

Good Evening, Everybody:

The question: "Who is to be the next mayor of New York?"

~~is becoming involved in~~ ^{is producing} so many blasts and counter blasts that it has the whole country interested. Today this situation was made even more lively by former Justice Samuel Seabury, the man who is really responsible for this situation, the man whose investigation into the Tammany government of Gotham drove the orchidaceous Jimmie Walker into exile.

Justice

~~Justice~~ ~~Sam~~ returned from Europe the other day

to find his home town all agog over the prospect that the enemies of Tammany, of whom he is the foremost, have for the first time in twenty years a real fighting chance to win ~~the~~ ^{an} election. But he also found a three cornered problem, a problem precipitated by the rumor that Judge Joe McKee who became acting mayor when Jimmie Walker fled to Europe, is thinking of getting into this mayoralty fight. If this were to happen, of course, it would mean another

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assured victory for Tammany, because Judge McKee would split the anti-Tammany vote. The atmosphere has become all the more tense because Judge McKee has been exceedingly coy and has hitherto refused to say definitely either ~~the~~ yes or no.

So, late this afternoon Judge Seabury came out with a blast which practically accused Judge McKee of bad faith. He said the only possible motive for putting a third candidate into the field would be to split the anti-Tammany, the fusion vote, in Father Knickerbocker's realm. He ^{declared} ~~said~~ the move to nominate McKee as an independent ~~candidate~~ came from the political leader of the Bronx, Joe McKee's boss, who really was doing all this in order to play ball with Tammany. Furthermore, says Mr. Seabury, when McKee resigned as President of the Board of Alderman he made a definite pledge to keep out of city politics, and he intimated that Mr. McKee's ~~is~~ dallying with a nomination in this fashion is really a surreptitious playing of the Tammany game.

Meanwhile the fusion candidate, the colorful ex-congressman La Guardia, is imitating Br'er Rabbit: He is lying low.
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STRIKE

The atmosphere is still full of strikes and rumors of strikes. The latest to be heard of is one at Weirton, West Virginia, where some fifteen hundred men walked out at a steel plant belonging to the National Steel Corporation. The Corporation's officials at the main office in Pittsburgh declare they haven't the faintest idea what these men are kicking about.

Things look quite serious in Detroit too. There the dye and tool manufacturing plants are said to be shut down virtually one hundred percent. This is the work of the organization known as the Mechanics Educational Society. The heads of those industries say that all this has come about because the N.R.A. code in this line has not been settled yet. This walkout may seriously delay the manufacture of the 1934 automobiles, I hear that a great deal of the work being done in those tool and dye shops is for the 1934 product of the big motor car companies.

On the other hand, one strike which seemed to be impending in Chicago didn't come off. That was the strike of air mail pilots which had been threatened. The National Labor Board took a hand and managed to secure a postponement of this walkout

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pending another hearing on the question of new wage scales for the pilots.

The vice-chairman of the Southern Pacific Railroad made ~~an~~ an interesting suggestion in a speech to the National Association on Commercial organizations today. His idea is that a moratorium should be called on both strikes and lock-outs for a period of six months.

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JAIL BREAK

Any jail break in the United States seems to have a contagious influence. The escape of those eleven convicts from Indiana's State Prison yesterday stimulated the inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary in Philadelphia in the most alarming fashion. Fifteen hundred of those prisoners started a fire and a riot that was not quelled until both the city police force, the fire department, and a squad of state constabulary had swarmed down on the scene.

The authorities say this trouble was fomented by a cause common to many American prisons, ~~and~~ overcrowding, ~~and insufficient occupation for the inmates.~~ The warden of that penitentiary, Mr. Smith, is a formidable gentleman who goes by the nickname of Hardboiled Smith. He walked right into the middle of the trouble, intending to put it down single handed. But the rioters were too many for him and he was severely mauled before his guards rushed to the rescue. Even so, a hurry call had to be sent out to police headquarters. Then a squad of state

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troopers tore in to Philadelphia all the way from Reading.

Finally a battalion of Philadelphia's Fire Department came in with high pressure hose, and many of the rioting convicts were almost drowned before the disturbance came to an end.

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Meanwhile, in Indiana, state ~~police~~^{police}, special deputies and coppers from the northern Indiana cities are scouring the state for those dangerous prisoners who broke out yesterday. So far they have discovered no trace of either ~~of~~ the runaway convicts or of the sheriff whom they kidnapped and took ^{along.} ~~with them.~~ It is believed they are hiding in the woods of northern Indiana.

On top of this there comes an interesting bit of information from the best known prison in the United States, Sing Sing, on the banks of the Hudson. Engineers of R.C.A. Victor are installing a multiple radio receiving system in all the cells of Sing Sing. Each cell is to be wired so as to enable its inmates to hear any one of three programs.

What do you think of that?

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URSCHEL

When I learn that the authorities have found part of the two hundred thousand dollars that was paid out for the ransom of Charles Urschel, the millionaire oil man of Oklahoma City.

Agents of the Department of Justice dug it up on a farm in Coleman Texas, a farm owned by ~~the~~ an uncle of Machine Gun Kelly, the desperado who was arrested in bed the other day at Memphis, ~~Tennessee.~~

Uncle Sam's agents had a tough time digging for that dough. It was not until four o'clock this morning that ~~the~~ with the aid of flashlights they came on some seventy-four ^{thousand} dollars of ~~the~~ ransom money buried in a cotton patch.

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TAMPICO

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That hurricane in old Mexico has devastated Tampico to the extent of at least three million dollars. Such was the gist of a message to Washington today from the American Vice Consul at Tampico. As for the loss of life, there is as yet no official estimate of its total. The Mexican General in command of the relief job says that, so far it is utterly impossible to form even any estimate of the scope of the disaster.

And now the city is threatened with more danger from floods. Both the Panuco and ^{Tahmazzi} Tamesi Rivers are rising and growing more threatening every hour. Food is being distributed by trucks to the residents of Tampico.

Mexico's Secretary of the Interior arrived at ^{there}~~Tampico~~ today by plane with a corps of doctors, nurses, and also medical supplies. An ironic fact is that although more and more sections of the city are being inundated, the water supply had to be cut off, and there is now danger of an epidemic.

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GENEVA

For many, many years the copy books and other monitors of our conduct, have been telling ^{us} ~~mankind~~ to imitate the ^{industrious} ant.

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A highly distinguished British scientist ~~recently~~ ^{came} out with the declaration that such advice was nonsense, and was uttered only by people who really don't know anything about ants. This scientist, no less a celebrity than Julian Huxley, says ants have all the vices of mankind. They have class distinction, cannibalism, slavery, wars, and a list of other institutions in common with us.

But there are two things which I am credibly informed the ants do not have. They don't go in for disarmament conferences, and they have no League of Nations. Sir John Simon, John Bull's foreign secretary, made a speech at Geneva today, to the League of Nation's Assembly, in which he pleaded for the instant resumption of the Disarmament Conference. He said that an agreement among the nations to limit their war equipment would be an invaluable contribution to the economic recovery of the world.

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LEAGUE

The principal role at today's meeting of the League of Nations was played by Dr. Dolfuss, the fiery little chancellor of Austria. He told the League that Austria wanted independence and ~~wanted~~ ^{it now!} ~~must have it~~. He also held out the hat, saying that his country needs help in the way of not only credit, but a little necessary cash.

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DEBTS

Here's another piece of news that has a familiar ring.

Uncle Sam and John Bull are going to have another pow-wow about those everlasting debts. It will begin ~~ix~~ in Washington, October fifth. So says Secretary of State Hull. The Chief Economic advisor for the English government is on his way to Washington to take part in these conversations. The State Department says it is inviting all ~~those~~ ^{-- those} other nations [^] who have not defaulted ⁻⁻⁻ ^{to} [^] ask for dates to take up this matter if they wish.

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BERLIN

Well, well,

Well, well, [^]here's something from Berlin. Even the big-wigs of the Nazi party are becoming fed up with the Nazi-Jewish agitation. Chancellor Hitler's Minister of Economics declared today that discrimination in business against Jews was impracticable.

He said that any such boycott^o or series of boycotts would inevitably *become*

become a boomerang, it would
produce a serious dislocation of affairs in the Fatherland, and

constitute a grave impediment to the economic recovery of the country.

At the same time the German Cabinet has just promulgated a new law for the protection of exports. There is a joker in this law, for it enables the government to restrict the imports from countries which discriminate against German exports. In other words, any country that permits boycotts of German goods will find ~~xxx~~ the way of its own products into Germany barred.

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FRISCO

Meanwhile the jovial city by the Golden Gate is being somewhat disrupted by the Hitler-Jewish question. On the first day of October San Francisco celebrates German Day as a compliment to its Teutonic citizens. ~~But~~, today the leaders of the Jewish organizations in San Francisco got together with the citizens' committee which has charge of the arrangements. The Jewish leaders are protesting against the display of the Hitlerite Swastika flag. It is understood they threaten to withdraw entirely from the celebration if these emblems are paraded. In fact, already one of the city supervisors ^{has} withdrawn from the vice-presidency of the committee on arrangements, ~~of course~~ ^{because} those arrangements included the display of the Hitlerite banners.

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COLLISION

The passengers on a night boat on the Hudson River had quite an experience last night. It was a boat bound down the river from Albany to New York. A short distance from Poughkeepsie this night boat ran into a heavy fog and crashed into a freighter. There were some hundred and twenty-five people traveling on her, and many of them were ~~tumbling~~ tumbled out of their bunks. There was a good deal of confusion at first, but the river boat's crew soon lowered lifeboats and staved off a panic. However, the lifeboats were not necessary as the ship's pumps were put to work and ~~xxxx~~ she managed to move under her own power from midstream to shore. Some of the passengers were injured and taken to the hospital, but only three women are in that hospital tonight.

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GOLD

Uncle Sam sprang a joke today on a New York lawyer. This barrister had brought suit against the Chase National Bank to compel the Bank to return to him two hundred thousand dollars in gold bullion which he had had on deposit there.

When this news became known, the United States Attorney got wind of it and he brought the matter up before the Federal Grand Jury in New York. The Grand Jury promptly indicted that lawyer for failing to make a report of his gold holdings to the Secretary of the Treasury. And by the way, I am asked to remind you that the provisions of the latest law passed by Congress

about the hoarding of gold come into effect tomorrow. -- in other words you must turn in your gold -- or else --

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EXCHANGE

As we expected, the flurry about the moving of the New York Stock Exchange to New Jersey is dying out. The Mayor of New York today vetoed the new tax bills about which the stock brokers created such an uproar.

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TUNNEL

Father Knickerbocker is to have a new tunnel, a tunnel under the Hudson River. The Port of New York Authority sent out word today that it's all fixed. Most of the money has been borrowed from Uncle Sam, and construction is to begin almost at once. This new tube is to cost thirty-seven and a half million dollars. It will take four years to build, and will employ eight thousand men. And that's not so bad.

It is recalled that when the same Port of New York Authority built the famous Holland tunnel it was called the eighth wonder of the world. ^{But} Inside of six years it has practically absorbed all the traffic it can carry. In fact, on week-ends more than all. The new tunnel will run from thirty-eighth Street Manhattan to Weehawken, New Jersey.

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WAGES

The Austin Company of Cleveland sends me some information that seems interesting. This company has been making investigations to find out how much of the cost of a building or construction job went into material and how much into wages. Their investigation showed that eighty-nine and a third percent was spent on labor.

The gentleman who sends me this information is Don Hogate, a brother of one of the stars on my baseball team, the hitless wonders of Dutchess County. In other words he's the brother of Casey Hogate. When Casey isn't playing ball for me he is functioning as the high muck-a-muck of the Wall Street Journal now shaking hands with himself because he and the New York Stock Exchange don't have to go to the expense of moving to New Jersey.

Don tells me that our four hundred pound second baseman started on the Indiana sand lots. In his brother's words Casey was "Literally an air tight back infielder -- that is if the ball happened to hit him on the bay window.

Correspondence.

ECONOMY

I've just run across an economy item in the New York Evening Post. A damsel was telling her father. Said she:-
"Pop, I'm going to do my bit for the N.R.A. -- I am getting a dressmaker to teach me how to cut out frocks."

And her father replied, "Hold your horses, my dear daughter that's going a bit too far. But you might cut out cigarettes and thirty dollar hats, don't you think?"

CIRCUS SAINTS AND SINNERS

The Circus Saints and Sinners launched their nation wide drive today for a national home for old Circus folks who are down and out -- busted. Colonel Teddy Roosevelt just back from the Philippines was initiated by some 70 or 80 celebrities. They put false ears, a false nose and a hat three feet tall on the Colonel, officially pronouncing him a hopeless sinner. In fact they gave "T.R." a terrific ragging which he took with a roar of laughter, and giving them a few hilarious jolts in return. And at that luncheon I heard an amusing piece of information which indicated how times do move. You may have heard or read that not so long ago hotel keepers used to cast a very sour eye at folks in the show business. In fact, they used to do their best to avoid having them as guests. Well, evidently all that has changed now. For instance, the Hotel Cumberland in New York has established a club room for circus folk, a free club where troopers may get together, swap lies about the way they knocked them cold in Davenport, Iowa, borrow money from each other, have a good time all around.

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The same hotel is going even a little bit further.

For the management announces that it is going to cater especially to out-side guests. If a midget registers at the Cumberland he will find in his room a bed suitable to his stature, instead of being lost in a large one. Giants will be able to stretch out their full length. And when the fat lady comes to town she will find a couch guaranteed not to let her down no matter how much she ~~might~~ weighs.

I suppose if a whirling dervish came to that hotel he would be given a room where he could sleep like a top.

And here's a radio whirling dervish who's now going to spin away from here like a top. And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

Freddie Benham