

Good Evening, Everybody:

A curious and exciting piece of information came to light in New York late this afternoon. It concerns Joseph W. Harriman, founder and former President of the Harriman National Bank. You may recall that the Bank was placed under the control of the government, that Mr. Harriman was indicted on a charge of making false entries on the books, and that he is out in twenty-five thousand dollars bail. Well, the news is that Mr. Harriman is missing. In fact, the Missing Person's Bureau at <sup>N.Y.</sup> police headquarters has sent out a general alarm and the <sup>police</sup> ~~cops~~ of all the five boroughs are looking for this indicted banker president.

When Mr. Harriman was arraigned in Federal Court some weeks ago, and pleaded "not guilty", he came with a veritable bodyguard of doctors and nurses. In fact, he was wrapped up in a blanket. After being released in this heavy bail, he went

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straight to a nursing home in New York City. He is said to have been in poor health for several months.

It seems that Mr. Harriman put on his hat and coat this morning and just walked out of this nursing home in the fashionable quarter of the east side of Manhattan. It was not until this afternoon that the authorities of that nursing home discovered Mr. Harriman was not there. They called his family who had no knowledge of his whereabouts. They then called his lawyer who was equally at a loss to explain. Finally the hospital authorities called the Missing Person's Bureau at police headquarters.

The United States Attorney's office informed us that the government is not concerned about Mr. Harriman's disappearance. The Federal authorities do not want him ~~in~~ until the time comes for his trial. The people most worried at present are his family and the authorities of the nursing home.

Incidentally, a resolution was offered in the House of Representatives today which concerns the former head of another

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George Leisure, Mr. Harriman's attorney, told me late this afternoon that Harriman left several notes behind - notes addressed to his family, in which he indicated that he intended to commit suicide. At the end of each note he said "good by".

~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

President Roosevelt certainly ~~next~~ loses no time. The ink was hardly dry on his signature to the Muscle Shoals bill creating the Tennessee Valley Authority before he announced the name of the magnifico who will be the head of ~~it~~ that formidable new body. The man who is to be chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority is Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, President of Antioch College, *an unusual educational institution in Ohio - highly regarded in engineering*. *Dr. Morgan* is one of the foremost civil engineers in all America. He is a native of Ohio. ~~He~~ For his work in the field on various projects he has received distinguished honors from many universities both here and abroad. For instance, it was Arthur Morgan who directed the flood works construction at Pueblo, Colorado. He also planned the big St. Francis reclamation project in Arkansas. He has written extensively on engineering and is recognized in his profession as a thoroughly sound man.

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Well, he will have a formidable job, and he will wield tremendous power as Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Meanwhile, official Washington was silent today over those sensational charges made yesterday alleging the improper use of electric power belonging to Uncle Sam at Muscle Shoals. The officials declare there ~~is~~ nothing to say pending the investigation by the Department of Justice.

Meanwhile the two power companies named in these charges made vehement and indignant denials of the accusations. The heads of these corporations sent a telegram to the President today requesting an immediate investigation with the utmost publicity. In their own words, the companies want to have shown at the earliest possible date what they call "the recklessly false and untrue nature of the charges." And they go on to say: "None of the government facilities at Muscle Shoals have ever been used by these two companies, other than in exact accordance with the agreements."

KEAN  
CONGRESS

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The President has been moved to sympathy for the  
overworked boys and girls in Congress, <sup>-- I mean the noble legislators,</sup> They've kept on the  
job so <sup>steadily + furiously that</sup> ~~hard~~ even their ~~wishes~~ hitherto sternest critics  
~~have admitted that~~ they have done remarkably little stalling  
during this special session. The President, therefore, is going to  
do his best to help them get away as early as possible in June.

For this reason Mr. Roosevelt has definitely decided  
not to press the request he <sup>had</sup> been expected to make for broad  
powers to negotiate war debts. The White House had been informed  
that if he insisted on having this matter settled, the boys and  
girls would probably have to stay on the job all through the heat  
of Washington's summer.

There are still five more important measures on which  
Congress has to take action before adjournment, including legislation  
to help the railroads, <sup>to help</sup> the owners of small homes, and the bank  
reform bill of Senator Carter Glass.

ROOSEVELT

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The President ~~Roosevelt~~ himself is going in for a little recreation over the week-end. He is ~~going~~<sup>off</sup> for a sail ~~on~~<sup>down</sup> the *historic* Potomac on the <sup>little</sup> yacht Sequoia, starting tomorrow, and returning late Sunday. In his party will be Lewis Douglas, director of Uncle Sam's Budget. The President will spend part of the time studying the government reorganization plan which has been worked out by Mr. Douglas and Secretary of Commerce, Roper. *So it won't be all fun and fishing.*

N.B.C.

RUSSIA

~~There~~ There <sup>is</sup> particular interest in one reply received at the White House today to President Roosevelt's peace message to all the nations of the earth. This particular reply came from *Michail Kalinin*, the titular head of the Soviet Government, though Stalin, of course, is the actual dictator. Mr. Kalinin's title is President of the All-Union Central Executive Committee of the Union of Soviet Republics. Mr. Kalinin's cable expressed the enthusiastic approval of the people of Soviet Russia.



BEER

Uncle Sam's Internal Revenue Department gave out a report today which may interest some people. For the first three weeks of the new dispensation under which beer became legal, Uncle ~~Sam~~ Sam received over nine million dollars in taxes from the 3.2 per cent stuff.

## AMATEUR JOURNALIST

I run into an amazing lot of curious organizations in New York. For instance, there's the Amateur Journalist<sup>s</sup> Club of whose existence I didn't know until today, and which is holding a meeting tonight at the Hotel New Yorker. This Amateur Journalist Club is composed of boys from the age of ten to eighty-nine, in whose hearts the passion for printer's ink runs high. There are some who crave to be newspaper men some day, there are others who have wanted to be and there are even some who actually have been in the professional field.

It's the cardinal principle of the Amateur Journalist Club that you don't sell your ~~papers~~ *stuff. You simply do it for fun. Indeed* ~~On the contrary~~ it costs you either money or considerable effort or both to get it printed. The boys get together and read each other their stories and criticise each other's yarns with great enthusiasm.

This Club is an offshoot of the National Amateur Press Association which was founded in Philadelphia in 1876. Among its members are such potentates as ex-senator George Moses of New Hampshire, Congressman J. M. Beck of Pennsylvania.

FARMER

There's a farmer in Illinois who wants cows with a different kind of tail. While he was milking the other day his favorite cow swished the old tail and flipped the farmer in the eye. The consequence is that he is seriously injured and may even lose his eye.

Harry Rose, Editor of the Milford, <sup>Illinois</sup> Herald News, told us that this farmer is preparing to agitate for a law which will compel the bobbing of cows' tails.

N.B.C.

ELLERY WALTER

Ellery Walter, the distinguished traveler and correspondent, sends me a wire from the Middle West. Yesterday and today he has been driving across the states of <sup>Iowa</sup> ~~Iowa~~ and Nebraska. He says that in the Iowa farm area, where there recently has been so much trouble, he heard lots of talk about hoodlums, but ~~that~~ that otherwise the farm situation apparently had quieted down. Or, as he puts it, "All quiet on the Western Front in Iowa." And that's good news.

In Nebraska he observed a rather curious situation. He wires me that although the Beer bill had <sup>just</sup> ~~been~~ passed by the Legislature in that state, the Nebraska Governor has refused to sign it. Mr. Ellery Walter adds that people everywhere in the Corn Husker State are drinking the standard brands of bottled beer that are being sold elsewhere in the country, only they are having to pay ten cents more for it because the Governor hasn't signed the bill, and that he heard loud denunciations of the Governor everywhere. Mr. Walter, within the past few hours, arrived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and he will have more news for us from the West next week.  
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HOOVER

Ex-president Hoover is in the news again. Mr. Hoover and his last Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden Mills, have just gone into a big mining venture in Nevada. We learned by telephone from San Francisco that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mills have bought controlling interests in the once famous Virginia and Truckee Railroad which once upon a time was a tremendously profitable line. It served the historic old Comstock Lode carrying in provisions <sup>hauling out</sup> and valuable ore. out.

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mills have also bought valuable claims on the Comstock Lode. Their purpose in buying the railroad was <sup>simply</sup> to move <sup>a big</sup> ~~the~~ trestle which runs over the claims that they bought.

Rumor has it that a new vein has been discovered at a depth of only three hundred feet. It is said to run to high

(4) values not only in silver, but in gold. So Mr. Herbert Hoover is mining again — and the Mills family <sup>N.B.C.</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> back in the western mining field again where the Mills fortune was founded.

SING SING

Sing Sing Prison in New York, perhaps the most famous penitentiary in the country, is starting something new. Warden ~~Lewis~~ Lewis Lawes, whom you have probably heard often over the radio, tells us that he <sup>has</sup> applied to the Federal Radio Commission for permission to ~~be~~ operate a short ~~wave~~ wave transmitter to make some experiments.

The Warden's idea is to establish a radio system within the prison. The purpose of this is to provide a safeguard in case of an uprising of convicts. Under the present system if rioting convicts were able to cut the telephone wires which connect the Warden's office and the various buildings and Guard turrets, etc., the results might be serious. With a wireless telephone system within the walls of the prison the cutting of the telephone wires would do the rioters no good.

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## TRACK MEET

Now for a sports item -- we haven't had one in quite a while. The eyes of track enthusiasts are

focused today on Evanston, Illinois, the home of the

Northwestern University. The star runners, jumpers,

hurdlers, shot-putters, and so on, of ten big middle

Western colleges gathered in Evanston today. This is

the first day of the thirty-third meet of the <sup>Big Ten.</sup> ~~Northwestern~~

conference. The finals will come off tomorrow, at Dyeke

Stadium, Evanston. ~~So~~ Those results will be something

to look out for in your papers tomorrow + Sunday.

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CURIOUS ITEM

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Did you ever hear of a theatre where you could drive right in to the auditorium, sit in your car and watch the show? Neither did I, until today. According to the Film Daily, <sup>N.Y.</sup> down in Camden, New Jersey, they have what is said to be the first Drive-In Theatre in the world. It covers 250,000 square feet of ground on Admiral Wilson Boulevard.

It will accommodate four hundred cars, with, I suppose, from three to ten people squeezed into each car and all the tanks filled with Blue Sonoco, I hope.

Seven rows of inclined grades, sort of sloping terraces, will enable the occupants of each car to have a direct view of the motion picture screen. The establishment will have modern sound equipment and will specialize mainly in shorts, news reels, travel pictures, and so on, which seem to be the rage of the world these days. Again, New Jersey leads the way! And what an ideal place for ~~one~~ one-arm drivers.

CANARY LANGUAGE

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What is your hobby? I was sitting at a luncheon the other day at the Waldorf, and near me was Dr. Alexander Black, head of the Art Department of ~~the~~ Hearst newspapers. Dr. Black is quite an authority on hobbies. He told me about one New Yorker whose hobby was collecting band-boxes, the boxes in which ladies used to keep their hats. He had band-boxes in the cellar, stacks of them in his library, in his bedroom, in the attic, and all over the house, much to the embarrassment of his wife. But the curious thing about it is that when he died his collection of band-boxes was sold for a small fortune.

Dr. Black said that one of the heads of King Features raises canaries and can speak canary language. He has found that if you talk in a loud voice a canary will pay no attention to you. He simply ~~thinks~~ thinks it is a part of the world's hullabaloo. But if you talk real softly to him he soon discovers what you mean.

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And now, as they say in canary language

---(blow whistle) -----

So Long Until ~~Tomorrow~~ *Monday*.

L.T.