

FARM

I've two late bulletins on totally different kinds of news -- I wonder which you'll be most keen to hear -- Babe Ruth or the President's farm relief bill. Well, I suppose we'll have to preserve the courtesy due to a President and give you the information that the House of Representatives before adjourning this afternoon passed the emergency measure to help the farmers.

Debate was ruthlessly limited to four hours, thanks to the steamroller methods adopted by Democratic leaders. It was passed by a large bi-partisan majority -- both parties -- but not ~~that~~ without strong protest. One thing that some Republicans objected to, especially Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, was that the Committee on Agriculture had eliminated that clause drafted by the President's advisors, providing that all appointments under the bill should be under civil service rules. So the bill as passed by the House will be a means of

providing a new pie counter for what the late William Jennings Bryan called "Deserving Democrats".

Another bit of news from Washington is that the President is expect to ask Congress for authority to start negotiations with foreign countries for reciprocal trade treaties.

*So much for farm*  
*affairs.* And now for Babe Ruth. It's all right fans, the Bambino has signed up. His contract for 1933 provides for him to receive fifty-two thousand dollars for the season's ball playing. That's the lowest figure the old Sultan of Swat has received in <sup>six</sup>~~thirteen~~

years. In fact, it is exactly the sum for which he signed eleven years ago. Even Sultan's have to take it on the chin to the tune of 23,000 bucks.

You'll want to read the rest of that Babe Ruth story in your favorite newspaper.

## CONGRESS

President Roosevelt's first unemployment relief bill is not galloping through Congress with the well-oiled ease of his other measures. It was referred to the House Committee on Labor. This Committee, instead of reporting it out at once with a recommendation that it be passed, announced that public hearings ~~it~~ should be held before any decisive action is taken by ~~either~~ either <sup>branch</sup> ~~House~~ of Congress.

It turns out that the same sentiment prevailed in the Senate. So ~~the~~ leaders <sup>in</sup> ~~of both branches of~~ Congress decided to begin tomorrow a joint hearing on the President's proposal to create a civilian conservation corps of 250,000.

Advices from Washington indicate that these hearings may last an indefinite time. No fixed limit has been set to the number of witnesses that may be called. The first of these will be President Greene of the American Federation of Labor, who is avowedly opposed to Mr. Roosevelt's project. The Chairman of the Labor Committee of the House is also a dissenter in this matter.

But Speaker Rainey declares the bill as Mr. Roosevelt wants it will be passed anyway. To <sup>the correspondent of the Boston Times Union</sup> ~~newspaper men~~ Mr. Rainey said:

"Let them have all the hearings they want. We'll get the bill out of Committee later and put it through."

BEER

( Well the Beer Bill is a law now. Shortly after the Senate convened today, Vice-president Garner put his signature on the Cullen Act, which made 3.2 per cent beer and wine legal. Speaker Rainey signed the bill yesterday. As soon as the Vice-President had <sup>attached his John Hancock</sup> ~~put his signature on it~~, it was sent to the White House where President Roosevelt <sup>wrote</sup> ~~put~~ the final okay on it. )

~~Thus two weeks from today, in other words April 7th, the foaming brew will be a legal beverage once more. That 3.2 per cent wine is considered merely a gesture as it is impossible to make.~~

As was indicated yesterday if you are a resident of New York the scuttle of suds ~~is~~ probably will not be at your disposal - that is legally, <sup>for some weeks.</sup> Both the State Police and the City cops have been instructed not to permit the sale of any beer within New York State until the Assembly passes a measure legalizing the distribution of it. At the same time, Lawyers say it is not quite clear how the police can interfere. Beer is legal by National law and there is no longer any statute in the New York code which prohibits its sale, <sup>or for that matter the sale of any liquors what-so-ever</sup>

The President signed the beer bill at two o'clock in full view of a regular battery of news cameras. He used four pens, a few strokes with each one. As he finished the last letter of his name he looked up, ~~xxx~~ smiled, and said:

"That's done." One of the newspaper men asked him when the country could get its beer. To which Mr. Roosevelt replied:

"The act goes into effect in fifteen days."

Incidentally, President Roosevelt has asked his attorney general for advice on the freeing of all Federal prisoners convicted under the Volstead Act. It was learned today that the policy of the Roosevelt administration on prohibition enforcement is to be "practical and painless."

## HOMES

The next thing <sup>the</sup> President ~~Roosevelt~~ plans to take up is farm credits and relief for those of us who own are own homes. Within the next few days he will send a message to Congress asking for a bill to relieve the burden of debt on the farmers, also on the city dwellers who have mortgages on their houses. It will lower the interest rates on mortgages, not only those held by Federal agencies, but also by insurance companies and private mortgagees.

The President also wants to consolidate all the Federal Farm Credit agencies. There are no less than eight of these, several of which overlap and duplicate each other's work. In addition to lowering interest rates on mortgages the period of duration will be extended.

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Private citizen Herbert Hoover is back home in Palo Alto, California, ~~and~~ apparently ~~very~~ happy to be there. His friends in the West gave him a most warm and cordial reception. <sup>Mr. Hoover</sup> ~~He~~ said:

"I have no plans for the future. I want to arise in the morning <sup>without</sup> ~~with the~~ being informed that I have an engagement. Of course I am glad to be here. This is home, this is California sunshine. I have always been coming home for a few months, just a few months."

Then he added, "I believe I'll stay here for at least twenty years."

He was greeted in the West by deep affection. And now the only living ex-President of the United States is resting at his home on San Juan Hill, overlooking Leland Stanford University in the lovely city of Palo Alto.



Germany

~~Good Evening, Everybody~~

Several things happened today which have a bearing on the relations between Uncle Sam and Germany. In the first place, Representative Ceder of New York, offered a resolution in the House asking the State Department to lodge a protest in Berlin against the treatment which is said to have been dealt out to Jewish people in Germany. Meanwhile Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, has ordered Uncle Sam's diplomatic and consul<sup>ar</sup> officials ~~in Germany~~<sup>on the spot</sup> to investigate the reports ~~which~~<sup>are</sup> charged wholesale persecution of Jews, ~~in Germany~~.

Papers in Paris are still full of stories told by exiles from Germany, ~~in which they tell~~ of almost incredible suffering, even torture. On the other hand, Germans resident in America, even those who are not sympathetic to the Hitler government, declare that these tales, while they have a <sup>certain</sup> basis in fact, are ~~being~~ much exaggerated. They point out that the stories emanate principally from Paris where

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the Nazi regime has almost created a war scare. None of these stories, say the Germans, come from Holland, Denmark, or Switzerland, in which countries the exiles have also sought ~~an~~ asylum.

( Jewish organizations in America are not only protesting, but taking steps to retaliate so far as they can. This retaliation is taking the form of a boycott on both German goods and ships. )

The German Consul General gave out the information that he had received a letter from a large importing firm which usually brings a considerable volume of German goods into the United States. This firm says it has cancelled all its orders for German goods and <sup>henceforth</sup> ~~is~~ ~~going to~~ <sup>will</sup> buy ~~instead~~ from Japan and Czecho-Slovakia. Officials of the leading German steamship companies plying to America admit that they have received letters of protest from both passengers and freight shippers. This boycott movement was started by the <sup>society known as the</sup> Jewish war veterans.

Along with these happenings comes the information that the Hitler Government today issued a decree providing an amnesty

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for all Hitlerites arrested for acts of violence. This applies to acts committed before March 21st. Where this affects Uncle Sam is that ten American citizens were manhandled by men in uniforms of Nazi storm troopers. A protest was lodged by the United States Embassy and the German Foreign Office promised Uncle Sam satisfaction for those outrages. This amnesty decree means that nobody will be punished in Germany for acts of violence perpetrated on American citizens, ~~that is, not~~ if they occurred before March 21st.

From Berlin comes also the news that the cry for a union with Austria has been raised once more. This, ~~was~~ at the first meeting of the new Prussian Diet, as the Legislature of that state is called. The very suggestion of a union between Germany and Austria sends shudders down the spines of European diplomats and Foreign Ministers.

So the old political kettle evidently is bubbling fiercely in the Fatherland.

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<sup>Also</sup>  
~~was~~ a high state of alarm prevailed in Vienna today.

The cause was the parading of groups of Nazis. They <sup>went about in</sup>  
~~marched in~~  
disorderly <sup>bands,</sup>  
~~groups~~ through the city, creating so much disturbance  
that eventually they were dispersed by the police.

In other parts of Austria the army has been used to  
break up unemployment demonstrations. In fact, it is said that  
several Austrian towns are virtually under martial law.

SOUTH AMERICA

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The League of Nations is going to try a drastic measure to put an end to the fighting between Peru and Colombia over the port of Leticia on the Upper Amazon. The Committee which has been investigating this dispute decided today to call on ~~principal~~ ~~nat~~ member nations to put an embargo on the shipment of arms to either Peru or Colombia. The various governments are being asked to consent to this measure.

CHINA

And the Chinese delegation made an interesting announcement at Geneva also. They declared that the Chinese government has obtained proof of Japanese plans to invade China proper as far south as <sup>Sinan.</sup> Tsinan. This would include the regions <sup>around</sup> ~~of~~ Peiping and Tientsin. It ~~is~~ is claimed that documentary evidence of these plans were found on the body of a dead Japanese artillery officer.

MITCHELL

The Federal Grand Jury today was considering the case of Charles E. Mitchell, <sup>recently</sup> ~~who has just~~ resigned ~~as~~ Chairman of the National City Bank of New York.

Mr. Mitchell was arrested last night by Uncle Sam on a warrant charging him with wilful evasion of the Income Tax. The amount of the tax he is said to have dodged is six-hundred and fifty-seven odd thousand dollars. And, he is supposed to have perpetrated this tax dodging in a year when his total income amounted to more than three million ~~dollars~~. That's the charge that the government brings.

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While Mr. Mitchell was being arrested, two other New York bankers started serving prison terms in Sing Sing. They are Bernard K. Marcus and Sol Singer former officers of the Bank of ~~the~~ United States. Their appeal was rejected by the New York Court of Appeals and they are to serve a minimum of two years and three months for misappropriation of one of the affiliates of the <sup>NY</sup> Bank, ~~of the United States.~~

TAFT

An interesting ceremony <sup>has just taken</sup> ~~took~~ place in Cincinnati, ~~today~~.

Membership cards in the international pressmen's union were given to two ladies: ~~They are the~~ Mrs. William Semple, daughter of the late Charles P. Taft, and Mrs. Holbert Taft. The late Charles P. Taft was owner of that <sup>powerful</sup> ~~live~~ newspaper, the Cincinnati Times Star. Holbert Taft is the present publisher, ~~of the Times Star~~. The ceremonies took place in the press room of the new four and a half million dollar plant of the Times Star. <sup>stel</sup> ~~The Presidents of both the~~ international union and the local union made the presentation.



## FLOWER SHOW

(3) If you want to find some place where there is not the slightest indication of hard times, you will see it in the Flower Show at the Grand Central Palace in New York. From ten o'clock in the morning until ten ~~o'clock~~ at night, the Palace is literally jammed. Never have such phenomenal crowds been seen at a flower show. And those who know tell me ~~that~~ it's quite the biggest and most beautiful show they've ever had. I don't suppose anywhere in the world you can see such a superb collection of flowers.

An amusing incident came up at the presentation of the medals donated by Premier Mussolini of Italy. When the Italian Consul General in New York got up to make ~~up~~ the presentation to the winners, it was discovered that everybody and everything were present except the ~~medals~~ medals. By some mishap they had been sent to the Italian Embassy in Washington. <sup>the Consul General</sup> Cavaliere Grassi, consequently was obliged to make the presentation with gestures explaining that the medals surely were somewhere in the offing and were not imaginary.

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It was noticeable that a large proportion of the people that thronged the Grand Central Palace were at the show for an essentially serious purpose. Most of them obviously know a great deal about flowers, and have been attending in order to gather information for their own gardens. One of the officials of the show explained that the present times have caused a lot of people to go in for gardening who never did so before.

## BEAUTY

Fashions in feminine beauty are changing. This we learn from the beauticians, the beauty experts of America who are holding a convention in New York this week. The beauticians inform us that the show girl and the pony type are out. Likewise the lady with the chemical Titian coloring, ~~the~~ the platinum blonde, and the gal with the home-wrecker look in her eye.

The beauticians have chosen a young lady who represents <sup>the</sup> perfect embodiment of the ideal beauty, that is, the ideal ~~beaux~~ of what women consider beautiful in women. The young lady in question runs to the natural rather than the exotic. The beauty of today should not look like a siren or a ~~home wrecker~~ <sup>husband thief, The prize winning</sup> young lady is described as a "nice sweet girl who might make some man a good wife some day." Reporters who saw her say that her figure is considered ideal according to American standards. Her lines are vertical. She weighs a hundred and fifteen pounds, has a thirty-five hip measure, thirty-three bust, twenty-six waist, and is five feet four and a half inches tall without her shoes. She wears a four and a half B shoe, and a six and three-quarter glove.

The prize winning young lady keeps her figure by never eating potatoes, white bread, spaghetti, cakes, pastry or other starches.

Well, that's the women's idea of beauty. It never seems to occur to anybody to consult the men. ~~But that's another~~

~~story.~~ Now my idea is -- but let's go on to the next item.

CORNET

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reports the case of a man who went to a real estate agent wanting to find a place in the country. He told the agent he wanted a small place in an isolated position at least five miles from any other house. Said the agent: "Oh, I see, you want to practise <sup>the</sup> simple life."

And the prospect replied:

"Not at all. I want to practise <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ cornet."

As for me, I'm going to ~~practise a little silence~~ <sup>trotle-oo-too and</sup>

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SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.