

Good Evening, Everybody:

I haven't referred to ~~the~~ returning prosperity lately, but here's some news tonight that seems significant.

During the month of September there were less business failures in the United States than in any other month ~~in the last~~ ^{this past} year.) This information does not come from any political source, ^{it}

^{comes} ~~but~~ ^{well known weekly} from Dun's ^{Review}.

In Chicago ~~more~~ car loadings have increased so much that one Western road is going to buy three hundred box cars, two hundred gondolas, and perhaps ten passenger locomotives. That announcement was made ^{today} from the offices of the road.

Then out in Los Angeles the American Bankers Association is holding its fifty-eighth annual convention.

Its president told the Bankers of America that ~~conditions are~~ ^{much better.} Incidentally Frances H. Sisson, a former newspaper reporter, was elected President of the ~~establishment of fundamentally sound banking business and general~~ American Bankers Assoc. ^{"Happier conditions today represent a real} economic conditions."

Then the National Electric ^{Light} ~~Loan~~ Association gave out figures of a similar trend. These show that ~~more~~ electrical energy has been produced every week in increasing amounts

during the last few months. ^{And} The production of electrical
energy consumed, ~~it is claimed,~~ is an important index of
business activity, *they say.*

INSULL

The Chicago prosecutor today telephoned the police ~~at~~ of Toronto, Canada, asking them to arrest Martin Insull, the brother of Samuel Insull. Later in the day the prosecutor took an airplane and flew to Toronto in order to bring Mr. Insull back to the States.

A dispatch from Paris where Samuel Insull has been living since the crash ~~up~~ of his two billion dollar concern, reports that he has disappeared ~~in~~ his hotel. Reporters have been unable to find any trace of Samuel Insull ~~all day~~.

the Chicago capitalist

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FOREST FIRES

Forest fires are raging in Oregon. A report to the Nashville Tennessean states that four towns and six hamlets have been wiped right out. Villages, logging camps, and ranches are encircled by a furnace of trees. People fleeing from the flames have taken refuge in streams to escape the streamers of fire booming through the treetops.

The dispatch adds that other towns are threatened. The railroad tapping the territory has been cut off, and a locomotive and numerous logging engines have been melted to twisted scraps of steel.

TOKIO

Americans living in Tokio are worried over ^{present} ~~the~~ relations between Japan and Uncle Sam. They hope the ^{latest} ~~the~~ explanation issued by the ^{Washington} ~~the~~ State Department has cleared matters up.

A dispatch to the Detroit News ^{tells us} ~~says~~ that ~~the~~ Americans in Japan are more sympathetic toward the program of the Mikado's government in Northern Asia than ^{are} ~~toward~~ their countrymen at home. At the same time they do not consider the actions of the Japanese Army since September, 1931, justified. They believe the most important phase of the Manchurian question has been the struggle between the Japanese government and the ^{Japanese} ~~the~~ army.

FOOCHOW

More news cropped up today to worry the authorities at Tokio. A fresh outburst[†] of anti-Japanese agitation is reported from Foochow, a city on the Chinese coast in the province of Fukien. Officials of the Japanese Legation at Shanghai say there are a thousand Japanese residents in Foochow, ~~But there are~~^{with} no Japanese gunboats ~~there~~^{on hand} to protect them.

SPAIN

Once upon a time it was a grand thing to be a Grandee of Spain. According to a story ^{tonight} in the New York Evening Post those Grandees today are in a sad plight. ^{The} Spanish aristocracy was one of the most colorful and had one of the richest historical backgrounds in Europe. And today it looks as though it were better to be ^a nobody than to be a Spanish Grandee. ^{new} The Republic has stripped them not only of their titles but of their land. After the monarchist uprising on August tenth many of them were imprisoned. Some of them have been deported to the most unhealthy parts of the peninsula. The Agrarian Reform Law has ^{now} seized their land without giving them any compensation. They used to be among the wealthiest nobles in Europe. One Spanish Duke had an estate so large that it took ten miles of railroad track to cross it. Another had properties valued at eighty million pesetas. *And now the Grandees of old Spain are practically penniless.*

RUSSIA

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Here's a story of, what a dispatch from Moscow calls,
the Odyssey of a roll of calico. It tells of the travels and troubles
^{particular}
that roll of calico went through before it reached its destination
in the land ruled by Mr. Stalin. What is remarkable is that
the story was printed in a Moscow paper.

In fact, the Moscow paper promoted the journey. ^{of said calico.} It
shipped this roll of calico from Moscow to a point barely five
hundred miles south. The railroad employees knew nothing about
it, so treated it like any ordinary piece of freight. ^{and} It took
twenty-nine days to reach its destination. During only ten of
those days was it in motion. For the other nineteen days it was
in station warehouses. Enough documents were filled out about
it to make a fair size ^d book. It was loaded and unloaded four
times. One of its stops was at a wayside station right outside
Moscow where it lay over several days.

The story adds that by the slowest of ordinary freight
this journey which took nearly a month, should have been accomplished
in three or four days at the outside. All Russia, ^{adds} says the dispatch,
is chuckling about the incident.

BASEBALL

Before we put the grand old ^{of baseball} game into winter
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quarters there's an interesting bit ~~of~~ by Westbrook Pegler
in the New York Evening Post. It's about the late World
Series games at Chicago. When I tell you that it concerns
the old Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth, maybe you won't mind
hearing it even if the season is over.

At one time in the third game of the Series, a
Chicago player hit a shortfly to Ruth. The Bambino muffed
it and the batter reached second base. At that the old Babe
stood up, straightened his cap, and shouted at the Chicago
Players. Pointing towards Earl Coombs in center field, he
cried:

"Hey, my dogs ain't what they used to be. Don't
hit them out to me. Hit to the young guy there who can run."

At another point in the game somebody in the
bleachers threw a lemon which hit the Sultan in the leg. Some
ball players would have been peeved at that. Others would have
ignored it. But not so the Babe. With graphic gestures the
Bambino asked them to play fair.

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"Don't hit me on the legs", he cried, "my legs ain't any too good. Hit me on the head. My head's solid."

At another time in the game the Babe added to the humiliation of the Cubs by calling his shots. Guy Bush, the Cub pitcher, had been razzing Ruth loudly and angrily. Ruth retorted:

"Just wait, Mug, and you'll see the pay ball."

A strike went by and Bush shouted another jeer at Ruth. The Babe held up one finger. Then another strike. The Babe held up two fingers. Then a couple of balls. Before the next pitch Ruth called out to Bush:

"Now then, this is the one. Look."

And sure enough, the old apple went riding way out into the bleachers for a home run, *the longest hit ever seen in that ball park.*

Westbrook Pegler adds that ^{even} though ^{Ruth did} ~~he~~ licked the

Chicago Ball Club, he left the people laughing when he said goodbye.

Babe And ^{they say,} Ruth today [^] could be elected to almost any office ~~he wants~~ by the Chicago fans. *And how's that for real glory.*

BURGLAR

Now for the tale of a sadder and wiser burglar.

Last night he invaded the dormitory of Pembroke College, a women's college near Providence, Rhode Island. But he had no luck. No sooner had he stuck his head and ~~h~~ shoulders through a window of a room on the third floor than he was swatted in the ~~face~~ ^{nose} ~~face~~ by a pillow. The pillow was wielded by a young lady of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Though the would-be burglar ^{is} ~~is~~ a husky six footer, the vigor with which the young woman belabored him with that pillow was too much for him. He ran down the fire escape right into the arms of a policeman who had been attracted by ^{feminine squeals} ~~calls~~ for help.

Mr. Burglar is wondering — was
Today ~~he is calculating that it was lucky for~~
~~him~~ that pillow ~~wasn't~~ loaded with ~~corn cobs.~~ ^{feathers or with brick bats.}

PIONEERS

Out in Michigan a small band of modern pioneers are starting a community such as ^{was founded} ~~established~~ by the Mayflower pilgrims more than three hundred years ago. Only ^{this present} ~~their~~ colony is in the midst of ^{long} ~~an~~ established civilization.

These Michigan ^{des} pioneers have pitched their tents in a wooded section near Johannesburg, Michigan. They're starting a homestead colony on land owned by the state. They're going to survey, claim and settle ~~in~~ six plots 160 acres each, of ^{cut over} ~~a~~ hard wooded land owned by the State Department of Conservation.

~~They're~~ Their leader is a one armed ^{paper-hanger,} ~~carpenter.~~

As soon as they arrived they set to work immediately to establish their home^s. With axes and cross-saws just like the Mayflower pilgrims, they felled timber for their first log cabin.

Until they are established their supplies will be furnished them by the state. But they expect to be earning their own living from the soil by next year.

TREES

Fruit trees seem to ~~be~~ ^a behaving in ~~very~~ eccentric manner this year. Some days ago I mentioned an apple tree in a Pennsylvania orchard which bore both fruit and blossoms at the same time.

In Killingworth, Connecticut, the other day, a wild cherry tree put out new flowers.

Kinn Killingworth, ^{by the way} ~~you may recall,~~ is the town ^{that} ~~which~~ inspired Longfellow to ^{burst the forth with a} ~~write a~~ celebrated poem. In the same neighborhood more than half a dozen apple trees are bearing blossoms while the apples on the boughs are so numerous that the limbs have to be braced to carry their weight.

Then there's a story in the Pittsburgh Press of an orchard near Allentown, Pennsylvania. There, not only an apple ^{tree} but a pear tree burst into blossom soon after the first crops of fruit had been picked. Tree experts at Yale University say this unusual condition is due to the long midsummer drought.

HOOVER

(Reports from President Hoover's special train say that he was so encouraged by his reception at Des Moines last night that he's going to continue his campaign. Several members of his party are trying to ^epersuade him to make an extended swing around the country. They believe that the twelve-point program which he offered to aid agriculture ~~will~~ has helped his whole cause a great deal.) This, of course, is the G.O.P. view of the situation.

And they are feeling much happier at Rep. hdqts at the Waldorf-Astoria today.

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SPIKE

If you've ever read the stories of the building of the famous transcontinental railroads in America, you must recall how the joining up of the links was supposed to have been celebrated by the driving of a gold spike.

A dispatch to the Detroit News ^{records} ~~recalls~~ that recently several curious people have been hunting for these spikes. For what purpose I don't know, unless it might be that a gold spike is a gold spike, and might be ^{pawnable.} ~~valuable~~. At any rate, nobody who has joined in such a search has been able to find even one golden spike.

One of these is supposed to have been hammered in by Governor Leland Stanford of California when the Central Pacific joined up with the Union Pacific some sixty years ago. Nobody has been able to find that spike. Another ~~one~~ is supposed to have been driven on the Northern Pacific near Gold Creek, Montana. Nobody has been able to find that one either. The best ^{luck} the hunters have ^{had so far was} ~~been able~~ to find ~~is~~ a silver spike driven at a point on the boundary between North Dakota and Montana.

ENOCH

~~Then there is~~ an Enoch Arden story from real life ^{comes over the} ~~in the~~
^{wires} newspapers today, ~~It comes~~ from Vidalia, Georgia.

In 1898 a Vidalian named Eliⁱ Chaavis went off to Cuba to fight in the Spanish American War, saying goodbye to his young wife and his baby boy. Well, the war ended, but Eliⁱ didn't come home. In fact ^{Eli} ~~he~~ didn't come home the following year. Nor the next year. Nor even ^{during} the next thirty-four years.

Evidently his absence didn't ^{permanently} worry Mrs. Eliⁱ, because she married again. She re-married not only once but twice and ^{three} ~~times~~ ^{and} thought herself a three times widow. ^{But} The other day ^{good old} Eliⁱ Chaavis came back home. ^{He had just found the way.} There he still found a young wife and a baby boy. But it wasn't his young wife nor his baby boy. It was his grandchild and daughter-in-law.

In short, Eliⁱ found himself ~~very~~ much in the same position as the famous Enoch Arden. But in his case there were no complications. His wife's fourth husband had been buried for two years. So ^{Eli} ~~he~~ came ^{home} ~~back~~ to find himself a ready-made grandfather.

TURTLE

What would you do if you were walking along and came across a two-headed turtle? If you are a little girl nine years old, ~~you~~^{it}/probably wouldn't worry you so much as it might some grown-ups.

(1) A dispatch to the Boston Traveler says that one such turtle was found near a Schenectady lake by a daughter of a General Electric official. The find was considered so interesting that the ~~scientists~~ scientists in the laboratories of the General Electric Company are ~~considerably~~ going to considerable pains to examine and observe this ~~phenomenon~~ phenomenon.

This turtle had ⁵~~two~~ mouths to feed one stomach. ~~But that~~
~~This~~ doesn't seem to affect its health. The animal is in excellent condition and ~~walks~~^{ambles} about the laboratories quite unashamed. The only thing that seems to bother ~~it~~^{this two-faced critter} is that sometimes it wants to travel in opposite directions at the same time, ^{like some folks I know. In fact} Then too, ^{I'm one of 'em.} sometimes one head will be awake while the other ~~one will be~~^{is} asleep.

That seems to be quite a useful arrangement. If a man had two heads he could work twenty-four hours in the day.

That is, ^{if} ~~supposing~~ twenty-four hours of work a day ^{happened} ~~appeals~~ to ~~appeals~~ him. As for me, I'm going to call it a day right now and say s-l-u-t-m.

~~By the same token when the turtle is in the water sometimes one head will be underneath while the other is above the surface.~~