live basis. Second, to accept the situation laid down at Ottawa and elsewhere and seek new outlets for U.S. trade, particularly in Russia and China. Third, and last, Uncle Sam can ~~shut~~ shut himself in behind tariff walls so high that nothing can get either in or out. This will make the United States

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economically speaking a hermit nation, ^{like Tibet,} producing for itself
and trading exclusively with itself.

The last proposition, the article points out,
is practically out of the question unless the nation's ^{is bent on} ~~hand~~
^{committing hari hari,} ~~en-suicide.~~ Many economists believe that the Ottawa conference
will mark an epoch in world trade. They say that it demonstrates
the fact that the notion of tariffs ~~xxxxxpurely~~ as a purely
domestic affair is hopelessly out of date.

So in more than one respect we are looking on at
history in the making.

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FARMSTRIKE

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The farm strike in Iowa is assuming proportions where the possibility of bloodshed ^{may be near.} ~~is seen to be not far off.~~ What is more it is beginning to look as though Uncle Sam would have to take a hand.

A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times reports that the strike is gaining momentum, though slowly, throughout the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Illinois. But after 300 farmers stopped a freight train at Emerson, Nebraska, the United States attorney in Omaha told reporters that if he finds Federal Statutes have been broken he will have to begin prosecution at once. ^{It was Gov. Bryan of Nebraska who drew} ~~the~~ attention of the ~~U.S.~~ United States attorney ~~was drawn~~ to the behavior of the farmer^s. ~~to Governor Bryan of Nebraska.~~ The Federal and State authorities in Nebraska are conferring as to means for protecting citizens and property interests.

But meanwhile the group of picket lines was tightening around Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. It was reported that Iowa farmers have established a complete blockade of every road leading into Council Bluffs from the east. When they stopped the train at Emerson, Nebraska, they unloaded a car of cattle consigned

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to the Sioux City live stock market and turned the animals loose along the right of way before allowing the train to proceed, ~~on~~ ~~its way.~~

Officers report that there are several hundred pickets around Omaha which is one of the principal live stock markets in the United States. But so far the officers say those pickets have used no methods which you could call unlawful. The farmers have tried to induce truck drivers to join the movement. So far the drivers have refused.

The situation has brought Sioux City face to face with a shortage of milk. Farmers who have been shipping milk by railroad served notice on the dairies that they can no longer stand the expense of this ~~new~~ mode of transportation. The pickets in Iowa have been almost 100% effective in stopping any movement of dairy produce along the highways in trucks. Only six head of live stock were trucked into Sioux City yesterday. From all over the Middle West come accounts of new strike organizations of farmers.

Then, Rumours of a spread of the farm strike to the eastern states cropped up today in New Jersey. Farmers throughout the agricultural counties of southern New Jersey are discussing what is called a farm holiday of their own. They insist that they are losing money every time they ship their produce to the markets of Philadelphia and New York. One farmer said that last week trucks loaded with produce were taken to the ~~ix~~ Dock Street wholesale market in Philadelphia and came home without unloading. The prices offered made it more profitable to feed the stuff to the hogs.

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And here's an item about one Iowa farmer which throws considerable light on the situation. This farmer told a correspondent of the Cleveland Press that he owns a farm near Boone, Iowa. His share of the oats crop from 24 acres of this farm was \$40. His taxes on the same land amounted to about \$44.16. What got his goat was when he had to pay \$3.20 for a smoked ham off a hog ^{the whole of} ~~for~~ which had

^{netted} the farmer ^{who raised it} only ~~got~~ \$3.60.

COAL STRIKE

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The fashion for organizing armies of marchers seems to be gaining. A dispatch to the Louisville Times says that striking miners in the coal fields of southern Illinois are planning a march, twenty-five thousand strong, on the mines in that district of Illinois known as Egypt. That is, such mines as are in operation. One sheriff in that ^{region} ~~region~~ has promised to meet the twenty-five thousand miners with thirty thousand deputies. It was ~~the~~is sheriff's deputies who killed one of the miners' pickets yesterday.

GERMANY

Things were moving in Germany to-day/. (Adolph Hitler went right to the bat against the government for those five followers of his who were sentenced to death in Silesia. Hitler addressed a petition to the cabinet of Chancellor von Papen, asking that the death sentences be commuted.) He also sent a message to the condemned men. A dispatch to the Boston Traveler describes this action as an open defiance of the von Papen government. Hitler characterized this ^{present German regime} ~~government~~ as a guillotine government.

In his message to the condemned men, Hitler, addressing them as comrades, told them that their freedom is a question of the honor of the Fascist party.

There is no appeal from the decision of the Special Anti-Terrorist Court which sentenced the five men to death. But (Hitler's statement leaves no doubt that if those men are executed, all chance of negotiations with von Papen will be at an end.)

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Hitler makes no bones about threatening reprisals if the German Government carries out the sentence on the five condemned men. Von Papen, in reply, defies the threats of the Fascist leader and his storm troops.

BASEBALL

Baseball fans will be interested in this item from Chicago. The owners of the Cubs are so satisfied with the new management of Charlie Grimm, -- and well they might be since the Cubs are leading the National League, -- that they have given Charlie a new contract for 1933.

Whether the Cubs ^{reach} ~~finish~~ the end of the season ^{in first place} ~~where they~~ ~~are now~~ or whether the Brooklyn Dodgers ^{ease them out} ~~continue their climb~~, Charlie Grimm, the ~~st~~ stocky and popular first-baseman who succeeded the great Rajah Hornsby, will be the manager of the Cubs next year.

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I know what you may be wanting to ask, but I'm sorry I can't tell you how much Charlie will get for the job.

DOLLS

Here's an
~~This~~ item ~~is~~ directed to the particular attention of
no less a magnifico than Santa Claus. I hope he's listening in.
Christmas, but there's a story on the wire today that ~~griddle~~ which has a Christmas ~~slant~~
~~value~~

3,500 doll makers in New York have gone on strike.

They demand a 35% increase in wages, and shorter hours. They say
that at present they^are making only from 8 to 20 dollars a week.

We had always thought that most of the dolls came from Germany.

But it seems that ~~the~~ factories in New York produce most of the
dolls and stuffed toys made in the United States.

So no doubt the prayers of several million children
will go up that this strike be settled quickly. ~~Just think what~~

~~would happen if there were to be a doll famine in America.~~ ~~next December,~~

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And announcer Jimmy Wallington looks
as tho he's sending up a prayer that I
get off the air quickly — so, s-l-u-t-m.

AVIATION

~~Good evening, everybody.~~

There is so much aviation news today, it looks as though everybody's mind were up in the air.

There are no less than three trans-Atlantic flights under way. All three of them started this morning. Two of the planes are on their way to Oslo, the capital of Norway. ^{So} ~~And it is expected~~ that ~~it~~ will develop into a race, ~~between these two.~~

The third is a family affair. And this makes it in a way the most interesting of all. George Hutchinson of Baltimore, Maryland, took off from Floyd Bennett field at eleven o'clock this morning with his wife and their two daughters, aged eight and six. They will go by way of ~~St. Johns~~, Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland and Iceland, to London. They expect to make London in five days.

Their trip will be over the air-mail route which ^{Canada and} Uncle Sam ^{have} ~~has~~ chartered ^d ~~ed~~ for future reference.

~~Colonel~~ Hutchinson's ship is a bi-motored Sikorsky amphibian.

It is called "The Flying Family". In addition to his wife and little daughters, ~~Colonel~~ Hutchinson has a crew consisting of a navigator, a mechanic, a radio operator and a motion picture cameraman.

The Hutchinsons think that this flight will be a sort of ~~for their daughters~~ geography lesson ^{for their daughters. At any rate} ~~as well as a journey~~. They are ~~certainly learning about the air at an early age.~~

(2) This is the first time in history that a trans-Atlantic flight has ~~also been made a family jaunt~~ ^{attempted by the whole blooming}.

Now, for the other two flights. The first plane to take the air was that of Thor ~~Solberg~~ Solberg and Carl Petersen. They took off from Floyd Bennett field about six o'clock this morning in a big Sesquiplane. They carry a ~~considerable freight of post cards and messages from friends~~ ~~for friends in Norway~~. Mr. Solberg is a manufacturer ^{Brooklyn} ~~of Brooklyn~~ and Carl Petersen is the radio operator who accompanied Admiral ~~Richard~~ Byrd to the Antarctic.

The other couple, ~~who are on their way to~~ ^{bound for} Norway, consists of Clyde Lee and John Bochkon. They took off for

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Harbor Grace from Barre, Vermont, at eleven o'clock this morning. They have a smaller but faster ship than ~~the other~~ ^{their rivals.} pair. Clyde Lee has been a commercial flier in the west and in New Mexico. ~~Frank Bochkon~~ Mr. Bochkon is a Norwegian. He began his flying career in the Norwegian Army. ~~and has been interested in commercial flying both as pilot and as engineer.~~

The two planes that are on their way to Norway, ~~non-stop.~~ will aim straight from Harbor Grace for Oslo, without any stops. At least so they hope.

~~There is another expedition fully equipped and all ready to start. the goal of this one is Rome, Italy.~~ One of the travelers is, according to the reporters, a good looking American girl, a nurse by profession. It is her plan to bale out of the plane with a parachute when it gets over Florence.

Captain Jim Mollison, the happy Scot who has just made a record for being first person to make a westward flight across the Atlantic solo, spent most of the day being

BUSINESS

As for business and finance, all the markets were on the move today. And it is cheering to be able to say they were still going up. There was a large turn-over of shares on the New York Stock Exchange with higher prices governing a broad list of stock issues. Cotton moved up again. The price of wheat also jumped. The better tone reflecting this was felt in all sections of the financial and commodity markets. Bonds became more valuable. Trading was active and once again the high speed ticker tape was seven minutes behind actual floor transactions. What is more, a seat on the Stock Exchange was offered for a hundred and sixty thousand dollars, ten thousand more than the last one recorded.

Then a dispatch from Washington to the Automotive Daily News reports that the general gain in employment throughout the United States has roused the hopes of the automotive industry.

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And by the way, Harold Peat, Vice President of the National Broadcasting Company -- or perhaps that's the wrong title -- dropped in here a moment ago. He's just back from a long tour of America. Everywhere he went he found people full of optimism, ready to swim with with the rising tide.

interviewed and telephoning Doc Kimball at the Weather Bureau.

He also was personally conducted to the mooring mast of the world's tallest building, by Al Smith himself. One reporter asked Capt. Mollison whether he surely will fly back.

"Oh, yes, I shall fly back," said Captain Mollison seriously. You see, it's cheaper, and I am a Scot. I used only 142 gallons of petrol coming over and that figures out about sixty dollars. That's cheaper than any trans-Atlantic liner will take me," said the flying Highlander -- or maybe he's a lowlander.

"I am spending no more than I need to on this trip. I have brought ten shillings with me, and so far I haven't had to spend a farthing."

All we can say to that is good for you, Jim, we're with you -- and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.