

Good Evening, Everybody:

Up to now reports of business recovery have been of a general sort. But today an important investigation made in different parts of the country, published in tonight's New York World-Telegram and other papers gives concrete facts.

The investigation indicates that the forcefulness, the activity of the Roosevelt Administration in Washington is already beginning to produce effects in many parts of the country, effects represented by the hum of machinery in many factories that have long been silent.

Another symptom is that large funds which have been frozen are now being invested in new undertakings, new businesses, new industries. In consequence thousands of the unemployed are going back to work.

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ One of the most important factors, as predicted has been the beer measure. Brewers getting ready to sell the amber stuff are providing thousands of jobs.

~~XXXX~~ On the one hand it is true that throughout the United States ^{more than four} ~~five~~ thousand banks are still closed. But ~~more of them~~ ^{they} are reopening every day, ~~and on a large scale.~~ Business is feeling the stimulus and the revival of energy on many sides ^{amounts} to ~~is~~ more than the usual spring ~~uplift~~ activity.

In Milwaukee and surroundings more than two thousand men ^{have just been} ~~were~~ put back to work and five million dollars worth of supplies and equipment ~~were ordered by the brewers.~~ In Chicago seven breweries are going full blast, and nineteen new plants are being equipped at an expenditure of ten million dollars.

Another effect of the legalization of ^{the liquid is} ~~beer is~~ felt in the lumber mills of Oklahoma ^{in the forests of Arkansas} and other regions where men have been put to work turning out wood ~~form~~ barrels. In Pennsylvania,

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West Virginia, and elsewhere glass factories are reopening to make bottles.

~~Many~~ Men are going to work in the coal mining districts. New pipelines are being laid down. From the Middlewest, in fact from as far west as San Francisco, comes the information that the number of customers in department stores is increasing.

In ^{short,} ~~fact,~~ north, south, east and west, you can find signs, concrete signs of a definite revival.

BANKS

As for the banking situation, here is the latest from Washington. (The Treasury reports that the re-opening of banks is going ahead at the rate of about a hundred a day. Between fourteen and fifteen thousand are now open on a normal basis.)

Secretary of the Treasury, Woodin, issued new orders today. This provides that such banks as are now in the hands of conservat^{ors}~~ives~~ may resume business on a limited basis and under certain restrictions. That applies, of course, to banks that are Members of the Federal Reserve System. In order to do even this limited business they must have a license from the Secretary of the Treasury.

GERMANY

(The threatened boycott of Jews in Germany started today. In many of the country's business centers Nazi storm troopers in uniform stood on guard outside Jewish ~~houses~~ ^{establishments})

For instance, in the important centers of the steel manufacturing country, department stores and one price stores were ~~boycotted~~ ^{picketed} in this fashion. In other towns all Jewish places of business were closed. In some of them the proprietors were forced by the troopers to pay their employes two months' salary in advance. This was ^{so} that the Nazi party should not be held to blame for increase in unemployment.

In other places where this ~~boycotting~~ ^{picketing} occurred, the regular police stood by and did not stir a foot to prevent it. This was anticipated by yesterday's announcement that the government would do nothing to stop the Nazi boycott until foreign governments, meaning more particularly Uncle Sam, suppressed the reports of anti-Jewish atrocities in Germany.

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An American correspondent, ^{of an American news service} ~~in Berlin~~ was arrested ^{in Berlin}

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last night and taken to the police station. He's accused of being responsible for the reports in America of maltreatment of Jews. The arrested correspondent is a German citizen and himself a Jew. So Uncle Sam will be unable to interfere. The police in addition to arresting him ransacked his home and confiscated his papers.

The mass meetings of Jews and Jewish sympathizers which took place all over America, showed their effects today. While there is no organized boycott the movement to lay off German-made goods showed ~~an~~ increased strength. This, of course, was mostly in evidence in New York where the Jews are most numerous.

From Germany Information also comes of riots in Brunswick ^{*Brunswick*} where

twelve hundred and fifty people were arrested last night in a raid by Nazi storm troopers on the headquarters of the steel helmets, the famous organization of ^{*German*} War Veterans.

~~Altogether twelve hundred and fifty people were arrested, although only two hundred of these are steel helmets.~~

The jails in Brunswick are so crowded ^{tonight} that there ~~is~~ talk of confining the prisoners in an internment camp. It is said that this raid on the steel helmets nipped in the bud a counter revolution planned by the ~~the~~ ^{war} veterans.

The suppression of the Social Democratic newspapers in Germany was supposed to end today. But an order of the government extended it indefinitely.

Correspondents are pointing out that it has taken Hitler less than sixty days to turn Germany from a republic into an absolute dictatorship.

HITLER

One of the letters to the editor-writers in the New York Evening Post tonight recalls an interesting episode from Hitler's earlier career before he became chancellor. It happened at a big meeting in Frankfurt; five thousand people were in the audience. The five thousand sat spellbound while Hitler talked to them about Germany's troubles. Then he asked the question: "What ~~was~~^{is} the cause of these troubles? The debts, of course." Again he asked: "What was responsible for the debts? The war, of course. And who was responsible for the war?" Here Mr. Hitler stopped and made one of the theatrical pauses for which he is famous. The whole house listened in silence as he thrust forth clenched fists and hollered at the top of his voice: "The Jews". At this a voice from the back of the house screamed out: "And the bicycle riders." The effect was astounding. Hitler audiences seldom included hecklers. Five thousand heads turned ~~around~~ to the back of the hall and ~~xxx~~ saw a little grey haired man standing on the back of a chair.

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Hitler calmed the tumult that had arisen, and with hands outstretched, shouted at the little man: "Why the bicycle riders?" To which the little grey man replied: "Why the Jews?"

MUSSOLINI

We are beginning to learn further details of the discussions held ten days ago in Rome between Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain, and Premier Mussolini of Italy. One of the important new pieces of information is that the Fascist leader proposed several changes in the map of Europe, changes to correct some of the disastrous errors that were perpetrated in the treaty of Versailles.

For instance, the Duce proposes to relieve the tension between Germany and Poland, the hard feelings caused by the Polish corridor, by creating a German corridor across the Polish corridor, *— a sort of political tit-tal-toe diagram.* This he urged would be a compromise that should at least tone down the friction between the two nations on that corridor question.

The Italian Prime Minister would also correct some of the injustices of which Hungary has complained. He would give back to the Hungarians a large part of the land which the Treaty

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of Versailles sliced off from Hungary and gave to Roumania, and he would also change the map of southeastern Europe so as to give Hungary both sides of the Danube as before the war.

But ~~The~~ Mussolini is not proposing to make concessions only at the expense of other countries. He even offers to reduce one of Austria's grievances by giving back part of the former Austrian Tyrol land which the treaty gave to Italy, and also by giving the Austrians access to the sea through Fiume.

Then too, he would join Herzegovina and Montenegro to Albania and put Albania under the protectorate of Italy.

It is claimed in favor of these proposals that they would calm down the clamor over the much dreaded union between Austria and Germany because this scheme would make Austria and Hungary so strong that they would not need Germany. In other words, he seeks to create a balance of power in Central Europe that would eliminate the tension and alarm which at present exist.

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On his side Il Duce is also willing to make concessions to France and sooth the alarm of the French about Italy's military ambition.

Diplomatic observers salute this as a statesmanlike scheme. Whether the greater and smaller nations of Europe can be brought to agree to it is another question.

PARIS

A symptom of the alarm that is being created in Europe by the aggressive words of the Hitler Government was in evidence in Paris today. There was a debate in the Chamber of Deputies during which some speakers severely criticized ~~what they~~ Government's weakness in the face of growing danger from Germany. Some of the National deputies were trying to compel the French Premier to outline his foreign policy to the Chamber. The Government leaders urged that any public debate on the question be postponed. On a vote the government forces won out.

JAPAN

The Japanese government today made a prompt apology to Uncle Sam. This on account of some bombs that fell from a Japanese airplane on an American mission in China. Japanese diplomats also guarantee complete protection for Americans throughout the area where fighting is going on between Japanese and Chinese forces. At the same time the Mikado's diplomats point out that American Nationals have been advised to leave the danger zone in the neighborhood of the Great Wall. In spite of this advice many American missionaries ^{are} ~~stay~~ on the job.

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RELIEF

(The Unemployment Relief bill offered by Senator Wagner, ^{2/11/35}
the bill which would put half a billion dollars at the disposal
of the various states, was reported favorably today by the Senate
Committee on banking and currency.) The Committee made only one
reservation. This was that not more than fifteen per cent of
this half billion ~~should~~ be awarded to any one state.

At the same time information comes from the White
House that the President considers the reforestation bill as
reported yesterday by the ~~the~~ Labor Committee of the House to
be satisfactory. This bill leaves it to the discretion of
President Roosevelt to fix the wages that should be paid to the
Civilian Conservation Corps.

And the Senate's Committee on Agriculture was
holding hearings on the Roosevelt Administration's new farm bill.
Several witnesses appeared before the Committee. A speaker for
the American Cotton Cooperative Association was in favor of the
bill drawn up by Mr. Roosevelt's advisors. A representative of

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the American National Livestock Association, on the other hand,
urged Congress to abandon the attempt to stimulate prices
artificially.

FLOWERS

The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la, are so far conspicuous by their absence. With the exception of the beautiful flowers that bloom at the Philadelphia Flower Show, tra la. I happened to be in Philadelphia this morning and could not resist a visit to the Commercial Museum where this exhibition was going on.

Here I observed the same phenomena ~~that were~~ in evidence at last week's Flower Show in New York. You could walk through the Commercial Museum for hours without seeing any signs of hard times. In fact, Philadelphia's Flower Show, as well as New York's, has bigger crowds than ever and is full of keener people than ever. Whatever the other consequences of the conditions that have prevailed the last few years, they have certainly had ^{the} ~~a curious~~ effect of stimulating the cultivation of beautiful flowers in America to a prodigious degree. ~~Nobody who~~
~~Anybody who wasn't able to see the New York show will make no~~
~~mistake if they visit this one.~~

I came up from Philly to Gotham in a snow storm. Then I dropped down to that giant new liner, the Queen of Bermuda, to see Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pew off for that Atlantic paradise, Bermuda, where it's springtime all the time.

O yes, and there's another symptom of spring. This one in New York. The symptom is Dexter Fellowes. Dexter is in town, and the newspapers are beginning to be full of circus talk. Dexter is the dean of publicity men in America. For years he has been keeping newspaper readers and others nourished with circus news. They say that when Dexter Fellowes appears in a newspaper office the editors throw up their hands and say "Kamerad" and promptly turn over whole pages to him. You'll see the product of his fine Italian hand in every newspaper in the country during the next few months, as you have already noticed it in my tonight's broadcast.

JIGSAW

It seems even the Chinese in America have been caught by the Jigsaw puzzle craze. This crops out in an episode that happened in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles police discovered the dead body of a Chinaman who had been employed as an actor in the ~~cinema~~^{movies}. His body was ~~discovered~~ less than twenty feet from where six members of a Chinese family were calmly piecing together ~~the~~ a jigsaw puzzle. Although they were seated only twenty feet from where ~~that~~ body was ~~discovered~~^{found} they claim they knew nothing, had heard nothing, had seen nothing.

It is wonderful how absorbing those puzzles can be: —

① Jig saw and oriental.

TRAMP

Here's a little narrative from a foreign paper. A housewife from whom a tramp was begging a meal started to lecture the man, saying: "Why don't you go to work? Don't you know that a rolling stone ^{gathers}~~covers~~ no moss?" To this the tramp replied with another question: "Madam", said he, "not to evade your question at all, but merely for the sake of information, may I ask what on earth would a man like me be doing with moss?"

ENDING

Fred Longworth sends me an interesting letter from St. Mary's, Ohio, St. Mary's-on-the-Lake. Here's the way his letter reads:-

"We have been hearing you talk on the air for a long time now, and are wondering if you can also sing?"

Sure, Fred, singing is the best thing I do. If you listen real closely now, I'll give you a sample:-

(piano)

s-o-l-o-n-g u-n-t-i-l t-o-m-o-r-r-o-w

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