

L. T. - SUNOCO - Friday, November 3, 1933.

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

All I have talked about the N.R.A. and Uncle Sam's government control becomes rather pale besides the news that flashes from Italy tonight. (Mussolini, the black shirt dictator is about to make another drastic move. It is reported from Rome that he had laid plans to put his program of the Fascist state -- the complete Fascist state, in full force by the beginning of the New Year.)

The Editor of the prominent New York Italian paper the Corriere Della Sera tells me that this is the final and decisive step in the realization of Fascist economic and political theories.

There will be a complete shakeup of the Government in Rome. The present Cabinet will be dissolved. The present Italian Chamber of Deputies will pass out of existence. The Duce, himself, will again take over a number of the cabinet portfolios now held by some of his lieutenants and he will install in power the new governing body that is to rule in the land of the Caesars.

(The Italians call it the corporative state.) That word

comes from "corporation," ^{but it} ~~and~~ doesn't mean in the Italian what it means to us. With them it means what we call "Guild", the medieval guild that was a kind of trade union, and also the organization of an industry. ^{Mussolini has} ~~The officials have~~ gone back to the middle ages and ^{has} ~~have~~ developed the idea that the economic state should be controlled by organized industries, by the guilds, by what the Italians called the "corporations."

(The new Italian Government will consist of representatives of the chief industries of the country, about fifty industries in all. It will be a union of capital and labor.) The workmen will be represented by members of their own group. Each representative in the Government will be an expert in some phase of industry. In a certain way, it sounds like Technocracy. It will be a government of industrial experts. And there to me is one of the most interesting and important stories ~~Prosper~~ we have had in weeks.

~~Summit~~
~~Incident~~

FRANCE

Oh yes, and France's new Prime Minister appeared before his parliament today with a statement outlining his program. One of his first projects is a balanced budget. ~~On this, says Mr. Sarraut, he will stake the future of his cabinet.~~

The thing that will interest us more is the question of tariffs. France will use the quota system, in such fashion as to allot French trade to the countries that offer the best markets for French goods.

Premier Sarraut
~~He~~ also hopes for resumption of the World Economic Conference and promises close cooperation with America and other powers at Geneva.

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LEAGUE

I learn that Mr. James G. McDonald of New York who often follows me on this microphone, and who was appointed High Commissioner for the German refugees by the League of Nations Council, will sail tomorrow on the Ile De France. Mr. McDonald goes to Geneva for the purpose of investigating the condition of German refugees.

And, by the way, the poor old League of Nations seems to be receiving brickbats from all directions. Japan has resigned, Germany is out, Uncle Sam's as far away from joining as ever, and now even John Bull is grumbling. The English taxpayers are complaining that it is their money which is the main support of the League, and they are saying vociferously "what for?"

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GOLD

The price of gold at Washington is again higher. The R F C's quotation for the day is \$32.57 a fine ounce, ~~10~~ 19¢ more than yesterday and 35¢ more than the London quotation.

And New York business men ^{have} set going what looks like a serious campaign to agitate for Uncle Sam's return to the gold standard. A special meeting was held ^{today} of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and a resolution was adopted, expressing the idea that the gold standard is the most satisfactory monetary system and that it should be not only restored in the U. S. A. but restored in such fashion as to be permanent.

The Chamber further declared that a rise in the prices of commodities could only be helpful when it is accompanied by a rise in the national income. Consequently, what is needed is confidence and "a reasonable return for labor and enterprise." The Chamber pointed out that in order to establish confidence there must be no uncertainty concerning our money system nor fear of its being changed.

FOLLOW GOLD

Incidentally, a big purchase of gold was made today by the institution known to Britishers as the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, - ^{known} to us as the Bank of England. The bank bought at one clip ninety thousand pounds of the ~~Ex~~ precious metal. The incident aroused considerable speculation as to whether the bank was acting as an agent for individual Americans.

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NEW YORK ELECTION

One of the big excitements of the day is over next Tuesday's election in New York City. The campaign is on its last lap now with loud speakers blaring all over the five boroughs, parades, fights and such a hullabaloo as I've never heard.

From where I'm sitting now, it looks as though New York's next mayor would be Major Fiorello LaGuardia, the colorful Ex-Congressman, Ex-Diplomat, Ex-Soldier, but always a fighter. For the poll conducted by the Literary Digest gives him a large handsome majority over all his rivals. And, in point of fact, these Digest polls in all previous elections have been almost fantastically correct.

In this one the total number of ballots sent in was 545,024. Of these Mr. LaGuardia got 261,517, a lead of more than 54,000 over his nearest competitor, Judge McKee, ex-acting mayor, and ex-president of the Board of Aldermen. McKee's total is 207,169; and the present Mayor, Mr. John Patrick O'Brien, is credited with only 60,129.

As for the percentages, LaGuardia has 47.98% of the total, McKee 38.01%, and O'Brien 11.03%

So, in any event, it looks as though for the first time in twenty years the poor Tammany Tiger is due to have his claws trimmed, ~~the~~ unless something sensational happens in the next couple of days -- and what a sensation that would be.

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The ^{atmosphere} ~~country~~ was enlivened today by that celebrated orchid fancier and ^{lawyer} ~~grower~~ Mr. Samuel Untermeyer. Mr. Untermeyer is sore at the Secretary of State and expressed his wrath today in several thousand well chosen words.

The beginning of the episode was in Cleveland the other day when Mr. Untermeyer made an address accusing the German Ambassador of putting out Nazi propaganda in the U. S. A. Thereupon, our Secretary of State apologized to ^{the German Ambassador} Dr. Luther for Mr. Untermeyer's statement. That was what got Mr. Untermeyer's goat. Mr. Untermeyer says he will do his own apologizing if any, and extends no thanks whatever to the Secretary of State, and what's more, he says there ought to be a congressional investigation of the Nazi activities in the U. S. A.

Secretary Hull's reply to this blast from Mr. Untermeyer was a long deep silence.

NAVY

(9) The President ^{has just} made a radical change ~~today~~ concerning the Navy. He ^{has} issued an order ^{for} ~~that~~ a considerable part of Uncle Sam's battle fleet ^{to} ~~should~~ be brought east from the Pacific Coast. Uncle Sam has been keeping the larger number of his big ships in Pacific waters for four years now, a policy which has been given considerable international importance, -- ^{causing our almond-eyed Japanese neighbors to raise the Honorable eyebrow,}

Secretary Swanson, explaining the President's order, issued a statement saying:- "The battle fleet ought to know both coasts."

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GOVERNORS

Those middle western governors who came to Washington to submit their farm relief program to the President have apparently not yet had a chance to see him. So far their sojourn in Washington has been taken up with visits to the Department of Agriculture, where they saw Secretary Wallace, Farm Administrator George Peake and other officials of the triple A, ~~A.A.A.~~, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, who is still in Washington, declares that in his state there are no indications of a farm strike. He says that out his way the farmers are inclined to wait and give the President's program a chance.

STRIKE

(8) The strike situation looked somewhat easier today. One important happening was that the tool and die workers, who ~~XXX~~ walked out in Detroit, have been ordered by their union leaders to get back on the job. They get a wage increase of 5¢ an hour. This is a compromise agreement. It is expected that their comrades in Flint and Pontiac will follow suit before long.

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STRATOSPHERE

Another expedition into the stratosphere will begin tomorrow. This will be at the World's Fair grounds at Chicago. Lieutenant Commander Settle of the United States Navy and Major Chester Fordney of the Leathernecks will take off early tomorrow morning in their second attempt this year. If they make it, you will hear all about it, because there will be direct radio contact with the gondola of the balloon, ~~This will be~~ the first broadcast from the stratosphere. It will be over ^{the} N. B. C. networks. This flight, the scientific purpose of which is to study our old friend the cosmic ray, is under the joint sponsorship of the World's Fair, the Chicago Daily News and the N. B. C. ~~Commander Settle and Major Fordney hoped to break another record, not only of Prof. Piccard, but of the scientists in the employ of the Soviet government.~~

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There's a world-wide war going on at present.

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It is all up in the air. It's a war for the control of the air ^{lanes.} ~~records.~~ In some parts of ^{our} ~~the~~ planet America seems to be winning out for the present. For instance, this very week an air line started operation on the China Coast. This line is owned jointly by the Chinese and the great Pan American Airways.

American pilots and American planes and American equipment and personnel throughout have been taken to the China Coast by Pan American ~~Airways.~~ Their planes are now flying regularly back and forth over the thousand mile run between Shanghai and Canton. I learned this from William Van Dusen of Pan American today. Incidentally there is an interesting article about this fight for control of the commercial air routes in this week's Liberty Magazine, written by Earl Reeves. The title of the article is "The Real Reason for Lindy's Latest Flight." ~~Earl Reeves points out that Pan American Airways is the largest operating air line organization on earth -- in the air, I should say.~~

PAN AMERICAN - 2

Pan American is preparing to run lines all over the world.

Lindbergh is one of the heads of Pan American. It is for them that he made his recent flight across the North Atlantic. This whole world-wide aviation matter is becoming much more gigantic than most of us realize.

L.T.
Personal Contact

LINDBERGH

A warm piece of aviation news comes from the Hague.

Colonel Lindbergh has been holding conferences in the capital of Holland with officials of the Dutch airlines. It is understood that the object of these pow wows was to discuss the opening next summer of ^{that} a northern air route between the United States and Europe.

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HORSE SHOW

Here's something that seems impossible.

Stephen Budd, a farmer of Newtown, Connecticut, bought a one-eyed horse that ^{for} ~~ix~~ seventeen years had been pulling a coal wagon. Mr. Budd bought the one-eyed animal to use on his farm, plowing potatoes, harrowing the spinach, and so on. Some one on the place liked the horse's lines and thought he was built just right for jumping. They tried him out. And now that seventeen year old one-eyed horse named Sir Gilbert is a famous jumper. They have entered him for the next National Horse Show, the Golden Jubilee Horse Show that horsemen all over America are preparing for, at Madison Square Garden.

Championship jumping teams representing the U. S.

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Army, Canada, Czecho-Slovakia, the Irish Free State, Sweden, *in fact the Waldorf-Astoria is already full of them.* and so on, will be at the National Horse Show, [^] Famous society women, debutants and sub-debs will be there to take part in the jumping. State troopers, rough riders, and cavalrymen, the crack horsemen of the world. But the horse I want to see jump is that one-eyed nag from the farm at Newtown, Connecticut

that pulled a coal wagon for seventeen years.

L.T.

PRECEDE HARRY FRANCK.

The other evening I had an item from Harry Franck in Holland. It was about that gigantic reclamation project, and the big new dike from Holland proper across to Friesland. Just before going on the air, I got into an argument with a friend ^{about} ~~concerning~~ pronunciation. I was going to use the old familiar pronunciation Zīder Zee, but he sat on that and insisted I give it what he claimed was the Dutch ^{accent} ~~pronunciation~~ Zweeder Zay, which I did. When I got home, I received a fine calling down for calling it Zweeder Zay.

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I have also been razzed frequently for another word, r-o-d-e-o. This week's New Yorker magazine has an interesting story telling how Colonel William T. Johnson lost forty-three thousand dollars on his first wild west show. That only made him mad. So he set out to get his money back, and now it looks as though he soon will have a million. The Colonel, who is in the business, insists that the way to pronounce it is ro-dē-o. And the editor of the New Yorker adds that the pronunciation ro-dā-o

is "an effete throwback to the Spanish."

So henceforth no matter what my high hat friends
insist, it is going to be Zider Zee and ro-dē-o. *I don't
want any effete throwbacks.*

L.T.

Harry Franck in his second round-the-world message tells me ^{today} that things are not so good in Holland, ~~just now~~. Farm produce is so dirt cheap that no one wants to rent the new lands in the Zuidersee, no matter how rich ~~they are~~ *that dirt is.*

3 The Communist party is growing stronger. They are pasting and painting signs on walls all over Holland, reading: — "Elect Communists." The Communists want to get rid of the Dutch Royal Family. But the Dutch Reds are not fiery and noisy.

Harry Franck adds that if any of you are complaining about high prices in America, you ought to visit Holland. He says prices are twice as high over there! Judging from book shop windows in the land of windmills, the most popular book over there at present is entitled "De Blik Voorhuit," written by a man whose name we all know, a man whose descendants were Dutch. The American title of that book is "Looking Forward," and the author Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Harry Franck says that the Roosevelt family came from a Dutch village near the city of Utrecht, and the name Roosevelt

means "field of roses," or "bed of roses." Harry adds: "Lowell, next time you attend a press conference at the White House, you might ask the President if his present job lives up to the Dutch meaning of his name."

Harry Franck is getting ready to send his World Letters back to the people of America. In fact he has just bought 6,600 stamps. I hope you get the first ^{one} ~~letter~~ ~~from Holland~~. His next dispatch for our Sunoco News will tell us how things are in Belgium.

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GOLF

A knotty problem has been put up to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the body which has the final say on all points of rules. The problem was put to the Royal and Ancient Club by the local golf club of Cape Town, South Africa. A South Afrikaner went out on the links and drove his ball into a herd of African goats. One of the goats swallowed the ball. The point is, how much penalty should be added to his score? I wonder what American golfers would think of such a problem.

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FIRE

Shortly before dawn this morning a fourteen year old colored girl named Mary Edwards, living in an apartment in Brooklyn, was awakened by the smell of smoke. Then she ~~realized~~ realized that the smoke came from the building in which she and her family were living. In her nightgown the young girl rushed down on the street, - rushed around the corner several blocks to a fire box and sounded the first alarm. The engines came on the run, but before they could get any water on the flames or break into the building, nine people, including six children, had perished. But the point is, ~~that~~ the firemen say, that if it hadn't been for that fourteen year old girl, everybody in the building would have been burnt to death.

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TENOR

Here's one that sound almost like a medical tall story and maybe it will interest musicians. In the middle of the ~~opera~~ performance in Belgrade, capitol of Jugo-Slavia, the tenor who sang the principal role, was afflicted with a violent attack of appendicitis. They rushed him out of the theatre to the hospital and on to the operating table. They had administered the anesthetic and the surgeon was about to cut into him when suddenly that tenor burst into song, lying there on the operating table under the influence of the anesthetic. The song was recognized as the aria which he should have been singing at that moment on the stage at the National Theatre in Belgrade. The doctors had to wait until he got through with his singing before they could proceed. However, even tenors have to finish sometime. The operation was resumed and was successful. It was not only successful -- the patient survived -- in fact revived and ~~xx~~ soon was singing "solong, solong, SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY."

Only I'm no tenor.

Schoonmaker