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Good Evening, Everybody:

It almost becomes news to announce that, in the last twelve hours at least, there has been no lynching in the country. The latest bit of mob violence ^{was that} ~~is the~~ affair at St. Jo. , Missouri. It was the second lynching within three days, but it was more than that.

For, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a telegram just sent to President Roosevelt, ^{bring to light} ~~shows~~ an amazing sequence of events. It advises the President that last night's outrage in Missouri was the twenty-sixth authentic lynching of the year in America. And the Association appeals to the President, saying: "Only a pronouncement from you, the President, can stop this wave of lynching and mob violence that is sweeping across the nation." Then it continues: "Your voice is the only one which can restore sanity to a country flouting the law and in open contempt of authority. Unless you speak up, other lives and more property will surely be sacrificed."

This telegram was sent to the President only late this afternoon, so it is not yet known what his reply will be. But

it is known that the Governor of Missouri is horrier^{ried} by the lynching at St. Jo. Governor Park and Attorney-General McKittrick both declare that mob violence has no place in that state, no matter how great the incentive. The Governor said over the telephone: ~~that~~, "in spite of the fact that the man who was killed had confessed to a heinous crime, a crime punishable by death under the Missouri law, that is no justification for what the mob did." "Mob violence", says Governor Park, "is destructive of government."

The amazing and horrifying thing in last night's lynching was the ferocity of the mob. The authorities certainly put up no weak defense. A force of national guard tanks, fifteen deputy sheriffs and fifty state police withstood the mob, using tear gas, clubs and ~~the utmost resistance~~ everything but gunfire.

But the mob of ten thousand strong were determined to get that negro at all costs. It was only yesterday afternoon that he had confessed in court to having attacked a twenty-one year old white girl.

The mob gathered at eight o'clock, and the battle lasted four hours. The deputies and State Police didn't use their guns on the lynchers, but they made plenty use of tear gas bombs. It was not until the jail and the sheriff's quarters were in danger of being entirely demolished that the Sheriff surrendered his prisoner.

The authorities of St. Joe will take no action against the lynchers, but the Governor and the Attorney General are going to make a thorough investigation.

Meanwhile, in Maryland those four prisoners who were arrested by a force of three hundred national guardsmen yesterday, the four who were accused of having been ~~the~~ leaders of the lynching mob in Princess Anne last month, were removed from Baltimore and taken back to their home town, Princess Anne. They were taken out of the Baltimore City jail on Habeas Corpus proceedings, their attorneys claiming that their arrest was illegal. No formidable force escorted them this time. They were in the custody of the warden of the Baltimore jail and a handful of state troopers. Governor Ritchie sent a telegram to the judge at Princess Anne before whom these Habeas Corpus proceedings are to be heard. Mr. Ritchie, who is still an invalid, informed me that he told the judge that of course the decision rests with him, ~~heyxhe~~ but, he added, he as governor had ordered the arrest of those men because the local officers of the law had refused to perform their duties under the constitution.

KING

All England is gasping in amazement today at a story that came out in one of the London police courts. It was for John Bull's realm a sensational tale, for it brought to light a plot to blackmail the King. A young man appeared before the police magistrate, charged with having demanded money from his Britannic Majesty and threatened him with dire consequences if he refused. The wireless from ~~London~~ London reports that this brash fellow admitted having written a couple of letters to Buckingham Palace, asking for a piece of change. But he justified his action by claiming to be a son of the Duke of Clarence, King George's elder brother, who died more than forty years ago. In fact, if the Duke of Clarence had not died, King George would not today be King George, and, by the way, the Duke of Clarence died unmarried. The lady who is now queen ~~was~~ Mary was at one time the Duke of Clarence's fiancée.

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GHANDI DEVOTEE

A bit of foreign news that will be particularly interesting in America concerns our old Hindu friend, the little brown man in the big white loin cloth, Mahatma Gandhi. You may recall that the country was considerably astonished to learn some time ago that a young American girl had shaken the dust of her native land from off her feet and gone to India to become a disciple of the Mahatma's. This young American girl was the daughter of the late George Graham Cook, once a professor of Greek in the University of Iowa, later an inhabitant of Greenwich Village and one of the founders of the Provincetown Players.

Today Miss Cook declares that she is fed up with being a disciple of Mr. Gandhi's. She is not only going to quit the life of a devotee, she's going to Hollywood. She took life too seriously when she made the vow of fidelity to the Gandhi cause. ~~xx~~ She wants dances; she wants thrills! ~~Although she wants~~ Also, she wants to sign a movie contract which they say was offered her.

The money, she ^{declares} ~~says~~, has no part in her decision. *It's thrills the beautiful young woman wants. And, apparently she thinks she'll get them -- in Hollywood.*

BULLITT

Young Mr. William C. Bullitt of Philadelphia, who is to be Uncle Sam's first Ambassador to Soviet Russia, left for Moscow today. He is not to take up his job yet, as his appointment has to be confirmed by the Senate. But he is to look the ground over, especially to make a survey of the housing situation in Moscow and to report to the President on the establishment of an embassy and a consulate ^{for Uncle Sam} in the Soviet realm.

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GOLD

Uncle Sam again has put up the price of gold, raising it 8¢ over yesterday's quotation. That makes it \$33.93 an ounce.

On top of that comes an announcement from the Little White House in Warm Springs that the President is still sticking by his guns. In fact, he's not even considering any alteration in his money plans.

The announcement from Warm Springs adds that the changes in the price of gold should not be interpreted as overshadowing any change in the President's intentions. Mr. Roosevelt has just one goal, and that is to keep on buying gold until he succeeds in raising the prices of commodities.

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FUNDS

The Administration ★ has made quick work of the \$3,300,000,000 appropriated by the last Congress for public works. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, has reported to the President that only \$150,000,000 remains to be allotted and that's sure to be cleaned by by Christmas.

However, this tidy sum of ~~\$500~~ \$3,300,000,000 will not be enough to complete all the public projects which have been set on foot. The figure sharks in Washington are now busy with their pencils, calculating how much more will be needed. Some of these projects will take two or three years to complete.

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STRIKES

One thing ~~a great~~ many people have to be thankful for is, that the strike in the Chicago stockyards is over, and comparatively little harm has been done. For a while it looked serious. It threatened to paralyze the shipping of live stock. *In fact,* ~~and might~~, if prolonged, ^{it might} have involved ~~and affected many and affected~~ and affected many more than the eight thousand strikers who were mixed up in it.

The trouble was settled by the mediation of the Chicago Labor Board of the N.R.A. Both the employers and the men have agreed that their differences ^{shall} be arbitrated by President Hutchins of the University of Chicago, Chairman of the N.R.A. in that section of the country. Pending arbitration, the men are getting a raise of ten percent in wages.

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Senator Wagner of New York, Chairman of the National Labor Board, came out with some interesting information today. He tells us that although there is no let-up in the number of strikes that are constantly threatening, the number actually accomplished is growing considerably less. Labor Boards the country over have settled arguments involving as many as a half a million workers.

WRECK

A railroad wreck in Massachusetts! A train going from Braintree to Boston on the New Haven Road this morning ran slap into the rear end of another train which was standing still on an open draw-bridge near Quincy. Some twelve people were injured and ~~xx~~ still more sustained quite a shaking up. Among the injured was the engineer of the train, whose leg was ^{cut} ~~caught~~ off, while the fireman was gravely wounded. Both the police and the fire departments in Quincy were summoned to the spot and ran the ~~xx~~ patients to the hospital.

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WYNEKOOP

As for that baffling Wynekoop case out in Chicago, something new today is that Dr. Alice Wynekoop has been indicted. The grand jury handed down a true bill charging her with having murdered her daughter-in-law.

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CHICKEN

Do you remember that last night I mentioned a girl on New York's East Side whose principal ~~EEK~~ Christmas wish was for a chicken - because she would like to know what chicken taste like? Well, you may be glad to learn that she is going to have her wish. One gentleman, Mr. Harry Thompson, of New York, asked me to find out the girl's address because he would like to send the girl a chicken. Five or six other people have communicated with Miss Dixie Wilson, the author of the article that related this girl's plight, and they are also sending her chicken. So apparently the outcome will be that that girl on New York's East Side will sure know what chicken tastes like when she gets through.

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BROTHERS-IN-LAW

Here's a true tale from Los Angeles which sounds as though it may have come out of the pages of Boccaccio.

A gentleman was driving a friend in his car. As they passed another car containing a woman, his friend, the passenger, waved to the woman. Said the man driving the car: "Who do you think your waving at? That woman is my wife."

To which the friend replied: "The deuce she is, she's my wife too."

Then they compared notes, and discovered that the lady had been functioning as a faithful spouse to both of them for quite a while. ^e₁ Clever gals, these Californians.

CHASE

The Drys are making a desperate last minute attempt to prevent the death of Prohibition. Headed by Cannon Chase of Brooklyn, they have asked the Courts to restrain the acting Secretary of State from proclaiming the passing of the Repeal Amendment as soon as the thirty-sixth state has ratified this amendment.

The Government has made preparation for this fight in the courts. ^{in fact} The State Department ^{in Washington has} asked the Attorney-~~General~~ General to defend the action.

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CHOATE

The President announced one exceedingly important and timely appointment today. The Director and Chairman of the Federal Administration in Control of Alcohol will be Joseph H. Choate, a well known member of the New York Bar, a descendant of a family famous in the annals of the American law.

After this news was made public at the Little White House in Warm Springs, it was announced in Washington that ^{this} ~~the~~ New Deal means that the liquor industry is to be under the complete control of this Federal Alcohol Administration. A code similar to the N.R.A. Codes, will be drawn up and the industry itself will be called upon to select a committee to administer that code. But the membership in that committee will have to be approved by the administration.

The scheme will be to license distillers, to prohibit unfair trade practices and to ^{publish} ~~publish~~ price schedules. It will also stipulate prices must not be so low as to cause price cutting nor so high as to encourage bootlegging or to be unfair to the consumer.

STONE

A curious thing has come to light in the American Museum of Natural History. Can you imagine an object in that famous scientific establishment which recalls one of the most famous crimes ever committed in America?

For ~~fix~~ fifteen years a chunk of rock, known as the Vesuvianite, has served as a paper-weight on the desk of Dr. Herbert Whitlock, Curator of Gems and Minerals. This was sent to Mr. Whitlock anonymously in 1918 and he used it as a paper-weight because a piece of ^{baize} ~~green flannel~~ was pasted over its smooth ~~base xxx The xxx other xxx day xxx that~~ surface. The other day that baize covering fell off and revealed the presence of a piece of yellow paper which had been concealed by the baize. On this yellow paper was written the following legend:

"This piece of Vesuvianite comes from the cabinet of Professor John W. Webster of Harvard College. It was a contention over this cabinet of minerals that led to the murder of Dr. Joseph Parkman by Professor Webster."

The Webster-Parkman case still remains one of the

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most sensational ~~gruesome murder~~ in America's annals of crime.
For one thing, it was the first case in this country in which a
murderer was convicted and executed on purely circumstantial
evidence.

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DRUNKEN ENDING

Right now with repeal in the offing the old question has come up: What is intoxication? In Dearborn, Michigan, lives a gentleman who long ago lost the power of locomotion, but not as the result of intoxication. However, he is a shut-in and he makes his living by handling magazine subscriptions for people far and wide. His name is Wilfred M. Pew of Dearborn, Michigan. And Mr. Pew sends me a definition of intoxication, handed down by some judge. Here it is:-

"A man is intoxicated when he lays flat on the ~~fx~~ ground with both hands grasping the grass to keep from rolling off."

And after that one I guess I'd better not only toll off but sign off, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.