

Good Evening, Everybody:

Vice-president Curtis ^{danced another war dance} ~~had another party~~ today.

This time ^{his adversaries were} ~~it was with~~ a group of radical war veterans. They came to deliver petitions to Mr. Curtis and also to Speaker

Garner, demanding payment of the cash bonus and a censure

of President Hoover. ^{That aroused the fighting ire of} ~~the Vice-president.~~ ^{He exclaimed: "you strike that"} ~~struck out the~~ paragraph

^{out} ~~the~~ paragraph regarding Mr. Hoover, or get someone else to present your petition!" ~~censuring Mr. Hoover.~~

A dispatch to the New York Evening Post

reports that thereupon one of the petitioners refused to

shake hands with the Vice-president. ^{To that} ~~thereupon~~ Heap Big Chief

Charlie replied: "Well, you can go to the devil."

And that, as they say in the classics, was that.

DEBTS

(There was tremendous indignation in Washington today over the decision of the French government to default on its war debt instalment.) Numerous Congressmen expressed themselves with great vehemence on the subject. Many suggestions were made, some of them of an extreme nature, such as: ~~that~~ embargo tariffs ~~should~~ ^{to} be put on French imports. Other representatives suggested that Congress should pass a law to prevent American banks from lending money to the French government.

The more conservative ^{of those} ~~people~~ in official circles ~~in~~ ~~Washington~~ ^{ed} maintain that the action of the French Parliament has isolated France.

Clinton Gilbert in the Philadelphia Public Ledger points out that "The French default practically ends the war debts." He says further that this incident has halted the negotiations between Uncle Sam and France on the tariff agreements. It will also end what favorable prospects there were for general disarmament. And according to Gilbert's information the proposed world conference to settle economic problems ~~is~~ now goes up in smoke - all in vain.

~~also on the Fritz.~~

As far over in France, well feeling is
~~Feelings are~~ still running high. ~~in France~~. A young
American twenty years old, was beaten by the police in Paris
last night. This young American is attached to the United
States Consulate in Paris. During the argument in the Chamber
of Deputies on the war debts ^{the young American} ~~he~~ found himself in the midst of a
group of royalists. The royalists were making a demonstration,
and the police were suppressing them. The ^{Yankee} ~~young American~~ Consular
attache got his along with the others, ~~and~~ ^{and} suffered a severe
mauling.

It appeared likely tonight that the government of
France would ^{soon} ~~be~~ be in the hands of Premier Herriot once more. The
President of the Republic called various party leaders in
conference today. The result indicated that the President will
send for Mr. Herriot within forty-eight hours and that the leader
will be back in his old job with most of his former ministers.

The franc weakened in the world's markets today. But

the dollar and the pound were stronger.

Another dispatch informs us that John Bull will pay his war debt tomorrow ^{He will pay} in gold in New York.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons that default by the British government at this time would have been a severe moral shock to the English people. However, the Chancellor intimated that if the debts are not adjusted by next June there will be no more payments.

A Laborite member of the house, speaking for his party, blamed the present situation on the failure to cut down on armaments, a point often raised in this country.

PROPAGANDA

~~Prove it~~ Uncle Sam is getting it right and left.

Not content with calling him Sam Shylock in the Parisian papers, French newspaper men are sending out thousands of words to other ~~R~~ parts of the world telling foreign countries what a greedy creditor the United States is.

For instance, a French news agency sent out a dispatch yesterday ^{from New York} to South American newspapers intimating that the United States was willing to sacrifice the welfare of the whole world provided the war debts were collected.

TABASCO

An ^{other} Anglo-American situation came up yesterday in the ~~House of Commons in the English~~ ^{British} parliament. A member of the House of Commons called the attention of the Chairman of the Kitchen Committee to the fact that the Tabasco sauce served in the dining room of Parliament House came from the ~~United~~ ^{U.S.A.} States. A special to the New York Times goes on to relate that this member asked if something just as good or better could not be got from somewhere within the British Empire. Then that member added:

"We've had all the hot ~~sauce~~ ^{stuff} from America that ~~is good~~ ^{we can} stand in the ~~for us in the~~ last month, and we don't need to import any in bottles."

The Tabasco ~~sauce~~ ^{tempert} was soothed by the Chairman of the Kitchen Committee of the House of Commons. He said only nine bottles of American Tabasco had been used in a year, and promised that no more would be purchased. [¶] So there won't be any war on

that subject. The funny part about this to me is that it doesn't seem to have occurred to any British M.P. that tabasco is of Mexican origin.

The tobacco atmosphere seems
BEER to have prevailed in many places today.

For instance there was ^{another} heated argument in ^{Washington} ~~Congress today~~. The
~~squabblers~~ ^{disputants} were Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills, and

Representative Rainey, Democratic leader of the House. The
occasion was the appearance of Mr. Mills before the Ways and
Means Committee of the House ~~at~~ the beer hearings.

A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union records that
the argument began when Mr. Mills told the Committee that if
2.75 beer were legalized, it would bring in between one hundred
and twenty-five and one hundred and fifty million⁵ ~~in revenue~~

- much less than the wets have been estimating.
revenue to the Treasury. Mr. Rainey then criticized the

Secretary's tax recommendations for balancing the budget. He
charged that the Secretary's tax figures were four hundred
million dollars off. To this Mr. Mills shouted:

"I must disagree."

Mr. Rainey persisted, whereupon Mr. Mills declared

"My veracity is challenged. I demand that the clerk bring the
records." Then the argument got hotter and hotter. Both

statesmen were shouting at once ^{in true statesman like fashion.} Towards the end of the discussion

Mr. Mills admitted that the Treasury figures in the last budget were bad estimates. At this Mr. Rainey exclaimed:

"I'm glad you admit they are bad estimates because your estimates have always been bad."

At this point other Congressmen intervened and poured oil on the troubled waters.

CANADA

The Canadian Cabinet is considerably exercised over the condition of international trade. A dispatch to the Toronto Star ~~points~~ claims that what amounts to a tariff war between Canada and Uncle Sam is now existing. In the last ten months exports to the United States from Canada were only 27% of what they were in 1929. At the same time Canada this year imported only 26% of what she imported three years ago. So that represents a gain of one per cent.

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Another dispatch to the Toronto Star reports a violent statement from the Italian government. The agreement between the British commonwealth at Ottawa last summer is doing untold harm to Italian trade, ^{according to a} ~~this~~ statement ~~was~~ made by a spokesman of the Fascists in the presence of Premier Mussolini. This spokesman threw down the gauntlet to the British Empire with the ^{following} declaration: "We must meet force with force in the Fascist manner." The correspondents go on to report that Mr. Mussolini joined in the applause which this statement aroused.

The Toronto Star also tells how the

~~She~~^A former Prime Minister of Hungary ~~also~~ made a statement on the British Empire trade question. In a letter to the Manchester Guardian he said that the attempt of the British Empire to restrict its trade entirely within its own borders will force European states to form customs unions among themselves which will exclude products of the British Empire.

Incidentally, Premier Bennett of Canada is now in London consulting with the British Cabinet. The protests from all over the world against the trade restrictions agreed upon at Ottawa in June, have created considerable anxiety in the vast British dominions.

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DETROIT

The automot^{ive} ~~ive~~ pot is boiling in and around
Detroit. ~~So says~~ The Automotive Daily News ^{tells us} today ^{that}
The pot has been simmering quite a while, so the
improvement is warmly welcome.

Manufacturing ~~activity~~ activities ha^{ve} increased so
much within the past week that employment in that
part of Michigan might almost be called normal. The
improvement would have been noticed before but many
of the plants making cars held back production of
new models until later than usual. ~~But~~ Now they
are making up for lost time.

The Automotive Daily News enumerates ~~many~~ among
the companies that are speeding up on production: ~~are~~
Hupmobile, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Oldsmobile, Pontiac,
Cadillac, Graham-Paige, Hudson-Essex and Willys-Over-
land.

That ought to mean ^{good news} ~~improvement~~ not only in Michigan
but in ^{the} Youngstown and Akron districts.

RECORD

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Another record was broken today, the transatlantic record from Europe to America. The Bremen, the crack ^{speedster} ~~monster~~ of the North German Lloyd line, came from Cherbourg Breakwater to Ambrose Light in four days fifteen hours and fifty-six minutes. This was forty-two minutes shorter than the Bremen's own record which she set two trips ago. The ship averaged twenty-seven and a half knots for something over three thousand miles. *And that sure is hopping over the waves.*

MARRIAGE

There ^{'s} ~~is~~ great excitement in Elkton, Maryland, the Gretna Green of America. A little war has broken out in Elkton, a war for the control of Elkton's principal industry. Elkton's principal industry is the marriage business.

The best corner in Elkton, from a business point of view, is occupied by a retired Baptist minister, who does the major share of the marrying in Maryland's Gretna Green. A taxi cab company also decided that this would be a good business location, so the company went ahead and bought the property. Thereupon they notified the Baptist minister to get out. The ~~Baptist~~ ~~minister~~ ~~could go to~~ --- I mean that minister replied that he would be ---, well, he re- ~~plied~~ ~~at any rate that he would~~ ~~stay~~ where he was ~~because he has a lease.~~ because he has a lease. So some members of the taxi-company went to the Baptist's ministers house and started to put him out neck and crop. But, that

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Baptist ~~minister~~ turned out to be ~~a~~ ^{no} pacifist. *He did not*
turn the other cheek.
~~result~~ *Pists show,* Pists swung freely and a

crowd collected and there was a lively battle.

At the end of the row the reverend minister had
a damaged ~~head~~ *set of knuckles,* and one of the taxi company gentle-
men was arrested.

The war is not over yet. The court fined the
pugnacious taxi-cab ~~gentleman~~ *chap---* and the Baptist
minister is still in possession of the premises.

~~It beats the band how many fights the noble order
of matrimony can cause.~~

BUENOS AIRES

And by the way, there's an interesting marriage
item from Argentina. In Buenos Aires, the capital of ^{the} Argentina_^
~~and~~ a city of more than two million people, not a single marriage
was performed yesterday. Why? Because it was Tuesday the 13th.
In Spanish speaking countries there's a notion that Tuesday the
13th is ten times more dangerous, ^{more unlucky,} than Friday the 13th.

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COP

Now for ~~a little piece~~^{one} that ought to interest the young idea and a good many of their parents. Eight year old George White of Henderson, Kentucky, had a toy pistol and liked to play policeman with it. Last night his mother sent him to the corner grocer on an errand. With his toy pistol in his hand he went into the store, and walked in just as the grocery man was being held up by a bandit with a real thirty-eight revolver.

Well, George showed the spirit of a true cop. He kept tight hold of his gun and ~~he~~ did not run away. To be sure, his gun wasn't much use but his voice was, because his yells frightened the robber and brought the big cops on the scene.

I trust the owner of the store gave George the largest jar of candy in the place.

CITY HALL

An interesting situation has arisen in the sovereign state of ^{South} Carolina. Four cities of that state have become delinquent in their taxes. That is, the taxes they owe the state. ^{They have} ~~In South Carolina there's~~ a tax of six cents a gallon on gasoline - think of that, six cents a gallon. The four delinquent cities are Columbia, the state capital, Greenville, Spartanville, and Florence. These are among the largest towns in the state. Four counties are also delinquent.

Well, the state has ordered the property of four cities and counties sold at auction. The sheriffs have been told to seize the City Halls, but they are not to touch fire engines, water works, or other public properties.

How would you like to
buy a City Hall?

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MAYOR

Abusing the mayor is supposed to be the privilege of every ~~the~~ free American Citizen. In most towns it is a popular pastime, especially for those who want city jobs and don't get them.

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Apparently this pastime has been a trifle overplayed in Youngstown, Ohio. The Youngstown Vindicator informs us that Mayor Moore of the steel city has had a hundred applicants for every city job. Naturally 99 ~~of them~~ out of every hundred have to be disappointed and they have taken it out on ~~the~~ Mayor Mark Moore.

Well the assistant law director of Youngstown was looking through his library, ~~yesterday~~. There he came across an old ordinance which reads as follows;

"Whoever abuses the Mayor of this city ~~city~~ shall be fined not more than \$50.00 and confined in jail for not more than 30 days."

If there were many ordinances like that, what

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a lot of people would be in jail in many American
cities?

WIRELESS TELEPHONE

I have had an unusual telephone call. The captain of a deep-sea fishing vessel, called me up from away out in the Atlantic Ocean. How come? Well, he called me up by wireless telephone. I could even hear the water swishing. His name is Captain Christopher Neff, and his salty Scandinavian accent came in as clearly from away out there at sea as though he were just next door. He said he was with the deep-sea fleet one hundred miles off the tip of Cape Cod, where they are fishing for cod and haddock. He and his assistant skipper, Samuel Curtis, called me up just to let me know that the experiments which the Forty Fathom Trawlers Fleet has been making with the radio telephone are a great success.