

GERMANY

Good Evening, Everybody:

The situation in Germany looks ^S~~even~~ even more serious today. A special dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that political rioting continued in spite of the declaration of martial law and a Federal dictatorship in Berlin. Meanwhile Labor Union Leaders are meeting in secret conference. There seems considerable likelihood of a general strike being called all over Germany.

The first action of the Von Papen military dictatorship in Prussia was directed against the Communists. A dispatch to the Indianapolis Times from Berlin says that Von Papen and his Junkers are determined to destroy the Communist party, utterly, throughout the Republic. At the same time he's proceeding with severity against the Socialists as well.

The effect of this has been to draw the Social Democrats and Communist workers closer together. Hitherto there has been a considerable ~~gap between~~ ^{gap between} the right and left wings. ~~of the Socialists and Social Democrats.~~ But the political

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persecution from the Berlin Government is making them more friendly than ever to each other. The government today threatened if a general strike is called, to execute every ~~xxx~~ strike leader in the country. The police closed the publishing offices of ^{the Rote Fahne,} the Red Flag, which is the publication of the Communist party. Two deaths have resulted from political riots since martial law was established. One man was killed and several wounded when the police fired on a Communist meeting in Southeast Berlin last night. Another ^{death} ~~battle~~ was recorded in Saxony. Communist meetings are being rigidly forbidden.

Chancellor Von Papen made it known today that his present commissionership, as the dictatorship is politely called, may be expected to last for a considerable while.

There were clashes between police and workers in the Ruhr district. Ninety people have been arrested for distributing leaflets.

The power held in Germany by the Von Papen government

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today is more absolute than that of any previous government in the nation's history. It is greater than that held in the days of the late Kaiser, greater than that held in the days of Bismarck.

OTTAWA

This is ~~the~~^a big day for all Canada and especially for its capital, Ottawa. The Imperial Economic Conference opened today in the beautiful stone parliament buildings. This is the climax of months of planning.

A ~~United Press~~ dispatch to the Newark News describes it as distinctly a business meeting. There was little of the traditional British pomp and pageantry. Nevertheless there were red coated Royal Canadian Mounted Police out in the great court. And foot guards escorted the Earl of Bessb^orough, Governor General of Canada. ~~Earl Bessbrough opened~~ Lord Bessb^orough opened the session with a message from King George which told the delegates that they are opening a new page in history. Stanley Baldwin, the head of the British delegation, moved the election of Prime Minister Bennett of Canada as chairman of the conference.

The movement to establish a united trade front throughout the British Empire was quickly set on foot. This is believed to bode ~~very~~ little good for Uncle Sam. At the same time

it was revealed that there ^{is} a tentative ~~agreement~~ agreement between the steel industries of Canada and Great Britain. This agreement may cut deeply into exports from the United States.

Most of the structural steel, for instance, that Canada is using comes at present from the United States. In fact, practically all of it. Under this new agreement a large volume of this will be imported from Great Britain instead of the United States. The Tanning and Leather industry of Canada and Great Britain have also ~~effected~~ perfected an agreement to divide up the Canadian market between them.

After the Governor General had opened the session the conference was addressed by Prime Minister Bennett. He was followed by Stanley Baldwin.

Meanwhile all Europe has its eye on Ottawa. A dispatch from Stockholm to the New York Sun relates that the conference is being scanned with particular attention by

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the ~~Scandinavian~~ Scandinavian countries. Their existence as exporting nations depends so extensively upon British trade that any restrictions will cause something close to ~~h~~ dismay. Denmark most of all.

There are 275 delegates to the ^{Ottawa} conference from all parts of the wide-flung empire of John Bull. In ~~addressing them~~ making his preliminary address Mr. Bennett, the Prime Minister of Canada, made an out and out bid for a trade tariff agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom. Said Mr. Bennett:

"We will propose that the United Kingdom shall extend the principle¹² of her present tariff preference to natural products. On our part we are prepared to make the necessary adjustments in our tariffs to secure the advantages which we believe will come."

"We propose," he said further, "that the United Kingdom shall have free entry into Canada for such of her products ^{as} ~~which~~ will not affect Canadian enterprise. "

BOLIVIA

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Well, things are still hot in South America. A state of ~~seige~~ was decreed today throughout the entire Republic of Bolivia. The country was in a high state of excitement. There's a growing demand among part of the population for war with Paraguay over the disputed territory of ^{the} Gran Chaco.

There were public demonstrations all over the country by both workers and students. The government of Bolivia continued to receive offers of men, foodstuffs and nurses from all over the Republic. The President of Colombia sent the ^{President} of Bolivia a note expressing the hope that a conflict would be avoided.

The Cabinet ^{in La Paz} instructed the Bolivian delegates to the Washington conference to return home.

JAPAN

Here's new light on the China-Japanese situation. It seems that the province of Jehol, where conflict has been reported among the Japanese and the Chinese, is ~~very~~ rich in coal and oil. Uncle Sam's officials in Washington are quite alarmed over these new military movements in that province. They are afraid it may mean more expansion in Asia on the part of ~~the~~ Japan. The State Department had only meager official reports and ~~withheld~~ ^{made no} formal comment. The province of Jehol lies just north of Peiping, the ancient capital of China. It is between the territory occupied by the Japanese last winter and China proper. It is crossed by the Great Wall.

The Japanese deny that they are going to attack the province of Jehol. Their account of the operations last week was that a detachment of two companies was sent to Chaoyang. The purpose of the expedition was to free a Japanese officer who had been ~~not~~ captured there. In spite of this denial there's considerable anxiety about the situation.

BONUS ARMY

(The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia today ordered the Bonus Army to leave. ~~the District of Columbia.~~ Superintendent of Police General Glassford[^] to see to it that the order is carried out.) Of course, this will not affect those members of the Bonus Army who are making their headquarters in ~~in Virginia~~ on the Virginia side of the Potomac.

RAILROADS

The Interstate Commerce Commission ~~made~~ handed down today a decision of first importance. This decision approves what is known as the Four Party Plan for the Eastern railroads. That means all of the Eastern railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio River, but not those of New England.

All these roads will be ^{consolidated} ~~divided~~ into four systems, the New York Central, Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Chesapeake and Ohio.

MINERS

Twenty ^{- seven} hungry frightened coal miners were huddled underground in an Indiana mine today, waiting for national guardsmen to rescue them. A dispatch to the Chicago Daily News relates that these twenty miners are imprisoned in that mine by ~~one thousand~~ ⁷⁰⁰ unemployed Union ~~miners~~ ^{men}. The Union members are picketed around the shaft entrance, ~~to the mine and~~ daring the non-Union men to come out.

The men underground have been trapped since yesterday morning. At that time they entered the mine in spite of warnings from the Union pickets. They are entirely without food. The County authorities have not intervened because they ~~were~~ ^{said to be} afraid. Three companies of the Indiana National Guard, one of them commanded by Governor Leslie of Indiana in person, are advancing on the trouble torn district. The Sheriff of the County is on record as saying that the first miscue will cause trouble. The picketing Union miners are inviting arrest. They say - We are hungry. We haven't any jobs, so we might as well get arrested and let the state feed

us. There are already a hundred and eight prisoners in the

County jail at Sullivan, Indiana, a jail which has cells for

only six. ~~prisoners~~ Which means they have standing
room only in that jail.

ROUND UP

One part of the United States where I'd like to be ~~today~~ is North Platte, Nebraska. The Round Up started there today. This round up celebrated⁵ the fiftieth anniversary of the first ~~roundup~~ ~~show~~ show of that kind ever held anywhere in the world. Anybody who knows the West or the history of the West will remember that the first round up was founded and organized by Colonel William F. Cody, the great scout ^{whom we all} know as Buffalo Bill.

The round-up at North Platte will last until the 24th. The first was organized by Buffalo Bill at North Platte in 1882.

One of the features of this ~~North Platte~~ round-up will be a great night pageant-parade called the "Oregon Trail." For this they have constructed a prairie stage eight hundred feet long three hundred feet wide. They have a mixed chorus of ~~mixed~~ sixty voices, an orchestra of 130 pieces, and numerous actors. Mounted Indians, cowboys, cowgirls, pioneers, bronco busters, all the colorful figures that go to make a round-up are crowding the historic town of North Platte. The crack riders of the country

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the most skillful ropers and bull-doggers ^{are there to} ~~will~~ compete.

North Platte, as you know, was for thirty years the ~~permanent~~ home of Buffalo Bill. ~~Sody~~ He called his home Scouts' Rest Ranch. There from time to time he was visited by famous people from all over the world.

The round up which he first organized in 1882 was the foundation of the Buffalo Bill Wild West show, which subsequently became ~~so~~ famous in every nook and corner of the world.

WOMEN

There are going to be 250 women taking part in this year's Olympic games at Los Angeles. 38 girls are already in rigid training on the Pacific Coast. The story ^{says} that they are all determined to prove that the Greeks who had a word for it were wrong when they barred women from the Olympic games. *This year there will be* Women throwing the discus, women running hundred-yard dashes, women fencers, women doing ~~almost~~ everything. *P* One of the picturesque ~~delegations~~ delegations is that from Japan. The Japanese girls are dressed in their native costumes. The one pronounced to be the most beautiful woman on the spot so far is Mademoiselle Yvonne Godard, 24 year-old French swimmer. Mademoiselle Godard is the girl who had her first taste of watermelon when she reached Los Angeles. She announced that watermelon is one of the most mysterious things she's ever seen.

Another beauty comes from Sweden. The youngest competitor comes from Holland. She is only 14 years old and she will compete in the hundred meter breast stroke swim.

CLOTHES

Those of my listeners who are men may be interested to know that during the past three years they've been buying only an average of 38 hundredths of a suit of clothes a year. This is reported today by the International Statistical Bureau. From 1924 to 1926 ~~they~~ ^{Mr. American} used to buy half a suit a year, ~~a piece~~. But the last two years men seem to have been wearing their old clothes a bit more industriously. Incidentally it's ~~established~~ ^{the story states that Pa} ~~that Pa~~ is getting less and less of the family budget for his needs.

WEASEL

The ~~weasel~~^{police} of White Plains, New York, ~~were singing~~^{were singing}. Pop goes the Weasel today, but in a distinctly minor key. One small lone animal of this breed had the entire business district of White Plains in an uproar, ~~and completely buffaloed for several~~ hours yesterday.

The animal was first observed in a dress shop. One of the customers ~~who is~~ described as a stout woman, was the first to see him. She grew pale and grabbed the saleswoman's arm and said: "Do you see what I ~~see?~~^{see?}" To which the Clerk replied: "Madam, I do."

Whereupon they rushed out into the street, ~~and left the weasel in possession of the shop.~~

Well, Mr. Weasel soon got tired of the ~~shop~~^{milinery) and establishment} and ~~he~~ started out window shopping. He went from store to store, ~~and as~~ ^{with} customers and clerks ~~running in all directions.~~ The traffic in the street got blocked, and policemen arrived, ~~on the scene.~~ Unfortunately, ~~But~~ police regulations of White Plains give no instructions as to what to do when a weasel holds up the town.

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Somebody suggested that maybe they ought to catch the weasel. A helpful citizen rushed ~~into a store and~~ bought a rat trap and tried to ^{lure the intruder,} ~~chase the weasel with it.~~ Curiously enough, ~~the~~ weasel declined the invitation. ~~to enter.~~

The ~~se~~ police called reinforcements ^{and} The Chief of Police of ~~White Plains~~ took command.

Then there was a spectacle of an entire troop of bluecoats charging ~~lustily~~ from store to store in pursuit of ~~that~~ one lone weasel.

The traffic jam got worse, and the crowd grew ~~larger.~~

The weasel finally was rounded up in a shoe store. The Chief himself caught ^{him,} ~~it in a shoe box.~~

With the crowd cheering lustily, the Chief led his police back to headquarters. There with great ceremony the ^{shoe} ~~box~~ containing the weasel was submerged ~~into~~ a tub of water. Just as the weary policemen were sighing, bubbles rose to the surface, and

suddenly out popped the weasel, out of the box, out of the tub,
and out of headquarters. And the story in the New York World Telegram
relates that the weasel is still at large. At any rate, so said
the police, who also intimated that they didn't want to hear any
more about weasels. So, pop goes the weasel!

And -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.