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IRELAND

According to the news from Ireland it ~~xxxx~~ looks as though President de Valera had swept the country. In fact, the correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that he is at least sure of retaining the reins of government, and it may be possible that he will have a majority in the Dublin parliament, ^{even} without the help of the Independent Labor Party.

Returns from Tuesday's election are still trickling in slowly. But all the figures that are available indicate the Republicans have made considerable gains over the Free State Party of former President Cosgrave. *So it didn't turn out to be as close a race as first reports had led us to believe.*

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BERLIN

And news of a sensational sort came from Berlin today. Adolf Hitler has had a change of heart. He abandons his demand for the Chancellorship of the German Republic. Indeed, he so informed President von Hindenburg late this afternoon.

A cable to the Baltimore Sun points out that this ~~indicates that~~ ^{means} the German Fascists have dropped their "all or nothing policy." So doing, they've paved the way for a more stable regime and evidently are preparing to support the present Cabinet of General von Schleicher ^{— and support it} unconditionally.

KAISER

Another cable from Berlin gives voice to the rumor that the former Kaiser William the Second is failing in health. A royalist paper is publishing the ~~report~~^{word} that the rigors of the climate of Holland and extreme worry over the fate of the Fatherland have affected him so much that his condition ~~was~~^{is} considered quite serious.

PERU

The League of Nations shook its finger at the Government of Peru today. The council of the League sent a telegram to Lima reminding ~~the~~ Peru that it ^{is} her duty not to interfere with the rights of Colombia in territory which has been recognized by treaty as belonging to Colombia.

At the same time Uncle Sam sent a note to Peru asking that Republic to settle ^{by peaceful means the} ~~the~~ controversy with Colombia over the town of Leticia on the ^{upper} Amazon River. ~~by peaceful means.~~

HALE

Senator Hale, Republican Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, made an earnest appeal to his own party today. He pleaded with his fellow Republicans to put politics aside and fight shoulder to shoulder with the Democrats so as to help them carry out their program and bring the country through its crisis. He begged his colleagues not to try to put the Democrats "in a hole". He ^{declared} ~~described~~ the present ~~situation~~ crisis to be just as serious as a wartime emergency, and reminded the Republicans that in 1917 Democrats and ^{the G.O.P.} ~~Republicans~~ worked shoulder to shoulder.

FARM RELIEF

Still another proposal to help the farmers has made its appearance in Washington. It comes from Mr. Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the Senate. He introduced a bill calling for upwards of one billion dollars of Uncle Sam's credit to be used to help the farmer meet his financial needs.

Representatives of the various branches of the farmers are appearing before Congress now. Today the spokesmen of the Milk Producers and Creameries told the Senators of their needs and tribulations.

~~Good Evening, Everybody~~

STORM

Last night's storm sure was a hummer, ~~or~~ rather, ~~you might call it~~ a howler. It played plenty of pranks, though apparently so far as one can learn ^{there were only three} ~~it caused no serious~~ casualties.

Ocean liners were delayed and the Navy dirigible Akron had to spend all of last night and today cruising about over Lake Erie

because the wind was too high for it to ~~return land at~~ ^{be able to land at} Lakehurst, New Jersey. ^{It was blown all the way to Lake Erie.} There were tremendous tides along the

New Jersey coast, and also on the shore of Long Island. At Beachhaven, New Jersey, a man and his wife and their three year old son were on the verge of being washed out to sea in a houseboat. It was torn loose from its moorings by the high tide and wind, but the three people were saved just as the houseboat was about to sink. In Philadelphia a three story house was blown down. A call for help was sent out from the CoastGuard Station at Little Egg Island off the Jersey coast, when the high seas threatened to sweep the entire station and its crew of seventeen.

Some twenty-five blocks of ^{New Jersey,} Ocean City, were under water this afternoon. One restaurant on the boardwalk was turned

completely round.

And at Lewes, Delaware, the Captain and four men of a fishing sloop were rescued just as the gale wrecked their craft. The storm there is reported as one of the worst that has lashed over Delaware in many years.

9 ~~I said that apparently there were no serious casualties, but ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ later ^{today} ~~on~~ it became known that a pilot and two apprentices perished in the surf south of Sandy Hook. For seven hours they had struggled x desperately, rowing their small yawl in ~~XXXXX~~ that raging sea. They were trying to reach their mother ship which was stationed off Ambrose Light. Eventually they gave up that attempt and were trying to row ashore when their yawl capsized in the surf, drowning all three of them, a veteran pilot and two young men who were learning the trade.~~

~~And~~ Accounts of unusually cold weather come from England. In fact, the dispatches indicate that the cold there was not unwelcome, because it put an end to an epidemic of Influenza which was spreading all over the British Isles.

RESCUE

There was quite a celebration in New York Harbor today. The occasion was the arrival in port of Captain Giles Stedman, Commander of the good ship American Merchant, with the twenty-two shipwrecked ~~mariners~~ mariners he had rescued from the foundering ^{ed} British freighter Exeter City. This, as you may recall, was the second spectacular bit of life saving Captain Stedman has done on the high seas. The first occasion was in 1925, when he was first officer of the United States liner President Harding. On that occasion Stedman saved twenty-six from a disabled Italian freighter.

Captain Stedman will have a formal reception tomorrow at City Hall when the Mayor of New York will present him with a medal for valor. After that the gallant captain will be the guest of the Advertising Club at lunch.

SUNOCO TALL

Here's a contribution to the Sunoco Tall Story contest that wins this week's autographed copy of the Tall Story book. It reads:-

"Dear Sir:-

The other night I was driving home when I saw a pedestrian struck by a passing car. The victim lay unconscious, while an ambulance was called. As I drove up, the unfortunate man - or perhaps, I should say the fortunate man - got a whiff of the Blue Sunoco I had in my gas tank. He instantly revived, jumped up, and started to run. Just then the ambulance came up and started to chase him. He was going so fast that the ambulance had to gas up with Blue Sunoco before it could catch him."

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PROGRAM

One question that has been puzzling the whole country is: just what are the Democrats proposing to do to us? Has the President-elect a plan and if so what is it?

Well, the "New York World Telegram today has an interview with Professor Rexford Tugwell, an economist of Columbia University. Dr. Tugwell is ^{said to be} the principal expert adviser to Mr. Roosevelt, and he outlined for the World Telegram the main points of a definite program to help pull the nation's business off ~~the~~ dead center, ~~on which it has been stagnant~~. Of course, this program ~~is~~ ^{yet} is not official. It does not come from President-elect Roosevelt himself, and as the World Telegram points out, it must not be construed as being a literal outline of the Roosevelt policies. Nevertheless, throughout the interview Professor Tugwell used the ~~pronunciation~~ ^{pronunciation} "we".

Well, here are the ^{main} seven ^{main} points. First of all a rigorous increase in income and inheritance taxes, especially in the larger figures, and no sales tax.

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Second: A gigantic public works program starting with an expenditure of five billion dollars. Also, help in the shape of loans or subsidies for semi-public works, such as clearing away the slums in the big cities.

Third: A reduction in interest, and the rate^s for public utility^{ies} service.

Fourth: Sound currency without inflation.

Fifth: A balanced budget. Mr. Roosevelt counts on the repeal of the 18th amendment as an important factor in ~~xxx~~ raising revenues.

Sixth: To ~~x~~ restore balance between wholesale prices and retail prices to consumers. It is expected that the farm allotment ~~appeal~~^{bill} will achieve this, so far as farm products are concerned.

Seventh: To rationalize the foreign debt settlements. This may be done by remitting the interest items and by ~~x~~ basing the capacity of foreign nations to pay, upon their ability

to sell goods. Also the rationalizing of foreign trade arrangements such as tariffs.

And that
~~Such~~ is a skeleton outline of the program upon which, apparently, Mr. Roosevelt and his advisers have agreed. I am *reminded* ~~advised~~ that it may be possible ~~that~~ Professor Tugwell gave out this interview as a sort of trial balloon to see how these proposals will be received by the public. Obviously the plan for a drastic increase of income taxes is going to call forth a howl from all over the country.

Dr. Tugwell left New York today for a week ~~of~~ conferences in Washington.

TAXES

Incidentally a story in the Jersey Journal shows how the taxes are already pressing on people. In New York, for instance, one of the most common questions you will hear is -- How many times do I have to pay this tax? New Yorkers are among those dwellers in the U. S. A. who have to pay a double impost on many things [^]including their income.

For instance, a New York ^{er} pays twice on his own income and on the income of any company in which he holds stock. He pays a double tax on the gasoline for his car. He contributes to both the State and Federal governments every time he sells or buys a share of stock. He coughs up ^{twice} ~~two tickets~~ every time he goes to a prizefight and every time he takes out a ~~foreign~~ foreign insurance ⁱ policy. If he's fortunate ^{enough} [^] to inherit anything he is unfortunate enough to have to pay twice on that too.

(4) The principal items on which he gets socked going and coming are income, inheritance and gasoline.

R.F.C.

~~Another~~ In the face of strenuous objections the Clerk of the House of Representatives today made public another list of the loans granted by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The total sum is one billion one hundred and ninety-five million dollars. Of ~~xx~~ this the lion's share went to banks, trust companies and other financial institutions. The money lent by the R.F.C. to General Dawes' bank in Chicago (about which there was so much discussion because General Dawes was a former head of the R.F.C.), that loan was ninety million dollars. A couple of banks in ^{San Francisco}~~Chicago~~ got ninety-four millions between them. Almost two hundred and twenty-five millions went to the railroads. Insurance companies, mortgage loan concerns, building and loan associations, got a fair slice. No manufacturers or other industries seem to have received any help from this relief agency.

NEW YEAR

(3) If ~~have~~/you heard the beating of gongs and the sound of fire crackers ~~tonight~~ don't be ~~alarmed~~ alarmed. It means a New Year celebration. In every large city on the North American continent where there's a Chinese quarter, John Chinaman is ushering in a new twelve month. *The show began last night.*

As a writer on the New York Sun points out, they don't quite know what year it is they are celebrating. According to some reckonings it's the year ~~4~~ four thousand eight hundred and eighty-six. Others say it is only four thousand six hundred and thirty-one. Then there are some who say the world isn't as old as that and it is only four thousand and ten. While an extreme group of radicals maintain it is the year two thousand seven hundred ^{and} forty-two.

At any rate, the dragons paraded, the dancers danced ~~last night~~ and apparently a pleasant time is being had by all.

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The newspaper folks in Toledo are doing something unusual this week. They are turning actor, and at the same time trying to act natural. Thirty members of the staffs of the Toledo Blade, News Bee, and Times are putting on that hair raising thriller "The Front Page." The receipts will go to a fund for hungry and cold youngsters of Toledo. The RKO people have donated the theatre. The Typographical Union, the tickets. The Musicians Union, the orchestra. Society leaders are acting as ushers. And the authors of the show, Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, are waiving their royalties.

The first night, tonight, is to be like a first night in Hollywood:- movie stars, flood lights, sirens, and four radio stations broadcasting a description from the lobby, when the Tycoons, Big Wigs, Rajahs and Maharajahs of Toledo roll up in the family cars.

Ralph Phelps, a Toledo newspaper man known as the Eavesdropper, tells me that it will be a case of real newspaper

folks giving a newspaper man's imitation of an actor's
imitation of a newspaperman. And that ought to be
worth going miles to see.

① Here's a story that has undoubtedly been published far and wide. It concerns New York. But I first ran across it in a Canadian newspaper, The Times Journal of St. Thomas, Ontario. New York City has a new directory for the first time since 1925. Eight hundred unemployed were given jobs assembling the information. The Book weighs nineteen pounds and contains three-thousand three-hundred names of citizens. Among the folks now living in New York are John Bull, Christopher Columbus, John Baptist, Robin Hood, Oliver Cromwell and Jesse James. Some folks from other parts of the country who visit New York say they frequently meet Jesse James when they come to the big city, or some of his relatives.

Smith is the commonest name. Then come the Cohans, The Browns, the Millers, the Johnsons, the Williamses, and then seventh on the list come the Joneses.

At each house the compilers of the Directory

would ask certain questions. One question was: "Who is the head of the house?"

"We have tried to settle that for years," one feminine battle axe replied, "so far, it ^s is me."

Have you ever tried to settle that question in your house? Maybe I have started something. At any rate before I get any deeper into hot water I'm going to say, ^oslong until tomorrow.