

LOWELL THOMAS SUNOCO BROADCAST NOVEMBER 15, 1933.- WEDNESDAY.

Good Evening, Everybody:

I am in Baltimore tonight down on Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore where the Star Spangled Banner was written. So I suppose the appropriate thing for me to do would be to wave that Star Spangled Banner a few times in my broadcast.

But many other things are synonymous with Baltimore. For instance, ^{there's} Johns Hopkins, ~~one~~ of the great medical centers of the world. It seems to me as if Johns Hopkins had always been in existence, but I have just been talking to one of the four men who founded it. Those four were Sir William Osler, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Dr. Welsch, and ~~Dr. Well~~, *I've forgotten the fourth. Maybe it was Dr. Halsted.*

Dr. Kelly, who is past seventy now, told me that Johns Hopkins was only founded forty years ago, in 1893. He, one of the most famous surgeons in the world, was one of the founders. And Johns Hopkins alone has spread the fame of Baltimore to the ends of the earth.

Dr. Kelly reminded me that Baltimore also was

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the home of the first railroad in America, the Baltimore and

We all remember that, I guess.
Ohio. And he mentioned that the first Morse telegraphic

message flashed between Baltimore and Washington. That message
was: "What hath God wrought?"

And now, let's see what ~~has been going on in~~
~~the world today, and what, if anything, man has wrought~~ today.

SEA DRAMA

Another tense drama of the sea is ~~right now~~ ^{being enacted}
~~taking place~~ ^{at this moment} in the North Atlantic some distance from the
Irish Coast. Early this morning the air lanes vibrated with
the radio cry for help from the British Freighter Saxoby.
One of the ships to relay the news to the world was the
City of Havre of the Baltimore Mail Line. Immediately the
giant Cunarder Berengaria and two American ships ^{- perhaps one of them the City of Havre} and one
Dutch steamer rushed towards the scene of distress. They
failed to reach the spot before the British freighter sank.
But a radio message this afternoon reports that twenty-seven
members of the crew had taken to the boats with seas running
wild. The Berengaria and other steamers are still going
full speed to their rescue. Will they get there in time?
And will the small boats still be afloat?

WOODIN

As recently as Monday, Secretary of the Treasury Woodin, said that his throat was sore from denying reports that he would resign. But today Mr. Woodin did resign. The grounds given were, ill health. But President Roosevelt sent him the following reply: "Dear Will: Please don't do that. Take a complete leave of absence for several months." To this Mr. Woodin answered: "All right, if you feel that way about it - have it your own way."

So (the arrangement is that Mr. Woodin is still Secretary of the Treasury. But is taking an indefinite leave, without pay, and will go West to Arizona.)

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Young ~~DEAN~~ Acheson, under-Secretary of the Treasury, also resigned today. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., the President's old friend and Dutchess County neighbor, who has been the head of the Farm Credit Administration, becomes under-Secretary and acting Secretary of the Treasury.)

GENERAL JOHNSON

General Johnson, N.R.A. Administrator, lunched at the White House today. The General made his report in person to the President concerning the results of his speechmaking tour of the middlewest from which he has just returned. I wonder what the General said to his Chief? Anyhow here's hoping he had a good report.

VANDERBILT

There has been a death in the Vanderbilt family. William K. Junior, son of William K. and his first wife, Mrs. Graham^{and} Fair Vanderbilt, who was the daughter of the Bonanza King, Senator Jim Fair of California, has been killed in an automobile accident near Ridgeland, South Carolina. Young William K. had just returned from Florida with his father and his mother-in-law the former Mrs. Barclay Warburton. Young William K. was the brother of Mrs. Earle T. Smith, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt. Erskine Gwynne, a cousin, and the Vanderbilt chauffeur, were also injured in the accident. Young Vanderbilt was twenty-seven years old. *He*

was at the wheel, sideswiped another car, and his own machine turned turtle.

THE DOLLAR

The R.F.C. was paying thirty-three dollars and fifty six cent^s per ounce for gold today. And there was a big bad bear raid on the London exchange on Uncle Sam's dollar as a result of which our dollar fell to a point where early this afternoon it took five dollars and thirty-nine and a half cents to make one pound English Sterling.

KRESEL

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Some three years ago Isidore J. Kresel was a New York hero, in fact almost a National hero because of his work as assistant to Judge Seabury in the investigation of the scandals in the Magistrates' Courts. Today he is a convict. A New York Supreme Court Jury found him guilty of aiding and abetting in the misappropriation of two million dollars of the missing funds of the Bank of The United States. This is the third conviction in that deplorable catastrophe which ruined thousands. Bernard Marcus, Former President of that bank and Saul Singer, Vice President, are now serving sentences at Sing Sing. Kresel was counsel and director of the bank. He may get as much as seven years; but he will probably appeal the case.

WEATHER

The present cold snap establishes a fifty year November record. The thermometer was at twenty-three this morning in New York City. Out in Chicago, it was ten above Zero, and there is a big storm on the Great Lakes. The weather sharks say it will be colder tomorrow. B-r-r-r, it's cold enough even down here in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE

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Something I like about getting around over the country is the opportunity of picking up information about this broad land of ours, a country so vast that, well, it is just so big we cannot any of us know much about it.

At a luncheon at the Chesapeake Club today with a group of Baltimore newspaper editors and other distinguished gentlemen, I was reminded that Baltimore is now the eighth city in America in population, and the third largest seaport in volume of trade.

This city, once the home of the famous Baltimore Clipper, has forty steamship lines connecting it with approximately seventy-two foreign countries and some three hundred foreign ports. Five hundred million dollars worth of cargo goes across the Baltimore docks each year.

But Baltimore is also very closely associated with the latest development in transportation, aviation. It employe^s more workers in the manufacture of aircraft and airplane accessories than any city on the Continent. At present three giant trans-oceanic planes are being built here

by my friend, ~~XXXX~~ Glenn Martin, each to accommodate fifty passengers, for service across the Atlantic.

L.T.

LINDBERGH

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Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh have finally reached Lisbon, Portugal. There they received an official welcome from the Portuguese bigwigs and from Uncle Sam's envoy. They will remain in Lisbon for a few days and then fly to the Azores, homeward bound.

Here's something that would interest

Colonel Lindbergh:- We have had several stories recently concerning the possibility of putting huge Seadromes across the Atlantic, anchored landing stations for airplanes. The matter was put up to Uncle Sam, and the word comes through from Washington today that the Government approves, to a certain extent. The Secretary of Commerce announces that one will be built out in the Atlantic as an experiment.

AIR CODE

Layton W. Rogers, President of the Aeronautical

Chamber of Commerce of America, tells me that ~~the~~ President

Roosevelt

has just approved the air transport code. This means a

sixteen percent increase in the number of employees, and

a twenty percent increase in the total payroll. This does

not affect pilots because their attorney still insists that

the pilots be treated on the same footing as professional

men, men getting six thousand a year and up. And the attorney

for the pilots is an air-minded lawyer named Fiorello

LaGuardia.

RADIO

The Department of Commerce reports that there are seven times as many radio stations in the U.S.A. as in any other country. The country nearest ~~approaching~~ approaching us is Russia. There are fourteen hundred and twenty-six radio stations throughout the world of which five hundred and eighty-five are here in the U.S.A. There are only seventy-three in Russia.

Incidentally the National Broadcasting Company is celebrating its seventh birthday today. And you would think it was a lively, vigorous, ~~g~~ grown up seven year old if you could see those incredible new N.B.C. studios in Radio City, Rockefeller Center, New York, the seven-year-old's new home.

BALTIMORE PROSPERITY

Business seems to be improving here in Baltimore.

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Harry Pouder of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce informs me ~~that~~ that seventy-four new manufacturing enterprises have been launched here during the first ten months of 1933. Since last March employment has increased by thirty-five and eight tenths percent, and payrolls show an increase of sixty-four and five tenths percent, a large gain over October of last year.

For instance, passenger and commercial car sales, in Baltimore, this past month were more than one hundred percent higher than during October a year ago.

Then he added: "This city is aggressively mobilizing its business and industry for greater prosperity."

Fifteen thousand firms have signed up under the Blue Eagle - about ninety-five percent of all the business in the city. Two thousand^{and}/seventy one complaints have been handled by the N.R.A. Board in Baltimore, and all adjusted in a friendly way.

L.T.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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I came down to Baltimore to speak at the Lyric tonight under the auspices of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, an organization which has been in existence since the year 1797. The great Audubon was one of its early members. One of its prides is an unusual museum, a treasure house of early American relics.

Here's an odd item about Baltimore. Its first city tax was levied in the year 1830, and the rate was four dollars and thirty-six and a half cents on the hundred. Today the tax rate is only ~~xxxxix~~ two dollars and sixty-five cents on the hundred. And more than seventy percent of its homes are owned by the people who live in them.

L.T.

HOCKEY

The new season of that exciting game known as Ice Hockey is now on. It opens in the East in Philadelphia ~~ton~~ tonight with a game between the Philadelphia Arrows and the Quebec Beavers. The New York Season opens tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden when ^{the} world's champion New York Rangers will play the Red Wings from Detroit. The President of the National Hockey League will come down from Montreal to present the Stanley Trophy to the New York Rangers.

GOLD COINS

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A gang of boys on a Manhattan street found a shabby looking small ~~black~~ black bundle and decided it would make a good football for a scrub game on the street. After several minutes of play, forward passing and so on, the little bundle burst open and gold coins started to roll all over the street. Immediately there was a wild scramble for the money. Not only gold coins, but bank notes flew out of the bundle.

Meanwhile a butcher had been searching day and night for it. He had lost it on the way home from his shop. It contained thirty-one hundred dollars, of which two hundred was in gold. Detectives investigated and recovered only one hundred and seventy dollars, one hundred and fifty of which was in the possession of an old lady who was arrested on a charge of failing to report the found money. But the Magistrate in court this morning let her go and said the butcher must first prove he lost that money. Also the butcher may get into trouble for having more than one hundred dollars in gold.

RACCOON

Ah! Good news for college boys and girls:-

Raccoons are more plentiful this year than any recent season. But how about the jack to buy said raccoon coats?

FORGOTTEN MAN

What has become of the forgotten man? Ah, here he is. Mr. J. Harrison of Sea Gate, New York, writes me as follows:

"These days we hear so much about N.R.A. Prosperity and President Roosevelt, but will someone kindly tell me who is Vice President of the United States?"

② I've just come from Washington, so in order to get the answer for Mr. Harrison I asked folks over there if they could tell me who is the Vice President. And sure enough they knew. ~~THEY~~ They know all the answers in Washington. They said Mr. John Nance Garner still holds the job.

L.T. Personal Correspondence.

NO SOUP

Two young New York men came home last night for supper and were quite sore when they learned there was no soup. They were more angry still when they learned that their eighteen year old brother Morris, a freshman at ~~EKE~~ City College, had spilled the soup. This is why it was spilled:-

Three men, one with a revolver, had walked into that home on First Avenue in New York and tied up eighteen year old Morris. Then they started to search for jewelry. They had tied Morris near the stove where a huge pot of soup was boiling. Morris got one hand loose, reached for the boiling soup and heaved it right into the face of one robber. He ^{screamed} ~~screamed~~ with pain, frightened his companions, and they fled. A police radio car got one of the robbers two minutes later and the other two a little after that.

And that is why there was no soup for supper.

BALTIMORE ENDING

Baltimore, as we all know, is famous for its oysters, its crabs, its terrapin, its canvas-back duck, and so on. In fact many years ago Oliver Wendell Holmes called Baltimore: "The gastrinomial center of America." And if your gastrinomic adventures^{are} are not entirely successful, well, there's Johns Hopkins Hospital right handy.

Mark Watson, Editor of the Baltimore Sunday Sun, has just told me about a wife who was visiting her husband here in the hospital. She was not good looking, in fact, very homely. As she went out, after visiting hubby, she said to the interne: "My dear hubby looks a bit brighter this morning. He is just longing to get home to me again."

"Yes," replied the interne looking at the ~~mix~~ homely lady, "I am afraid the anaesthetic hasn't worn off yet."

And before they give me an anaesthetic, I had better hurry up and say

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.