

INTRODUCTION

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight I am in what is nothing more than an improved broadcasting studio, but tomorrow it will be the executive office of the President of the United States. It is the tower of the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, and all day they have been getting it ready for it's new dignity. Down here in the invigorating Florida sunshine they are already modestly calling it the Miami White House.

The President is all set for the presidential fishing trip, to Jacksonville, where he will board Vincent Astor's yacht, the Nourmahal, in which he will sail down the Gulf Stream off Southern Florida, where the presidential fish hooks will get into action. The presidential land base will be here in Miami --- or Coral Gables, I should say. The White House aids and the White House correspondents will arrive tomorrow, and the President's secretary, Colonel Marvin McIntyre will take possession of this tower as the presidential executive offices. Direct wires to Washington are being installed and

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the mechanism for radio communications with Mr. Roosevelt aboard the Nourmahal. So the business of the government will be conducted by the presidential fishing party at sea and official circles in Washington by way of this Miami Biltmore Tower. So here I am in what tomorrow will be a central nerve center for combining fishing and government.

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The President goes fishing with something on his mind -- a defeat in Congress, the like of which he has not experienced before. I imagine that as he angles for the game fish of the Gulf Stream he will mediate quite a bit over the fact that this afternoon the House of Representatives passed the Independent Offices Bill over his Presidential veto. This is the bill that has been causing so much rumpus. It provides for all those greatly increased benefits for veterans -- the old question of money to be paid by the government to the soldiers who fought in the war. The President was against the bill. But Congress passed it. The President vetoes it and sent it back. But now the Lower House has voted and repassed the bill by a vote of three hundred and ten to seventy-two. And now it goes to the Senate. They say the Senate will uphold Mr. Roosevelt and refuse to pass the bill over the White House veto.

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## ROOSEVELT

Before leaving for Florida, President Roosevelt gives out the announcement that he is calling for new bids for the carrying of the Airmail. He is not waiting for Congress to act but goes straight ahead to turn the airmail service back to the private lines. Maybe this is the end of that bitter air mail struggle which has had everybody bothered.

The air transport companies, of course, have been placed in an uneasy position; - they have been worrying. Uneasy and worried too are the officials of the government who realize that the airmail situation with it's unfortunate accidents among the Army fliers is political dynamite of the most explosive sort.

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One basket of thorns that the President takes away on his fishing trip is the labor problem of the railways. The matter still stands perilous and undecided. The workers want an end to the ten percent cut they took some time ago. The railway chiefs want to increase the cut to 15 percent.

The President thus far has taken a middle-of-the-road compromise position, proposing that the ten percent cut shall be left alone for another year. This railway situation promises to become as threatening as the automobile labor problem which the president seems to have settled so successfully. It has thorns as sharp as any of the fish hooks with which the President expects to catch the rampageous Florida Tarpon.

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Big Navy advocates are puzzled by Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he signed the Vinson Bill to bring Uncle Sam's fighting fleet up to full strength. The President declared, as he put pen to paper and signed, that he was doing it for reasons of policy. He added that it did not mean that the new naval construction authorized by the bill would begin immediately. I suppose that this rather cryptic presidential statement means that he does not want to jump right into the big armament race, but at the same time welcomes the new navy

bill as giving him leeway in dealing with the other naval powers - - something to bargain with, and then go ahead and build at top speed if the bargaining doesn't work.

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Oh yes, and the President vetoes that Industry Office Supply Bill, which would vastly increase payments to veterans. Congress passed those extra veterans' benefits against the advice of the President and now he is sending his Veto to Capitol Hill. Meaning another fight, another clash.

NRA

Remember the story of King Canute, who commanded the tide to stop, but the tide wouldn't do it? If King Canute couldn't, how can General Johnson succeed?

A neat little NRA dilemma crops up in Brooklyn. A contractor is building a barge canal. Much of his work has to be done under water. By the terms of his contract he has to have the job completed in a few weeks. Under the rules of the NRA he can work his men only five days a week. Under the rules of the tide he can work them only six hours a day. That makes it tough.

Say, General Johnson, you'd better get together with King Canute and find out something about this tide business. But the serious thing is to observe how inevitably any set of rules will produce some instances of paradoxical folly.

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The steel industry is giving its employees a ten percent increase of wages -- more than a hundred million dollars a year to be distributed among four hundred and twenty thousand workers.

Let's observe that this is right in line with the favorite theory in Washington, that increased income for the masses means increased purchasing power. And, the more you pay the men the more men can buy. Sounds logical. All you have to do is boost wages to boost buying and business is boosted all around. But how high can the mutual boosting go? I suppose the sky is the limit.



FARLEY

I see that Jim Farley has made another speech. That isn't exactly news, but this time our Postmaster General said a few things out of the ordinary -- also a few things not out of the ordinary at all.

Jim steps up and promises to take the deficit out of the Post Office, although the deficit has been in the Post Office so long that you'd think they had grown together like a couple of Siamese twins -- only more so. But Postmaster Farley announces that he is reducing the deficit right now and he expects to balance the Post Office budget before 1935 rolls around. He's going to get Uncle Sam's green mail boxes out of the red.

That makes it appropriate to remark that Jim Farley is described as an excellent administrator. His associates say that Jim is the man to get the deficit out of the Post Office.

It's all quite out of the ordinary - so far - but when Jim Farley went on to add a lather of political soft soap -- that was very much in the ordinary. He was addressing the

alumni of Brown University. He mentioned the number of great men that Brown had produced and when he got through the alumni must have thought cheerily that their be loved Alma Mater had produced all that was high, noble and worthy in this noble nation. Jim didn't mention his own Alma Mater which happens to be that grand old educational institution known as the University of Hard Knocks. But then the Hard Knocks alumni seldom get together to sing about their bright college years and they hardly ever utter a resounding rah, rah, rah!

Jim-the-Politician is celebrated in New York political circles for his lavish generosity with prize fight tickets. As Chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission he left behind him a trail of love and affection by passing out passes to the big fights, passes which he received by courtesy of the fight promoters. As they say in the show business Jim Annie-Oakleyed his way to the top of the ladder. Along Broadway they tell the story of a fight promoter from

whom Jim got so many passes that the fight promoter finally proposed: "Listen Jim," he said ruefully, "give me back the passes, and you take the stadium."

And some say that Jim Farley's epitaph will read:  
The Man Who Rose to the Top by Industry, Ability and Free  
Tickets.

William P.  
Lipscombs.

British  
play ~~at~~ Wright.

Mar. 27, 1934.

## INTRODUCTION TO LIPSCOMB

An old friend of mine has arrived in New York, from London. And I am a way down in Florida, more than a thousand miles away. So I am going to switch over in just a moment, and give him the American Air. You will be interested in him because he is just about the most successful British playwright, - dramatist, - of the day.

One interesting thing about him is that he got his training for writing plays partly through writing scenarios for the screen. He does more of this than any one in the British Empire. His name is William P. Lipscomb. Upon his arrival in New York he caught the "flu". Down here in balmy Florida is where he ought to be.

The name of his show the success of the year in London, is "Clive of India." One of the most dramatic stories in history that: Robert Clive, a humble clerk in an office, turns soldier and in a year or two becomes the conqueror of India -- Clive, Commander of the army that won one of the ten decisive battles of the world, the battle of Plassey, where the British overthrew the Moghul Empire.

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But what about Clive's wife, Billy? And is there anything special about Lord Clive that might be of particular interest - real news - to Americans? Will you tell us about that, Mr. Lipscomb?

Young Robert Clive may have lived one hundred and fifty years ago, but his romance is pure Hollywood. He was a poor clerk in India and his salary was twenty-five dollars a year. But he saw a locket on a friend's neck, a picture of a young woman, and with one of those flashes of vision he said:- "That's the woman I'm going to marry." He wrote her one letter -- a stark, human document. It took a year to reach England. Something ~~thing~~ in it drew her. She came out -- a year's awful journey in a sailing vessel -- to meet a complete stranger in a foreign country. She arrived, and to her horror found that she had to meet at a governor's reception, not, the poor clerk that she expected, but the young conqueror of southern India, at the age of twenty-seven.

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She refused to go. She was frightened that he would just look her up and down and say, "Oh, that's another story now." Clive arrived late, cut the governor's reception, walked in on her at her brother's rooms, swept her off her feet, carried her to the governor's reception as his guest of honor and his future wife -- not a bad beginning to a life-long romance.

But Clive has a special interest for Americans.

It was at the time of the American War of Independence.

Clive, ill and broken, received a deputation from King George

III. The message ran:- "Will Milord Clive now do for America

what he did for India?" Clive replied in modern language:-

"Nothing doing." But they said:- "If you don't go, your

worst enemy, Burgoyne, will take command." Clive's reply

was:- "I couldn't wish my worst enemy a worse fate." If, for

no other reason, Clive ought to be remembered as the first

great colonizer who said:- "If you go into a country and

conquer it, you have a moral duty to give to that country as

well as to take."

Well, there you are Lowell.

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That item may be 150 yrs. old Billy Lipscomb but

it's news to me. Sensational news too.



GERMANY

It looks as if Hitler were still hammering away in his effort to dominate <sup>the</sup> protestant church in Germany. The Nazi head-bishop who has been meeting so much opposition in church circles, has just declared to the ~~meeting of the~~ German Christian Association that the Nazi control of the protestant <sup>church</sup> organization has only just begun. "The Hitlerites will not stop", the bishop <sup>declares,</sup> "until they have completely re-fashioned not only the organization of the church but its spirit. He concluded with a threatening remark that both ministers and congregation<sup>s</sup> must be re-educated, *Natzified.*

All of which makes us ~~start wondering~~ again about that strange drift of things and thinking in Germany, which is <sup>so</sup> ~~so~~ fantastic in it's connection with religion. The Nazis<sup>s</sup> want to introduce into Christianity the idea of race and racial purity. The idea of race is particularly the property of modern science - - only modern science is beginning to be skeptical about those racial distinctions. Then, the Hitlerites are

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inclined to go back to the old paganism of the primitive Germans, ~~to the great gods~~ to the great forest gods Wotan and Thor. But I wonder how accurately we understand that

old and primitive worship of the German<sup>ic</sup> tribe<sup>s</sup>? I wonder if the Nazi's themselves have any certain idea of how the blonde Barbarians of the northern forests felt, believed and worshipped in their primitive paganism - - so long ago, so many centuries in the dim past?

## GOLD

The annual convention of the American Chemical Society in session at St. Petersburg, Florida, is talking about the gold that's in the sea, not sunken treasure but the gold that is dissolved in the water of the ocean. Leading scientific lights declare that in ten years gold and other precious metals will be extracted from sea water on a profitable basis.

And maybe that will mean a gold rush to the sea. And what a magnificent gold field that will be. The expanses of the ocean and the depths of the briny deep.

## MIAMI BASEBALL

There's on bit of news this evening that must be important. Bill Terry says it's important. The New York Giants are training here at Miami and I went over to the park this morning and looked up Manager Terry for a chat about baseball, something exciting perhaps, or if possible something funny.

"I've just come from the doctor," exclaimed Bill, "and the doctor said Mancuso is okay."

"Hasn't he always been okay?" I asked, remembering that peppery Gus Mancuso is one of the best catchers in the League.

"He's had typhoid," Terry explained. "It looked bad for a while, but Gus is a scrapper. He could lick his weight in typhoid germs. And the "doc" says he's ready right now to climb into his mask and start catching fast ones behind the bat. And that gets us Giants all set to battle through for another pennant."

So that's the important news from the Giants Miami training camp. Gus Mancuso is okay, which may not seem important to the President of Guatemala or the King of Siam --