

Good Evening, Everybody:-

RUSSIA

(The Soviet Government of Russia has agreed to recognize the state of Manchukuo which Japan erected in place of what used to be the Chinese territory of Manchuria. This information was conveyed today to the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow.)

A dispatch to the Washington Daily News interprets this as an exceedingly important happening. It means that all prospects of war between Japan and Russia are at an end for the time being, ~~at any rate~~. It also may mean a new line-up in the Far East.

Up to several weeks ago Moscow had been rushing armaments and troops to the Siberian border. War supplies ~~have been~~ ^{were} assembled and fortifications at Vladivostok ~~have been~~ strengthened. But a few weeks ago Japan began to display a friendly attitude toward Russia. A long standing dispute about the fishing rights in ~~the~~ Kamchatka waters ~~were~~ ~~were~~ settled. So now it looks as though the Mikado and the Soviet were becoming real pals.

MOSCOW

Then (A dispatch from Moscow to the Newark News brings the report that a regular epidemic of arrests is going on throughout the Soviet Union. Thousands of people are being thrown into the coop. It's a condition unequalled since the tragic winter of 1929-30 when peasants were arrested by the thousands.)

The tense atmosphere that prevails throughout Russia reminds observers of the most difficult ^{day} ~~parts~~ of ~~the~~ Soviet rule. It almost takes on the proportions of a reign of terror.

Some arrests are made under decrees which were designed to protect government supplies, socialized-properties, *etc.* ~~goods belonging to cooperative societies, and collectivized crops.~~ Thousands are being hauled in on charges of speculating. These are middlemen who buy farm products and manufactured articles for sale in the private markets. Others are in jail on suspicion of possessing foreign currency and precious stone.

FRANCE

News received in Washington today indicates that Germany is secretly arming. What is more, she is using Uncle Sam's money to finance her war preparations. Of course, this accusation emanates from France.

A story by William Phillips Simms, Foreign Editor of the Scripps Howard Newspapers, says it is being freely ^{stated} ~~said~~ in Washington that Premier Herriot of France has proof of these charges. What is more, he's supposed ~~n~~ to have carried this proof with him to Geneva. It ^{is} ~~is~~ understood that he's reluctant to make use of his information. The French Prime Minister, like the Washington and London officials, are still hoping Germany may be brought back into the disarmament conference.

BERLIN

and
by the way, Germany is going through her fifth big election

campaign within six months. On November 6th the voters of the Fatherland are supposed to elect a new parliament. But a dispatch from Berlin to the Cincinnati Post reports that

there's practically no enthusiasm at all to be observed. *Fritz is getting fed up with elections.*

Politicians are prophesying the vote will be at least ten per cent below that of recent elections.. The people, they say, are tiring of having to vote over and over again. More ^{over,} the campaign funds of several of Germany's almost innumerable parties are exhausted.

SPAIN

Interesting information was brought back from Spain by a visitor who returned to America from that country today. Dr. Walter Cooke, Professor of Spanish Art in New York University, has been spending several months in the Iberian Peninsula. He told a reporter that Spain was becoming more Republican every day. This in spite of the fact that it's ruled with an iron hand. Professor Cooke is ~~sure~~ sure there's not the slightest chance of Alfonso or anybody else ever ^{again} occupying a throne there.

BANK

(It's now a year since Great Britain went off the gold standard. A statement issued by the Bank of England today revealed the fact that the consequences have not been as bad as the ~~crisis~~^{crisis} feared. The disastrous inflation which many prophesied has not occurred.) The currency circulation has increased by only six and a half million pounds.

Seaway

The Great St. Lawrence sea way, to be constructed by Canada and Uncle Sam, was under discussion today at a meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, ^{a meeting} of the Great Lakes Harbors Association. The Montreal Star has been publishing a lengthy survey of this project. The Star points out that it will be of enormous benefit to Canada, more even than to the United States. So it ~~is~~ ^{was} expected that the construction of the sea way would be almost unanimously supported. ^R It struck a snag this afternoon, however, when a ~~rail~~ railroad executive of Toronto ~~expressed the cost of the undertaking~~ commented on the great cost of the undertaking.

9 But, Several speakers raised immediate objections to this railroad executive's remarks. ^{& Quid} It is expected that ^{Great St. Lawrence} the sea way will be endorsed.

INDIANS

Not for many years have we heard of an Indian uprising. Especially not in Canada, where they *Red Man* ~~has~~ ^{has} been treated on the whole far more fairly than in the United States. Historians say that Uncle Sam's record in this matter is not ~~anything~~ ^{me} to be ~~very~~ proud of.

But a dispatch to the Toronto Star from Winnipeg records that a band of the Salteaux tribe has defied the national authorities and seized an old reservation that used to be theirs. They were led by a militant chief, who claims that the tribe was defrauded.

Twenty-five years ago the Salteaux Indians occupied a reservation twelve miles north of Selkirk in Manitoba. They surrendered this territory on the understanding that they were to get \$90 a head and another reservation in exchange. Now Chief *see that's his name, Gray Eyes,* ^A who is head of the band, claims his people never received the ~~\$90~~ ^{bucks a piece.} ^A What's more, on the reservation ^{which} ^A they took in exchange for their old one

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they ^{haven't been} ~~were never~~ able to make a living. They appealed to

the courts and they appealed to the Governor-General, *says Gray Eyes,*

but without avail. So now they have decided that the thing

~~for them~~ to do is, help themselves.

At the latest reports no scalps had been taken.

BEEBE

I suppose ~~a good~~ many of you heard William Beebe talking from ~~two~~^{two} thousand feet below the level of the sea this afternoon. For the benefit of those who were ~~not~~^{not} able to listen in, ~~then, per-~~ perhaps I should say that Dr. Beebe's trip to the bottom of the ocean is ~~quite~~^{indeed.} phenomenal. When he signed off shortly after three this afternoon he had descended lower than any man had ever done before.

The bathysphere in which he took his record-breaking dive, is a hollow ~~ball~~^{ball} four and a ~~half~~ half feet in diameter, built of steel ~~one~~^{one} and a quarter inch ~~thin~~ thick. It's inventor, Otis Barton, accompanied Dr. Beebe. They examined life at that prodigious depth through ~~ports~~^{made of quartz - windows so} windows ~~so~~^{thin} thick that they resisted the enormous pressure which exists at that depth. The entrance door alone weighed five hundred ~~lb~~ pounds.

Dr. Beebe's comments were broadcast all over the national broadcasting system. When he signed off this afternoon, the engineers reported that he was still going down at the rate of a hundred feet every six or seven minutes.

FARMS

(6) Farmers in the Middlewest are growing more bitter all the time. This is illustrated today in a dispatch by Ray Tucker to the New York World Telegram. The bitterness is being directed with particular keenness against the ~~government~~ the joint stock land banks, which ^{are} ~~is~~ supervised by the government. ~~For~~ While the administration has been asking private financial concerns to show leniency to mortgaged home owners, these government-supervised land banks have done the opposite.

Ray Tucker points out that they have been conducting foreclosures against farm owners by the wholesale. More foreclosures have been brought in the last two years than ever before.

What happens then to these farms that are being foreclosed? Land Banks sell them at one half to one-third their value. They are taking fifty dollars an acre for unpaid

mortgages which were enacted at one hundred ^{and} twenty-five dollars per acre. The Banks are making up for these losses by using the funds to retire their bonds. These bonds, says Tucker, are now selling at about one-third their par value. Consequently, the transactions have been highly profitable to the banks.

But not to the farmers.

LOANS

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At the same time, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation issued an encouraging statement. According to this, an improvement in business conditions is shown by a decrease in applications for loans from banks, insurance companies and building and loan associations. The R.F.C. announces that it has received fifty per cent ^{applications for} less loans since July 15th. Then Rand-McNally's weekly report shows that bank closings decreased seventy-five per cent below the weekly average for 1932. Only eight banks closed last week.

However, business recovery will be speeded up only when salaries and wages are restored to their former levels. This statement was made today in a publication called "The Business Week". According to an editorial in this magazine, many business concerns have already begun to raise wages. It says further that people are beginning to recognize that wage cutting is an error.

And I'm sure most of us will agree with that.

BABY

You don't need to be a newspaper reporter to have heard the classic definition of what makes news, namely, the saying that if a dog bites a man that isn't news; but if a man bites a dog, that is news. Well, a dispatch to the Boston Traveler from Fort Worth, Texas, brings a report of the perfect news story. The hero in it is three years old. It seems to me his name ought to be reported. It is Louis Hartwell. Louis has a pet collie named Ouija. Yesterday afternoon Louis was playing in the back yard and Ouija was interfering with his game. He tried to shoo Ouija off but without success. Finally he grew tired of it, pounced on the dog and bit him in the neck.

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CORKY

As you perhaps have noticed, I like dog stories. And I sure do like dogs. In fact I lost one of the finest dogs we ever had at my house, a beautiful Irish Setter. He was run over by a car this morning. To my mind, losing a dog is a real tragedy.

STREET CLEANER

By the way The city employees of Holyoke, Mass. are making their bows to an unexpected Santa Claus. Last week it looked as though they would not get their pay. The city was so hard up there was not enough in the treasury to meet the pay rolls. At the last moment a citizen came forward with ten thousand dollars which he lent the city at six per cent interest. This enabled the Treasurer to pay off the workers.

And who do you suppose this unexpected Santa Claus was? ~~He is~~ ^a retired street cleaner. While he was employed by the city his wages were never more than twenty-four dollars and a half a week. Nevertheless, out of that he seems to have managed to save a tidy sum.

SUNOCO TALL

I have a curious communication here from a Brooklyn correspondent who, I am sorry to say, did not sign his name.

But his information is interesting. He says: ~~in Brooklyn~~

"In Brooklyn we use mothballs for chewing gum and gasoline for drinks." He adds this little limerick:

Our Dad is a terrible Soak-oh

For Cocktails he drinks Blue Sonoco

It swells up his wrists

It doubles his fists

And grows hair, on his bald spotted koko.

"And that", he adds, "beats your air-plaining automobile all hollow." And I guess he's right about that. Also, if that inspires any of you to burst forth with a limerick just send them to me, Empire State Bldg., New York.

BELL

A curious ~~bell~~ tale came over the cables from England today. The ^{scene of the} story is ~~located in~~ the small town of Holmfirth in the West Riding of Yorkshire. In the middle of Saturday afternoon the Vicar of the principal church was preparing his sermon. He was startled by the sound of a single mysterious peal from the bell of his church. He left his study and went to investigate. In the church was a woman kneeling by the altar rail. A middle-aged man entered and stepped quietly to the woman's side, saying: "I am here." The couple shook hands somewhat awkwardly, then suddenly put their arms around each other and knelt by the altar rail. And this is the tale they told the Vicar:

Several years ago they had been married in that particular church. After a while there was a rift within the lute which presently ^{did make the matrimonial music} ~~made the music entirely~~ mute. The husband did something which the wife felt she never could forgive. So the couple separated by mutual consent.

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However, they had one definite understanding.

If the man really wanted to be reconciled, he must be near that church at two o'clock on the afternoon of their wedding anniversary. If he heard a single stroke of the bell he would know that his wife was inside the church ready to forgive. For ten years that man visited Holmfirth regularly on that anniversary. For ten years he waited in vain for that message from the bell. But this year, when he'd almost given up hope, his patience was rewarded.

And that's a happy ending for my
solong until tomorrow.