

Good Evening, Everybody:-

Here's the news from Portland, Oregon, for which many people have been waiting. (The convention of the American Legion today said to Uncle Sam: "We want our cash bonus, and we want it now.") This vote was passed today after a bitter debate on the floor of the Legion convention. The announcement of the result of the vote was received with roars of approval. Only ten state delegations voted against the Bonus. In a way this amounts to a flat defiance of President Hoover.

Earlier this week a dramatic article on the subject by former Governor Alfred E. Smith was published in the Saturday Evening Post. In the article Mr. Smith also urgently deplored the demand for an immediate cash bonus. The country has a right to know where each of the Presidential candidates stands on this vital question, said Al Smith. Well, President Hoover issued a statement last night declaring himself just as firmly opposed as Mr. Smith to immediate payment of the face value of bonus certificates. In different words he stated why in the first place the veterans were not entitled to it,

and in the second place why the taxpayers cannot afford it.

In fact, said Mr. Hoover, it would be a disastrous impediment to the recovery of the country.

And today
~~At any rate~~ a ~~big~~ majority of the Legionaires, *in convention*
assembled,
^ ignored his plea.

The Convention also voted a rebuke to the War Department for sending out ~~a defense of the eviction of the B.E.F. from~~ *an attack on the B.E.F.*
~~Washington,~~ *- that is,* in official envelopes. They charged that it was Republican anti-bonus propoganda, and that the government had no right to use ~~the~~ *the* official frank for this purpose.
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JAPAN

The news from ~~Aix~~ Asia looks serious again. Japan is preparing for war. So military observers say. The New York World-Telegram tonight publishes a survey of the situation ^{sent in} by the Manager of the United Press in the Far East.

This ^{summary} sets forth that foreign military attaches in Tokio are both concerned and mystified by reports of extensive military preparations. These indicate that the Mikado's empire will soon be all ^{set} ~~girded up~~ for a major war. What puzzles the observers, however, is who will be Japan's adversary? Some think she's getting ready to take another crack at Russia. Others believe she's afraid of a quarrel with Uncle Sam. Still others are pointing to Manchuria.

According to reports received by foreign embassies in Tokio, ^{Japanese} factories ^{busy} engaged with orders from the Mikado's government are working day and night. In addition to this, large ~~quantities~~ quantities of munitions have been received ^{from} ~~in~~ both Europe and America.

Observers in Dairen send information that large amounts of military supplies have passed through that port. A

considerable number of American concerns have filled orders for motor trucks, and other motor equipment in large volume. It looks as though chemical supplies were also being accumulated.

This news comes significantly on the day when (the Emperor Hiro Hito formally recognized the government of Manchukuo -- which used to be Manchuria -- as an independent state separated from China. Henry Pu-Yi, formerly Emperor of China, is by the same token now officially recognized as President of this new state.)

Observers are pointing^{out} ironically that although his Imperial Majesty of Japan describes Manchukuo as an independent state, this independent state is policed by forty thousand Japanese troops. Its government is advised, and advised is a mild way of putting it, by Japanese citizens at every turn.

Dispatches from Washington indicate that Uncle Sam will treat all this with silence. The next thing we may expect is that China will protest to the nations which signed the Nine Power Pact. The note from China will accuse Japan of a violation of that treaty. Japan herself signed the treaty.

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FLIERS

As the hours wear on, there is still no news of the monoplane, The American Nurse, on its way from New York to Rome. ~~Italy~~ ^{in Italy} airport officials believe these three fliers are added to the ^{long} list of victims of ~~these~~ transatlantic flights. The plane had fuel for not ~~xx~~ more than forty hours in the air. ~~That~~ period expired early this morning.

The combined wireless and air service of France, Spain, Portugal and Italy have found no trace of the plane. ^{still} Every airport and radio station in Italy is keeping a keen lookout.

CHILE

Another revolutionary movement seems to be gaining headway in Chile. These stories come over the cable so often that they've almost ceased to be news.

At any rate, a dispatch to the Indianapolis Times reports that the garrisons of two cities in the north have joined the rebel airmen. It was to the north of Chile that the nation's entire force of fighting planes fled when the new government marched federal troops upon their air field.

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The militarist^{ie} German government has an unexpected
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ally in its demand for military equality with the other
powers. This ^{is the Right Honorable} Arthur Henderson, former Foreign Minister
of Great Britain, and chairman of the World Disarmament
Conference.

A dispatch from London to the Toronto Star carries
the information that Mr. Henderson addressed the National
Peace Council ^{in England} today just as he was leaving for the resumed
sessions of the Disarmament Conference ~~in Geneva~~. Mr. Henderson
declared that Germany's claim is the crucial problem confronting
the conference. Viscount ~~Cecil~~ Cecil also pronounced Germany's
equality claim to be irresistible.

GANDHI

There's going to be no martyrdom for Mahatma Gandhi, not if John Bull knows it. The Mahatma -- many Hindus protest that Mr. Gandhi has no right to the ^{saintly} title -- threatened to starve himself to death if the British government tried to carry through its proposed settlement of the Indian question.

John Bull thinks he knows a trick ^{worth} ~~on~~ two ~~of~~ that.

The minute Mr. Gandhi begins to refuse food, he will be released from prison. The government will remove him to a

^{saying here's you are out of jail, eat or not as you please.}
suitable residence and order him to remain there, ^{The an-}

~~nouncement from London says, "It is hoped that it will prove unnecessary to impose any further restriction on Gandhi. But this will depend on whether the liberty accorded him is found to promote any further civil disturbance or agitation against the government -- against law and order."~~

DUBOIS

The mysterious disappearance of a lady begins to find more and more prominence on the front pages of the newspapers. Mrs. Edith DuBois, an attractive woman of thirty-five, wife of a rich jeweler in Westchester County, New York, has not been seen since August 10th. On that day she left Plymouth, Massachusetts, where Dubois has a summer home. When she did not return the neighbors became inquisitive. They told the authorities that Mr. DuBois gave explanations of her disappearance

that were conflicting. *Whereupon the husband* ~~Mr. DuBois~~ was arrested. ~~The prosecutor~~ *et al* of Plymouth declared that Mr. DuBois again gave contradictory explanations for the failure of his wife to return. According to one version the jeweler said he had received news of ~~his wife's~~ death. According to another he insisted that she was visiting friends in Canada. *Later on* ~~So the prosecutor announced~~ Mr. DuBois was

released from custody because ~~none~~ no body had been found, ~~and~~ consequently *the state* ~~no crime~~ could *not* ~~be~~ established ~~as~~ *a corpus delicti -* in other words could not prove a crime had been committed. Blood stains were found on a mattress in the DuBois

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cottage at Tuckahoe, New York. Then the authorities of Westchester County recalled that a woman's ~~torso with the head and legs missing~~, had been found within a mile of the DuBois home several weeks ago.)

~~Then~~ ^{also} a discovery was made the other day in the harbor of Plymouth, Mass. Strands of ^{a woman's} hair were tangled about the mooring line of a boat.)

Today these strands ~~of hair~~ were examined by the city bacteriologist of Brockton, Mass, and compared with combings taken from the DuBois summer cottage. The city chemist ^{now} announced ~~today~~ that these strands ~~of hair were~~ ^{are} alike.

~~So there's~~ another disappearance mystery which looks as though it might occupy the attention of amateur Sherlocks for ~~some~~ ^{time} ~~day~~ to come.

WEATHER

Uncle Sam has ordered storm warnings hoisted along
the Atlantic coast all the way ^{north} from Florida to Atlantic City,

~~New Jersey~~. For four days there has been a tropical

disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico. Today it ^{is} ~~was~~ reported to

be moving northeastward at a rapid rate across the northern

edge of Florida, ^{a corner of} ~~and the~~ southeastern ^{Georgia, and up the coast,} ~~boundary of Georgia along~~

~~the Atlantic Ocean.~~

DEBTS

Uncle Sam expects to collect one hundred and twenty-four million dollars from Europe on the 15th of December.

It was said in Washington today that Treasury officials are

confident ^{Rughow} most of this sum will be paid. It's to be hoped

so, because they ^{do) that} say [^] Uncle Sam needs ^{a few dollars} ~~some~~ [^] to balance

his budget.

Only three nations have notified the United States

^{their} of intention to ask for postponement: ~~These are~~ Poland,

Esthonia, and Latvia.

SALES EXECUTIVES CLUB

We are all interested in knowing whether or not better times are ahead. Occasionally, I run across a favorable item and pass it along to you. I am especially glad to do this because the news of the world concerns itself largely with the troubles of mankind, revolutions, catastrophes, and so on. But whenever I give out a prosperity item I get letters from folks saying, "That's all very well, but where can I get a job?" Rather a tough question to answer but, I wish I knew.

Folks who sell things are in a particularly good position to judge. They know whether people are buying or not. And that's a good barometer. Well, I happened to be attending a luncheon of the Sales Executives Club at the Hotel Roosevelt today, and sitting next to me was Frederick Kendall, Editor of a magazine known as "Advertising and Selling". I said to Mr. Kendall:

"Now, no hokum, but how do things look to you?"

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To which he replied, "The magazine of which I am the editor, within the past few days, sent telegrams to the one hundred largest advertisers in America, -- automobile manufacturers, soap people, makers of electrical refrigerators, and so on. Of the replies that have come in so far, thirty-one per cent say they are increasing their advertising campaign this fall in view of what they consider a decided improvement in the business outlook."

I am passing this on along to you because I think you'll be interested.

BUSINESS

Every time I ~~have~~^{we} relayed a bits of news indicating symptoms of the coming return of prosperity, the response in my mail has been varied. Some people welcome these items. Others protest. The protesting correspondents charge that these items are Republican propaganda.

I realize it must be irritating to a listener to hear items like these if he's just been laid off, or suffered another cut in his income. But I ~~must~~ assure you that in politics

— that is, on the air.
I am neutral. Of course, it's natural that any political party in office will squeeze out of its statistics everything that is

favorable.
~~is possible,~~ But the items I report to you ~~do not~~ come from

impartial
legitimate, news sources. ~~Business publications such as~~

~~Bradstreets and Dun's review, Rand McNally, and big banks do not care for politics either. They are acting in the capacity of reporters just as I am.~~

Here, for instance, is today's monthly review issued by Colonel Leonard Ayres, noted economist ~~and~~ and banker

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of Cleveland. Colonel Ayres says recovery from the financial panic is well under way. But, recovery from the business depression, he adds, has made little progress as yet. The two things are very ~~if~~ different, adds Colonel Ayres. He says recovery from financial panic must happen before recovery from business depression can be possible.

POLITICS

(President Hoover has made up his mind. He's not going to sit quietly on the side lines. He's going to jump into the presidential campaign, and jump in with both feet. This announcement has come from Washington. It has come on the heels of Governor Roosevelt's speech yesterday about farm relief at Topeka, Kansas.) ~~And as you can imagine President Hoover's decision has brought joy to the hearts of his in-party leaders who congregate these days at Republican National Headquarters.~~

The President and his advisers ~~seem to~~ feel that Mr. Roosevelt's theories about farm relief are full of holes. They say his attack on Republican policies leaves him open to heavy counter attack. And they are now getting ready for that counter attack.

So far, Mr. Hoover's schedule calls for October addresses in Chicago and Minneapolis. He probably will also speak in Iowa, the center of the corn belt, and headquarters of the farmers' strike. If he goes to Iowa the state of his

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birth, which he left as an orphan boy, he probably will speak at the little town of West Branch, his birthplace.

GHOST

We haven't had a ghost story for quite a while. Here's one, a true ^{one.} ~~story~~. It comes from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

A story ^{to} ~~is~~ the Trenton Times relates that for a week Conshohocken has been terrorized every night. Not only women and children, but grown men have been mystified and frightened by a curious white robed figure.

Well, the City Fathers organized a posse to investigate the ghost. The posse was headed by Burgess McElhatton. ~~I take it that in Conshohocken they call their chief of police a burgess.~~

~~At any rate,~~ Shortly before midnight ~~last night~~ the burgess and his cohorts received frantic telephone calls about this mysterious white robed figure. They rushed to the spot and after a heated chase caught the ghost. The ghost turned out to be a fourteen year old boy with a misplaced sense of humor ^{who} ~~He~~ [^] thought it ~~was~~ funny. ~~to wrap himself up~~

~~in one of mother's bedsheets.~~ The saviors of the town took the joker home and prescribed that he ^{be} wrapped not with a bed ~~#~~ sheet but with a bed slat.

BALD

Here's an announcement of a campaign of a different sort. It's a movement for bigger and better bald spots. Next Saturday at Bridgeport, Conn., there will be held the 20th annual convention of the Baldheaded Club of America. Baldheaded men are converging on Bridgeport from the four points of the compass.

It claims to be the jolliest club in the country. It was founded by John Rodemeyer of New Haven, Conn.

"Baldness knows no such thing as depression or partisan politics," says Founder Rodemeyer. In the twenty-year records of the club are many celebrated names:- William Howard Taft, William Jennings Bryan, Speaker Nick Longworth, Chauncey de Pew, and a host of other hairless magnificos.

The club was organized in 1912. It is dedicated to the proposition that "man in his highest type is not a fur-bearing animal." And with those noble words, I'll say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.