

Good Evening, Everybody:

Warfare of a new kind is afoot today and right on the soil of the U. S. A. The Governor of Iowa has declared martial law in Plymouth County, and sent two hundred national guardsmen to keep order in that troubled region. This follows as a result of the outrage committed by some hundred ^{and fifty} men, supposed to be farmers, ^{an outrage} on a Judge of the Plymouth County ^{Iowa} District Court.

The affair has caused no end of a sensation all over the country. Even people most sympathetic with the farmers, and indeed ~~the~~ farmers themselves, seem to be shocked by the conduct of this gang who almost lynched the Judge, whom they ^{yanked from} ~~tore out~~ his bunch ^{in the} ~~in the~~ courtroom and dragged out into the country.

This crime was committed because many farm mortgages had been foreclosed in the court of this ^{jurist - a} ~~judge~~ ^{the} Judge Bradley. The turbulent crowd tried to compel him to take an oath to sign

no more foreclosures. This he refused to do, whereupon they

seized him, ~~and~~ dragged him out, taking him ^{right} past the sheriff's office ~~as~~
the sheriff did nothing.

Five of the men were masked. They subjected him to all sorts of

abuse and indignities, fastening a rope around his neck, ~~and~~

dangling him for several minutes from the ground, *plastering with
oil grease + tearing off his clothes.*

The Governor of Iowa said ^{today} "I want it expressly

understood ~~in this case~~ that this gang ~~that~~ outraged Judge

Bradley is not a representative group of Iowa farmers, but is

composed entirely of hoodlums."

*Nevertheless a late report
informs that a group of 700 farmers made a
demonstration at Le Mars, Iowa, this afternoon.*

10 The Governor also severely criticized the Sheriff of

the County where ^{the outrage} ~~this~~ occurred, calling him a weak sister who

hadn't nerve enough to uphold the law.

Judge Bradley, though sixty years old, refused flatly

to comply with any of the demands of the would-be lynchers. They

left him chafed and bleeding, ^{by the roadside} with part of his clothes torn off,

~~at the roadside.~~ Today he declined to insist on the prosecution

of the mob.

HERRIOT

Turning back to world affairs

(The conversations between the President of the United States and Former Premier Herriot of France are all over, and M. Herriot is on his way back to LaBelle France) ^{showing} ~~in a show~~ flowery compliments ^{on to} ~~over~~ the U. S. A. in general, ^{and} ~~over~~ President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull, Under-Secretary Phillips, and Assistant Secretary Raymond Moley in particular. ^{He} ~~The~~ ^{ex-} Prime Minister is at the present moment in New York. Tonight he'll be the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Waldorf Astoria by the French Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. You'll be ^{able} ~~glad~~ to hear his speech which he will deliver at ten o'clock and which will be broadcast over this network. That is, you can hear it if you understand French. But in case you don't, ~~the~~ ^{the} ^{gist} ~~analysis~~ of what he ^{says} ~~said~~ will be delivered by a member of the staff of the New York Sun.

(Before M. Herriot left Washington, a joint statement by him and President Roosevelt, in fact, two joint statements were made public. For the most part, they are packed with careful generalities. The gist of them both is that the United States and France are in complete harmony about the problems for economic recovery which confront the entire world.)

PARIS

A curious piece of information comes from Paris today.

France is about to make a big touch on John Bull. Great Britain has agreed to lend her neighbor a huge sum of money in order to bolster up the French franc.

The two countries have arrived at a new financial agreement. French bonds have shown signs of skidding and LaBelle France seems to be in a serious financial plight. So ^{the British are} ~~John Bull is~~ going to lend the money to help her out and make it unnecessary for France to abandon the gold standard.

A semi-official statement was issued last night to the effect that the French Treasury was due to make this loan, a short term loan in London, to the extent of some thirty million pounds sterling. But it will not be lent by the British Treasury. It will be borrowed from British banks.

The French Minister of Finance is expected to issue a more complete and official statement later.

In connection with this ^{word comes} ~~a dispatch~~ from Washington ~~reports~~

that the French delegation has assured the State Department that John Bull and France have not entered into any financial alliance against Uncle Sam.

BONUS

The latest attempt in Congress to put over the cash bonus for veterans once more was definitely squelched today. This was the amendment offered by the Republican Senator Robinson of Indiana to the Administration's Inflation Measure.

As was indicated yesterday observers in Washington expected this bonus rider to be defeated, but not so ~~overwhelmingly~~ *However* overwhelmingly. *It* was authoritatively announced *from* the White House that even if Congress ~~had~~ *had* empowered the President to pay the cash bonus he would refuse to use this power. Consequently when it came to the floor the bonus was defeated sixty to twenty-eight.

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THAT AIRPLANE BROADCAST

And now about that broadcast ~~I gave~~ from the air last night. The National Broadcasting Company informs me ~~that~~ it was the first summary of the day's news ever sent out from an airplane. And, like all pioneer undertakings, it was something of an experiment, and we didn't know just what was going to happen. The plane was a big Curtiss-Wright Condor, that would normally accommodate some twenty passengers. But for last night's broadcast we had to take along a lot of special short-wave sending apparatus and three NBC radio engineers. Before I dashed out to the Newark airport and jumped into the plane at six-thirty, these engineers and Chief Pilot Parker of Eastern Air Transport had been spending the afternoon flying over New York, trying things out. It was not until almost six o'clock that they finally had the right kind of antenna and were getting clear signals through to the NBC short-wave receiving station on top of the Empire State building.

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We took the air at six-thirty, and right up until 6:45 I was still hurriedly working on my news summary. Then after the broadcast they invited me up into the cockpit and asked me to take the controls of the plane. But like so many modern airplanes, so long as she is in the air she practically flies herself. The big job is getting them up -- and getting them down. The plane we were in is referred to as "The first quiet liner of the air." The ~~max~~ noise has been reduced until it's ~~is~~ about the same as in the average pullman car, ~~and~~ You can converse easily with your companions, even if they are at opposite ends of the cabin. This plane shortly will be put on the regular Eastern Air Transport run, up and down the Atlantic coast.

As to the two pigeons we had with us that had been sent over from the vicinity of Wilkes-Barre, before we turned them ^{loose} ~~free~~ we renamed them. The black one we called Anthracite, and the blue one we called Blue Sunoco. To the leg of one I attached ^a ~~the~~ message wishing prosperity to all the anthracite people. To the leg of the other I sent a

message to the folks in the hills of Pennsylvania to send us some good tall stories. The pigeons reached their home loft at ten o'clock this morning -- after roosting for the night somewhere.

AVIATION

Here's an unusual aviation item. Remember in 1931 when Clyde Pangborn piloted the first nonstop plane across the Pacific Ocean? To lighten her, he kicked off his wheels near the coast of Japan. Almost two years ago.

Well, at luncheon today of the Circus, Saints and Sinners, under a tent at Gimbel's, I sat next to Clyde Pangborn and Captain Bob Bartlett, and Clyde told us he had just heard from Seattle that one of his wheels had just been picked up on this side of the ocean. It had drifted forty-four hundred miles across the Pacific.

GOLD

It's been so long since we heard anything about gold hoarders that many people have been taking it for granted that most of the gold had been returned into Uncle Sam's hands. It seems this is not the case. There's still more than five hundred million dollars, one-half a billion, in gold coin and gold certificates in the hands of individual hoarders.

What makes it interesting is that they have only three days to return it to Uncle Sam. Next Monday is the deadline. Anybody holding more than a hundred dollars in gold coin or gold certificates after Monday will be prosecuted by the U. S. Treasury.

BORAH

Incidentally, Senator Borah of Idaho made a vehement statement on the floor of the Senate this afternoon on this subject. The Idaho Senator said if he had so much as five thousand dollars, either in Gold or Gold Certificates, he would defy the Government to come and get it. ~~MrxxBorah~~

RAILWAYS

The heads of the railroad labor unions got together today to discuss what they would do about ~~the idea of~~ the President's *idea* for putting the country's transportation into the hands of a *Co-ordinator.* Federal ~~Court~~. Many details about the *plan* ~~bill~~ were published in this morning's papers, and it is believed that Mr. Roosevelt will send the measure to Congress either tomorrow or Monday.

The bill would put powers hitherto unheard of in this republic into the hands of this new Federal organ. Another thing it would do would be to abolish the *present* ~~hitherto~~ hampering restrictions of the anti trust laws. One of the important reforms it would achieve would be to do away with duplication of service.

Those of the President's advisors who have drawn up the bill have been exceedingly careful of the rights of labor. The ~~act~~ *measure* ~~bill~~ would in no way amend or modify the existing railroad Labor Act, and Collective Bargaining by the Unions would still be permitted.

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ROOSEVELT

One of the minor embarrassments that confront President and Mrs. Roosevelt, is the prodigious number of ^{their} relatives ~~they have~~ -- all of the same name. A story current in Washington has it that the family connections of the Roosevelt's are so extensive and so complicated that even the President and the First Lady cannot always explain them. It seems that someone is always asking: "But what relation is ^{the} So and So Roosevelt?" And then again: "Is Mrs. ^{Such + Such} ~~Somebody or Other~~ Roosevelt a third cousin or a fifth cousin, or just a cousin by marriage?"

Well, as I said, many of these questions are beyond the family knowledge of the Roosevelts themselves. But a recent issue of Fortune magazine went to the trouble of setting down the entire Roosevelt family tree with all the kin, the connections, ramifications, etc. Mrs. Roosevelt has ordered that a copy of this magazine be kept in the office of Ike Hoover, the Major-domo of the White House ^{— kept} as an essential work of reference.

GENEVA

5 A dramatic turn was given to the Disarmament Conference at Geneva today, and the principal actor was Uncle Sam. Norman H. Davis, American representative ~~at~~ Geneva, announced that Uncle Sam stands shoulder to shoulder with John Bull on the disarmament question. Mr. Davis told the other delegates that the United States government considers the British proposal for arms reduction an invaluable contribution to the Disarmament cause. And he said further that the American delegation will oppose to the utmost any attempt to weaken the British scheme.

Another sensation in today's meeting of the Disarmament Conference was the peremptory demand made by the German Government. Germany informed the Conference that she wants and ~~xxx~~ expects to have complete equality in every form of Arms by 1938.

This caused a serious flutter among the delegates. It is known that France will never consent to any such nullification of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

ASIA

Another battle described as a terrific offensive is going on in China. The Japanese have started a fierce drive to sweep away the Chinese ~~xxx~~ troops who are intrenched north of Peiping. And ~~the~~ threats have been issued that if a counter attack is launched the Mikado's troops will advance as far as the Chinese capital.

This does not mean that the withdrawal of Japanese troops from another part of China is being discontinued. The movements of soldiers from the region east of Peiping towards the Russian frontier is still going on.

BASEBALL

As everybody expected, there was tremendous excitement over the ball game at the Yankee Stadium in New York today between Babe Ruth and his fellow Yankees, and the Washington Senators.

between the 2 teams
It's the first game [^] since that famous fracas in Washington. What made it still more exciting was that the President of the American League took this opportunity to announce his decision in the case of the three ball players, one Yank and two Senators, who were suspended as a result of that jolly old fight.

The President of the League and the heads of the Clubs ~~have~~ held a session earlier in the day at the Hotel New Yorker, after which they went out to the Stadium. The sentence is that each of the players, Ben Chapman of the Yankees, Buddie Meyer and Earl Whitehill of the Washington Club, get a fine of a hundred dollars and are suspended until Sunday.

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The President of the League decided that each of the players was equally to blame. However, he said, from the testimony of the umpires at that Washington game, Ben Chapman had not deliberately tried to spike second baseman Buddie Meyer ~~and~~ of

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the Senators when he slid into second. Then the President of the League went on to say: "Meyer should have kept his head and not kicked Chapman while he was on the ground, although it is true Chapman slid into second harder than he should have."

The President of the American League went on to say that the principal mistake was made at the Senator's dug-out on that famous day. Pitcher Whitehill, ~~the star~~ should not have made offensive remarks to Ben Chapman as he was proceeding to the showers on the umpire's orders. But when Whitehill made these offensive remarks Chapman should not have slugged him. In conclusion, he declared: "The American League is in favor of aggressive baseball, but it cannot permit rowdyism."

Well, that seems to be that. But it was evident that the fight did not lower the gate receipts at the Yankee Stadium

2 today, and the score was 4 to 3 in favor of Washington in spite of the fact that Babe Ruth belted out a homer.

ALASKA

Earthquake shocks are still going on up in Alaska. In fact, those ^{reported} ~~on~~ today were even more frequent and more violent than those which shook the Alaskan coast yesterday. ~~In fact~~ Reports from the town of Anchorage bring the information that there have been more than a hundred shakings of the earth in that vicinity since Wednesday afternoon. A still more serious rumo~~r~~ is that Augustine Island which used to lie off the tip of the Kenai Peninsula, has vanished utterly into the sea. There were no casualties, because this island was uninhabited. ^{It} Several curious incidents are reported. Dairymen declared that their cattle were made seasick. Freight cars on ^{Alaska's lone} ~~the~~ railroad were uncoupled and sent rolling down the tracks. Some of the shocks occurred during school hours, and the terrified children stampeded from the buildings which threatened to collapse over their heads.

~~By golly, I hope there haven't been any earthquakes up~~

~~in Dutchess County~~

~~I hope there haven't been any earthquakes in the~~

~~neighborhood of Pittsburgh. I have to go there to speak tomorrow, which reminds me that it is almost time to catch the train, so~~
~~SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.~~

BROUN

Well, well, here's a bit of ^{real} political news. Our colleague, Heywood Broun, the brilliant ^{the genial toastmaster,} columnist, ^{the ardent poker player,} has left the Socialist party. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that ~~Komrade~~ Broun has fired the Socialist party. the most famous night owl in America,

In addition to writing ~~the~~ ^{called:} daily column - "It Seems to Me" - which appears in newspapers all over the country, and in addition to frequent broadcastings, Heywood had been an active member of the party ^{and has really worked at politics,} In fact, he has ~~xxx~~ been a candidate for the New York Board of Aldermen on the Socialist ticket, also for Congressman from one of the New York City districts.

In kicking the Socialist party out of ^{his window, ex-Komrade} ~~the~~ Broun declares he finds it too timid. He also has come to the conclusion that being a regular Socialist hampers a man's freedom of expression. In explaining his action he declares that if a Socialist writer writes anything of which the party does not approve, he is disciplined.

So now Heywood is thinking of starting a party of his own. He does not say what he is going to call it. But, ^{may suggest} ~~whatever~~ a name - the Broun Shirts. ^{With the password:} ~~its name, it will be an interesting organization.~~ Solong until tomorrow - or tonight I should say solong until Monday.