

Good Evening, Everybody:

(The crisis, the major financial crisis of the depression, is definitely at an end. So says no less a magnifico today than the President of the United States.

Mr. Hoover made this statement to a group of some one hundred and fifty bankers, manufacturers, leaders of all lines of endeavor, at Washington today.)

The President's speech to the Committee ~~he summoned~~ was full of optimism. He attributed ^{recent} ~~the~~ hard times to collapse of certain foreign countries and the withdrawals of gold from the United States. Then he ^{said:-} ~~declared,~~ "Today that ~~feature~~ is ~~greatly~~ changed." Our strength ~~is~~ has stood equal to the shock. Confidence has returned. A return flow of gold from abroad has begun."

A dispatch to the Cleveland Press relates that in the different federal reserve districts, committees have been created. They have already been of great service in the solution of local problems. Constructive projects

have been advanced by them. The ^{purpose} ~~idea~~ of the conference ^{of the nation's financial leaders} which the President has called, is to expand and apply the ideas developed in the ^{federal reserve} ~~different~~ districts ^{to} ~~for~~ other areas. ~~Also~~ to ~~coordinate and provide government agencies.~~

"In other words," says the President, "this is a meeting not to pass resolutions ~~xx~~ but to give the leaders of the country the opportunity to organize for action."⁼⁼

"The most immediate needs of the country," ^{he added} ~~said~~ ~~the President further,~~ "are first, a better distribution of credit; second, a coordination of effort to provide employment; and third, agricultural relief."

On top of the President's optimistic statement, news comes from various parts of the country, ^{showing to just what} ~~to indicate the~~ extent ~~to which~~ business is picking up. It comes from widely scattered parts of the United States. Both Bradstreets and Dunns weekly reviews of American trade and industry report that the better ^{outlook} ~~sentiment~~ of the last few weeks had been translated

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into real activity in both wholesale and manufacturing lines.

This report is drawn up from information gathered in fifty-five

of the leading cities. *And that does seem real enough.*

Here's hoping you all have jobs before long.

MORTGAGES

An important step undertaken by Uncle Sam is an effort to get all money lenders to agree to suspend foreclosure of mortgages. As a preliminary, the Chairman of the Home Loan Bank Board ~~announces~~ today that ^{national bank receivers} ~~bank officials~~ ^{have been instructed} ~~agree~~ to suspend all such proceedings. That is, mortgage foreclosure proceedings, ^{will be held up} for sixty days.

And the Chairman of the Board asks the leading business men to see ^{that} not only ~~that~~ the receivers grant this sixty day delay, but that all other lenders do the same. Foreclosures, he says, must be stopped and the lending of money must be stimulated.

FARM STRIKE

(The government of Iowa has troops ready to move into the scene of the farm strike in case of trouble. Buses are being held at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, prepared to convey soldiers to the ^{scene} ~~seat~~ of action.)

Otherwise, a dispatch to the Nashville Tennessean reports that ~~otherwise~~ the tension eased off a bit in the strike zone. The success of the picketing farmers in the setting free their sixty-six ² ~~comrad~~s who had been arrested has gone some way towards lessening angry feelings. Also, hundreds of ^h ~~pic~~eters have had to go home, for a while at any rate, to get something to eat. They are leaving their representatives in Council Bluffs to come to an agreement as to how to conduct these meetings peaceably. They are conferring with ~~authorities of the state and of the authorized counties.~~ ^{county authorities.}

At the same time three thousand strikers are standing by along the several highways leading into Omaha.

^{Farmers} The ~~Committee of the farmers~~ ^{is} ~~are~~ in Des Moines today to consult with Governor Turner. ~~of Iowa.~~

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Then ~~There~~ ^{are further} ~~were~~ symptoms ~~today~~ of the spreading of the movement ~~to the~~ east ^{ward.} The potatoe growers of southern New Jersey ~~were~~ ^{were} getting together to decide what they could do to force up the price of the harmless, necessary ~~spud~~ ^{hundred} spud.

The leaders of the New Jersey growers claim that what they are contemplating should not be interpreted as a strike. But, they say, they have to do something to stop the decline which has brought ~~the~~ price of potatoes to the farmer down to fifty cents a hundred. ~~pounds.~~

The New Jersey ~~may~~ plan that has been suggested is to let the potatoes stay in the ground until the price has gone to at least seventy-five cents a hundred. Shipments will be held up for three weeks. Potatoe growers of Long Island have been asked to join.

LEGION

This is American Legion day for me -- and Brooklyn day. I spent most of it at the Legion's State Convention in Brooklyn. The two topics of the hour ^{along Flatbush Ave.} ~~in Brooklyn~~ are: The Legion Convention, and Baseball, with a capital B. The baseball fans in Brooklyn were holding their breath this afternoon, waiting to hear the news from Chicago ^{That's} where that all-important game was ^{being} played between the two teams that are at the top of the pile in the National League, the Chicago Cubs and the Brooklyn Dodgers. ~~Day~~

Today's game between Chicago and Brooklyn is the last of that series. It is near the end of the season. If the Dodgers lose then only a miracle can bring them the ^{pennant,} ~~championship.~~ Today the Cubs had just 34 more games to play. The Cubs will have to lose 13 out of those 34 in order to give the Dodgers a chance. And the Brooklyn boys only dare lose five games out of ^{their remaining} 29. As Jimmy Woods of the Brooklyn Times-Union said in his column today, "If that's a bargain, I'm a toe dancer!"

So, how did today's vital game between the Cubs and Dodgers end? ^{well,} Word has just come from Chicago that ^{the score was} 9 to 4 ~~for~~ in favor of — the Cubs. And ^{that's} sad sad news for Brooklyn.

I attended the Legion Convention ~~in Brooklyn~~ in company with Major-General John F. O'Ryan and Colonel "Wild Bill," Donovan, who is in the race for Governor of New York. With me was Dan Edwards, the adventurous soldier of fortune about whose wild escapades I've just written a book.

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So far as I know there are only two men alive who have received both of America's highest military decorations, the distinguished service cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor. One of these is Colonel Bill Donovan. The other, Dan Edwards.

There are some 25,000 Legionnaires taking part in the Brooklyn Convention. The total enrollment in the American Legion today is 926,792. This includes a certain rather interesting man who joined last night, Walter ~~W~~alters, recently commander of the expelled Bonus Expeditionary Force in Washington. Some of the Legionnaires have been a bit uneasy about Walter ~~W~~alters. The guards at the Conventon ~~w~~ard door were a bit non-plussed when he turned up today. But when he was taken to the spectators'

gallery the leader of the Khaki Shirts said, "I am not here to create any disturbance."

The main speaker ~~of the day~~ was Major-General ~~John~~ ~~F.~~ O'Ryan. The General said, "I believe that the Legion should lay it down as a policy that it will do nothing or demand nothing that is unfair to the taxpayers." The Veteran General pled with the boys to consider carefully the country's welfare before demanding immediate payment of the bonus. ~~And~~ And his plea was greeted with both boos and applause.

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~~The New York State Legionnaires passed a resolution while I was in Brooklyn this morning recommending that the United States enter the world court. They also passed a resolution recommending that November 11th, Armistice Day, be declared a national holiday.~~

FLIERS

All Europe and all shipping on the Atlantic is on the lookout for Clyde Lee and John Bochkorn, the fliers who took off from Newfoundland yesterday for Oslo, Norway. ~~By the~~ latest reports ^{are that} there is no sign of them. They are already considered ^{ably} overdue ~~overdue~~ in Norway. They started out with enough gas to last them 37 hours. ~~But~~ ^{Just about} those 37 hours have ~~now~~ elapsed.

Foggy weather ^{is} ~~was~~ reported all over the North Atlantic.

Airports in the British Isles, Scandinavia and Germany are keeping a keen lookout for them. Lee and Bochkorn.

AIR RACES

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Tomorrow will be one of the big days of the year in aviation. ~~That will be the real beginning of the air races in Cleveland.~~ It's expected that no less than 300,000 spectators from all over the country will ^{be at the Cleveland air races.} ~~look on at this classic affair.~~

The vanguard began arriving today. The Cleveland officials have arranged a ten day program which will test not only the best pilots in the United States but the latest creations of the airplane designers. The races will end on Labor Day with the Thompson trophy event. This is now considered the world's airplane speed classic since the Schneider Cup races ^{was} ~~were~~ discontinued. They expect a speed of more than 300 miles an hour for the winning planes.

SWIMMING RACE

The eyes of swimming fans ^{everywhere} were focused on Toronto, Canada, ^{today,} where crack women swimmers are engaged in the swimming marathon, the ten-mile race in the ^{cold, cold} waters of Lake Ontario. There were 30 starters, from Canada, the United States and New Zealand.

This is the event of the year for professional women swimmers.

A Chipewa maiden, one of the racers, plunged in without any bathing suit — in good old Indian fashion a-la-Garden of Eden. At latest reports the race is still on.

BLUE LAWS

A Pennsylvania Judge has been expressing himself freely on the subject of the Sunday blue laws of that state. Judge Kephart of Philadelphia, a Justice of the Supreme Court, ~~of the State~~, believes that the blue laws encourage rather than ^{prevent} ~~deter~~ crime.

What the Judge favors is a Sabbath on which the average citizen can enjoy himself. He added that there's not a person in Pennsylvania who does not commit a crime during every ^{week} ~~day~~ of the year. If you buy a newspaper on Sunday you are committing a crime; if you read a newspaper on Sunday you are committing a crime; if you drive a car on Sunday you are committing a crime; when you buy gasoline for that car you are committing a crime.

I must say from my observation of Pennsylvania that, ^{this} ~~this~~ state of affairs doesn't bother the majority of Pennsylvanians very much.

PUDLER JIM

The Pennsylvania G.O.P. is threatened with a feud -- a feud on the subject of our ~~old friend, Pudler Jim~~ ^{James J. Davis} Davis. A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times-Union declares that the ~~rompus~~ ^u ~~rompus~~ ^d over Pudler Jim is the indictment by Uncle Sam on a lottery charge, coupled with his candidacy for the United States Senate. - ~~all~~ ^o this may split the G.O.P. in Pennsylvania wide open this coming November.

Governor Pinchot is loudly demanding that ~~Pudler~~ ^{Davis} Jim resign his candidacy ~~from~~ ^{for} the Senate. The Pennsylvania governor didn't make this demand of Mr. Davis in person. He wrote to the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, insisting that the committee secure the resignation of Mr. Davis.

If Mr. Davis refuses to resign, says the governor, the committee should take command of the ticket and run another Republican ~~again~~ against him.

Mr. Pinchot says it makes no difference whether the charges against Mr. Davis are ~~true~~ ^{true} or not. He added, "It

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is important and it is true that Davis has just been indicted by a federal grand jury and the charge is a particularly unpleasant one."

The Republican party, says Governor Pinchot, cannot afford to run ~~out~~ a candidate who is under suspicion.

So the feud is on.

WRITERS

I don't know what we writers and ^{editors}~~authors~~ will do if political celebrities don't quit taking our jobs. In addition to Al Smith becoming editor of the ^{New}~~New~~ "Outlook", Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has been made editor of a magazine called "Babies". Then, ^{Longworth} Alice Roosevelt is writing her biography, which will be published soon in a national magazine. In addition to that, a piece signed by her brother Theodore, T.R. Junior, is to be published shortly; ^{and of course Franklin Roosevelt is pouring out a stream of articles.} I think it is time writers and editors organize a union.

TALL STORY

The tall story habit seems to be spreading to the distributors of Sunoco Gas. Mr. Floyd Vandervort of Laceyville, Pa., sends in an application for membership in the club. To qualify, he submits the following ~~very~~ story:

It seems,
~~Well~~ Mr. Vandervort had^s been distributing the two-fisted gas for the last ten years. In the month of June he broke his ten year record by handling over ~~ix~~ a hundred and twenty thousand gallons. Not far from his tank, he has an apple tree in full bloom and, would you believe it, ~~that~~ after that month in which he distributed a hundred and twenty thousand gallons of that two-fisted gas, the apple tree started *not apples, but* to sprout boxing gloves.

All right Floyd, I guess that elects you.

And seeing that Mr. Vandervort has started this, I wonder how many other Sunoco distributors would like to join the club? If any of ^{you} ~~the other Sunoco distributors~~ who are

(2) listening in get hold of a good tall story on the subject of our famous ^{high-powered} ~~two-fisted~~ gas, ^{just} ~~why not~~ send it ^{along} ~~in to me~~ to Tall Story headquarters in the Empire State Building.

GROW

The other night we had a news dispatch from Greenville, Michigan. It concerned five cows who went on a spree. This was all because of their inadvertently eating some ^{intoxicating} ~~whiskey~~ mash. Well, Commander Harold ~~W.~~ Grow of Peruvian Revolution fame, for many years Inspector General of all aviation in Peru, is from Greenville, Michigan. He happened to hear me tell about the five ^{plastered} ~~drunken~~ cows. He ~~says~~ he's thinking about going back to Greenville just to open up a business, feeding discarded mash of that sort to cows, so they will give milk punches. He declares that Greenville, Michigan, is a unique town and ~~was~~ he's glad to see it stagger to the front even though it be on the backs of five pick^ed cows.

WOOD PUSSIES

A mama and her six babies held up traffic in a Pennsylvania town for a considerable part of an afternoon recently. This little morsel comes from the Daily News of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

It happened on West Front Street in the town of Berwick. The driver of a car saw this mother and her six babies right in the highway in front of him. He stopped his car, took a second look, and hastily backed his motor away. For the mother and the six babies were ^{of the} four footed ~~animals~~ ^{variety} the fur bearing kind that have a white streak down their back -- you know, the polite name for them is wood pussies.

Well, mama and the six babies were lined up clear across the highway. Traffic was stopped in both directions. ~~Drivers in the rear were honking violently, not knowing why these in front had stopped.~~ ^{In a jiffy there} ~~In short order there~~ was a real traffic jam. People from houses along the highway saw the commotion and ~~joined~~ ^{joined} went to see what was what.

The mama wood pussy succeeded in coaxing all

of her brood but one to the south side of the street. But the last one just wouldn't move. So mama had to grab him by the nape of the neck and carry him over. And with that fragrant item from Shamokin, Pa., I'm going to start for the country and say --

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.