

DEBTS

Good Evening, Everybody:

Here's a new angle on that never ending question of those European debts and reparations. Europe now insists she has cooked up no combination against Uncle Sam. This flat, straight from the shoulder statement was made today by Prime Minister MacDonald. He made it in the House of Commons. We learn from a United Press dispatch to the New York World-Telegram that it was a tense and crowded session of the House of Commons. Our Ambassador Mellon was there, among the spectators in the distinguished visitors gallery.

Ramsay MacDonald told the Commons that the nations at Lausanne had not even thought of conspiracy against the United States. "We were out for Europe, not for a coalition against America", said the Prime Minister. "All the conference at Lausanne did", he added, "was to straighten out the internal difficulties of Europe and agree to proposals which the nations represented there considered both essential and possible."

~~essential and possible.~~

At the same time Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made a statement which the WorldTelegram interprets as an appeal to Uncle Sam. It was uttered in the shape of a hope that America will do her share to end the world crisis. The Prime Minister denied that any private understanding on war debts had been reached with the United States. But he clearly made a hands across the sea plea. He told the House of Commons that the gist of the attitude in Washington is this: "Let Europe decide on a settlement which it believes practicable. Let it tell the world what its views are. Then ^{Uncle Sam}~~the United States~~ can consider what part ^{he}~~the United States~~ can reasonably play."

~~essential and possible.~~

Mr. MacDonald said also that no one has the right to blame ~~the United States~~ ^{Uncle Sam} for taking up the attitude ~~we have~~ ^{he has} taken.

The British Prime Minister's statements were loudly cheered in the House of Commons.

Meanwhile Germany is reported to be in a ~~very~~ ^{disturbed} ~~anxious~~ ^{state of mind} condition over that so-called gentlemen's agreement.

Public opinion in Germany, says the report, is traditionally opposed to linking war debts and reparations. The German government has issued a denial that it entered into any gentlemen's agreement. The Berlin cabinet also states that it will refuse to join in any deal against Uncle Sam.

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Then too,
Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a statement ~~of~~ on this subject in Washington today. He told the Senate that he was authorized by Secretary of State Stimson, to say that this government had had no negotiations about the ~~deb~~ revision of debts. He added that the United States had no part in forming ^{that so-called} ~~the~~ gentlemen's agreement at Lausanne *which is causing so much hullabaloo.*

Mr. Borah said further that he wanted the record *to go down in ~~the~~ to show ~~the~~* history that the United States rejects any implication that it had anything to do with the creation of ^{troublesome} ~~so-called~~ gentlemen's agreement.

BANKS

A White House spokesman is taking a rap at the bankers today. The gist of it is that The bankers of the United States have not been doing their bit to restore public confidence. They have been lagging behind the efforts of the Hoover administration by failing to help small business men and merchants throughout the country.

According to a U.P. dispatch to the Newark News this is now the ~~firm~~ belief of President Hoover, ~~himself~~. The dispatch ~~adds~~ ~~states~~ that the information was obtained from unquestionable authority.

From this belief springs the President's plan to reorganize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Hoover has a new and sweeping financial program. This is to be supervised by a sort of national control board. Its purpose is to diversify the benefits of the loans that are being put out by Uncle Sam.

President Hoover's ^{latest} message to Congress ~~yesterday~~ requesting the reorganization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation ^{is} ~~was~~ the first step in this direction. The President ~~wishes~~ ^{wants} a non-partisan or at least bi-partisan organization of men capable of supervising the nation's financial affairs for the best interests of everybody.

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This ^{would} ~~means~~ eliminating Eugene Meyer, the banker, as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board. It would also retire Paul Bestor from the Federal Farm Loan Commission. Wiseacres in Washington

are mentioning the name of Owen D. Young as possible ~~head~~ head
~~for~~^a this national control board.

Incidentally it is pointed out that President Hoover, in
now believing that the ~~country's~~^{big} bankers have ~~not done~~ not done
their bit, has come to the point that many Democratic critics
arrived at several weeks ago. Mr. Hoover's friends say that
one of his reasons for vetoing the relief bill of Speaker Garner
and ~~Sen~~ Senator Wagner, although he did not express it publicly,
was that he felt this bill was playing into the hands of the
bankers. And Mr. Hoover proposes to stop all efforts in this
direction.

*A rumor is going around that
a Presidential campaign is in the offing.*

MOTORS

~~which is publicly known way of referring to the~~
The Automotive Industry will be a vital factor in the revival of prosperity in the United States. So declared the Vice-president of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Automotive Daily News he was addressing the Institute of Public Affairs at Charlottesville, Virginia. He pointed out that the economic and social life of the United States today has become dependent upon the use of the motor vehicle. The passenger car and truck have become inflexible parts of both home and business life. He added that government figures show that as a necessity the motor vehicle ranks next to food, clothing and shelter in the family budget. Believe me I can vouch for that. At any rate here's to ~~So let's all pray for~~ the prosperity of the Automotive industry.

HORSE

Did you ever eat horse flesh? You may think you haven't. But if you've ever been to Paris you probably ate it without knowing it. And if the French Senate has its way you probably won't eat it again.

The Senate of La Belle France was ^{is}~~today~~ debating the advisability of increasing 500% the duty on horses imported for food. If they are importing horses for food they must have eaten up all the old plugs ^{that}~~are~~ used to pull open-faced cabs in Paris.

It is calculated that last year Paris ate 200 horses a day. ^{In Paris it}~~Horse flesh~~ costs about 30% less than meat. But if the proposed duty becomes law it will make horse flesh cost more than beef.

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RINGLING

Circus fans the country over will be interested to know that John Ringling, of Ringling Brothers circus is recovering from ^{his} serious illness. No indication of this illness had leaked out until today. In fact, it was not even known that Mr. Ringling had been indisposed. But today it became known that ~~one~~ ^{both} of his legs were amputated three weeks ago, ~~He~~ ~~is~~ ~~recovered~~ as the result of an attack of blood poisoning. He is recovering at the home of a friend in New York.

~~John~~ Ringling is the last survivor of the famous five Ringling Brothers, ~~possibly~~ the greatest owners and operators of circuses the world has ever seen. ^{And} John Ringling is ^{known as} a man of ~~not~~ ~~only~~ tremendous ability, ^{and} ~~but~~ great versatility.

PERU

And now let's fly down in the Andes.

~~According to~~ Reports from Peru ^{have it that a} ~~regular~~ reign of

terror existed in parts of that South American country while the rebels were in control. During the occupation of ~~the city of~~ Trujillo

by the Communists the city was filled with murder, lynching,

looting and arson. Civil guards were stripped and lynched

in public squares. The two young daughters of the Prefect of

the city were murdered in their home. The reports say also

that the streets of Trujillo were filled with dead and wounded.

The Rebels hid on roofs of private houses and in parapets, church

towers, and office buildings. They let the Federal troops enter

unmolested, then opened fire from their concealed positions. The

city is said to be quiet now, ^{with} ~~however,~~ and the Federal troops

have ~~the~~ ^{place} ~~buildings~~ ⁱⁿ under control.

Meanwhile they are still fighting in Brazil. The

~~Government~~ ^{Government} ~~Commissioner~~ has sent forces by land and sea to put down the

revolt in the rich and powerful city of Sao Paulo. And the ~~Comm~~

~~governments~~ ^{governments} ~~Commissioners~~ of two of the ^{states} ~~cities~~ which were claimed by the

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rebels are also prepared to send troops to help the Federal soldiers.

^{Rio}
The government has offered the rebels all facilities for settling their disputes by arbitration. The Commander-in-chief of the Federal troops, ^{has sent} ~~has sent~~ an appeal to the insurgents to meet him and try to reach an honorable agreement.

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But the rebels are still in control of the garrison of Sao Paulo, ^{and} They have distributed arms and ammunition to civilians supporting them.

SIAM

~~And~~ From Siam we learn that one of the first reforms that's being put over by the new popular government there - at least they ~~call it~~ call it popular government - is to reduce the number of army officers. Quite a number of officers' heads fell into the official basket.

The number of ^{high ranking} military officers of Siam ^{has been} ~~was~~ reduced from 41 to 3. Four Lieutenant Generals, ten Major Generals, 22 Colonels,

and five naval captains were ^{decapitated} ~~retired~~. ~~In fact, the only three retired.~~ ^{I mean} So there's much weeping under the high officials who were retained, all of them having the rank palm trees of Siam tonight. ^{I mean} among of Major General, were the Minister of National Defense, ~~generals.~~ ^{But maybe not among Siamese doughboys.} Under-Secretary of State for Defense, and Director of the Privates the world over ~~generally~~ cheer when a general gets the sack. ~~Military Hospital.~~

And you can bet there's ~~much~~ weeping among the military in Siam.

BANDITS

There's one part of the world where the bandit still takes his profession seriously, and considers himself entitled to be recognized accordingly. That part of the world is Corsica.

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~~According to a~~ United Press ~~dispatch~~ ^{story} to the Cincinnati Post, ^{tells how} the Dean of the Corsican banditti has just issued a manifesto to the public. This manifesto says:

"Innocent and honorable bandits must be allowed to gain their livelihood unmolested. If not they will declare war on the police." *That's telling 'em isn't it?*

This manifesto was published in one of the Corsican newspapers. The bandit gentlemen of Corsica had been very much insulted because the French police had just had the effrontery to arrest and prosecute one of their number on a charge of murder, the murder having been committed twenty-six years ago.

His counsel in his plea to the jury described him as a paragon of

banditry personifying the noble spirit of Robin Hood, *just a soft hearted robber.*

The jury acquitted this paragon of banditry without leaving the box. *Thereupon putting the ~~box~~ French police in their place.*

WEST

What ~~made~~ the wild west wild?

Well, The Wild West was ~~not~~ always wild. ~~As a matter~~

In fact ^{today} it's not ~~so awfully~~ wild ^{at all.} today. What I mean is that

we got there — long before my family settled on top of the
long before ~~it became wild~~ it was exceedingly tame and civilized.

At least so says the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.

According to a United Press ~~via~~ dispatch to the
Louisville Times, the Smithsonian is sending out an expedition
to the West this summer to investigate evidences of this old
civilization which existed on the plains of the ~~United States~~
U.S.A. ~~long~~ long before the days of the Red Skin and cowboy.

It seems that the Spanish explorer Coronado came across
~~these~~ peaceful folk as early as 1541, and it was quite a numerous
and quite ² population. They knew nothing of horses, ~~but~~ They lived
in towns and had ~~a great~~ many of the conveniences ^{now} known to us —
Conveniences not known to the wandering buffalo hunting Red
Skins that followed them.

According to the experts of the Smithsonian the
remains of large and well preserved townsites are still to be

found on the bluffs of the Upper Missouri. The Smithsonian

expedition will map these townsites by airplane. That

shows how little we're acquainted
with our own fascinating country.

GEORGE

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⌘ Late this month George Washington will find his way into your pockets. The new silver quarter bearing the image of the father of ~~your~~ ^{is being} country ~~has been~~ struck and will be distributed in a few weeks. This will be the first George Washington coin in ^{our} ~~the~~ history, ~~of the country.~~

The government's three mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver, are busy striking the quarters from new dies right now. In order to hurt nobody's feelings the Federal Reserve ~~Banks~~ will distribute them to banks in all parts of the country simultaneously.

ROOSEVELT

~~Well,~~ Governor Roosevelt seems to be having a choppy time of it on his ~~x~~ vacation cruise up the New England coast. On the second day of his trip a strong wind ~~ruff~~ roughened up the waters of ~~the~~ Long Island Sound so ferociously that ~~he~~ ^{the nautical governor} had to get a tow.

Those rough seas may be all right for the Roosevelt family. Not only the Governor but his three sons are all hardened sailors. But think of the newspapermen's boat that is following the yawl to make sure that the Democratic candidate for president doesn't get too much privacy.

(2) I know some of those boys in that newspaper boat, and believe ~~me~~ ^{they} are not all sea captains. ~~me they are no sailors,~~ However, they seem to be getting ~~the~~ ^{plenty} ~~of~~ ^{the news,} ~~stuff,~~ They are telling us what the governor and his crew had for breakfast, how well they swim, and who came to call on them.

And I'm sure you'll be glad to know that Governor Roosevelt is having a ~~good~~ ^{high old} time. Or at any rate he says he is.

TALL STORY

Apropos of ^{Franklin} ~~the~~ Roosevelt, there's a piece in tonight's New York World Telegram that almost has me stopped. You may remember that last night I promised I would relate to you some of the tall stories that have been raining down on me in my tall office in the Empire State Building. Well, the following is not one of those, but it comes so near looking like one ~~of them~~ that it has to take precedence.

The story is about a couple of letters that were received by Mrs. ~~Franklin D.~~ Roosevelt, ~~They are~~ both from ladies. One of these correspondents tells Mrs. ^{Franklin D.} ~~Roosevelt~~ how she and her husband were seated at the radio waiting for news from the convention. When it was announced that Mr. Roosevelt was nominated both this lady and her husband were jubilant. But that's not all. Their dear little ~~her~~ brown dog, Brownie, joined in the demonstration. Just as the word came over the radio ^{dear little Brownie} ~~he~~ picked up a small rug and began to shake it and run around the room with it like a banner.

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The other letter received by Mrs. Roosevelt was about a canary. For a year this bird which unusually enough is named *at canary to ever have the name* Dickie Boy, [^] had refused to sing a single note. Every trick known to bird psychology was tried. Now on the evening that Mr. Roosevelt was nominated, Dickie Boy's owners also were listening in to the radio. And, when the final announcement was made, just at the big moment ~~so to speak~~, when the crowd broke loose, Dickie burst into song.

~~Now I think that when I hear of Dogs and canaries becoming politically minded,~~ ^{and bursting into song, brings to my evening} ~~it's time for me to knock off work~~
~~for the day, and so~~ ^{song of} ~~so long until tomorrow.~~

The story of Mr. Ringling's illness was reported in the evening papers. But when I got home the newspaper happened to be listening in, and when I came to the telephone. Yes, and he said he didn't say...