

L.T. - SUNOCO. Friday, November 10, 1933.

Good Evening, Everybody:

One of the high lights of today's news is another kidnapping, this time out on the Pacific Coast. It occurred at San Jose, and the victim is a young man named Brooke Hart, twenty-two year old son of a rich department store owner in San Jose.

Young Mr. Hart graduated from Santa Clara College not so long ago and more recently became a member of his father's firm. At half past five yesterday afternoon he knocked off work and left the store to meet his father on the golf links. He didn't show up at the club and he didn't come home for dinner. By that time the family became alarmed and called up the police. The police promptly notified Uncle Sam's Department of Justice, ~~which also~~ <sup>and they</sup> got busy on the case. ~~right away.~~

About ten o'clock last night the telephone rang at the house of the Harts and a mysterious voice spoke over the phone, demanding \$40,000 for the safe return of the young man. Again the police were notified; they traced the call and found that it had come from a pay-station.

KIDNAPPING

Early this morning they found young Hart's car, which is described as ~~in~~ an expensive roadster, abandoned on a side road. ~~At the time,~~ However, there ~~was~~ is no trace of the young man except that phone call. The police of all California, including the state constabulary, are on the job as well as agents of the Department of Justice.

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ROOSEVELT

Here's one to startle many people: President Roosevelt this afternoon declared that he was in favor of the abolition of capital punishment.

He admitted that the majority of law enforcement officers are convinced that capital punishment does deter many people from committing murder. However, the President said he personally would like to see it abolished in the United States. Then he added that the power to deal with the question rests with the State Legislatures.

## GOLD

The news about gold today is quite stimulating. Although the R.F.C. raised its price for newly mined American metal only five cents, up to Thirty-three-dollars-and-twenty-cents an ounce, the price in London today is twenty-seven cents an ounce higher. In other words, for the first time since President Roosevelt started his new gold policy, Europe is paying more for it than we are.

And on top of that comes the information from Paris that the dollar has sunk to ~~the level of~~ <sup>the level of</sup> the price of gold in Washington. It seems that Washington is quite excited by this news. The big whigs of the Administration declare ~~that~~ it means that the President's gold policy is working out exactly as his advisors had hoped. What is more, the price of commodities have gone up as the dollar has gone down.

Washington believes this ~~means~~ <sup>indicates</sup> that ~~the~~ financial circles in Europe have come to realize that the President means business with his gold policy and is not bluffing. A favorable reaction to this is expected in all lines of business.

RUSSIA

The eyes of every foreign office in the world are today focused on Washington. Everybody wants to know: "Is Uncle Sam going to recognize the Soviet and, if so, on what terms?"

( Maxim Litvinov, the Soviet Commisar of Foreign Affairs had a long conversation with President Roosevelt today. ) At the end of this ~~EMM~~ conference, a statement was issued saying: "The President and Mr. Litvinov reviewed the questions at issue between the two countries which had previously been discussed by the Secretary of State and Mr. Litvinov. This conversation will be continued."

In other words, they are still <sup>palavaring,</sup> ~~arguing~~

CUBA

Cuba is quiet -- outwardly, but the peace is one imposed only by force of arms. (President San Martin has declared not only Havana but the entire island in a state of siege.) He ordered all inhabitants to stay off the streets. So today only police and soldiers are abroad.

And a correspondent informs me that Ex-President Machado and his family are now incognito in a town in Vermont. They were on their way from Montreal to New York when Senora Machado the ex-President's wife was seized with a critical attack of pneumonia and had to be taken to a hospital. The hospital is heavily guarded.

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AFGHANISTAN

And there's an aftermath to the assassination of Amir Nadir Khan of Afghanistan. The government of India has sent troops to close the Khyber Pass, the mountain gateway between Afghanistan and India.

I mentioned <sup>last evening</sup> ~~yesterday~~ <sup>ex</sup> that Amir Amanullah Khan had graciously offered to resume the throne if his people wished it. However, the dope from London is that the British government is in favor of leaving things as they are and retaining the dead king's son, Mohamed Zahir in his father's place. There's still a great deal of curiosity concerning the ~~origin of the~~ assassination. A wireless from <sup>England</sup> ~~London~~ declares that the Afghan Legation in London announces that the assassin was a low class Afghan tribesman. In Paris it is rumored that the murder was instigated by an organization of students favoring the return of Amanullah. At any rate, there's another historical mystery to be solved.

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PARIS

There was considerable excitement in the French Chamber of Deputies today. One member of the French Parliament, a friend of the late Tiger Clemenceau, made a demand for the enforcement of Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles. This article provides for an investigation of Germany's armament at any time the Powers see fit. This proposal was greeted with cheers by members of every party in the Chamber.

(One French paper declares that the Reichswehr, Germany's only legitimate military force, has been doubled in strength and that there are now 800,000 men under arms. It states further that the Hitler government is manufacturing artillery night and day and will soon have machinery capable of turning out 2,500 fighting planes a month.) The only trouble with this rumor is that after the armistice all of Germany's machinery for the manufacture of heavy artillery was destroyed under the supervision of officers of the Allied Armies.



## CHRYSANTHEMUM

There was a glittering show in Washington today when the Chrysanthemum Society of America held its Thirty-Second Meeting in the grand ballroom of the Willard Hotel. The show was not confined to the chrysanthemums, although they, I am informed, are just about the most gorgeous collection of this family of flowers ever assembled under one roof. An additional spectacle was the presence of diplomats of all foreign countries, government officials, in short, the cream of the Washington nobility.

*And,* Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt flew from Richmond, Virginia, by plane, in order to be present. Incidentally, a marvelous new yellow chrysanthemum was named in her honor, a chrysanthemum grown by a gentleman in Michigan who spent years in bringing it to perfection.

Summerville

NICKEL

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Here's something you<sup>y</sup> better pay attention to whether you live in New York or whether you are only an occasional visitor. It concerns the tax of five cents for each taxicab ride which was levied by Mayor O'Brien in his frantic search for funds to make up the deficit in the City budget. Three taxicab companies brought suit in the Supreme Court and today the Court declared the tax was illegal.

So --- don't pay an extra five cents for your taxicab ride.

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## LIQUOR CONTROL

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The New York State Board for ~~the Control~~ the Control of Alcoholic Beverages made public the code ~~of~~ <sup>regulations</sup> ~~under~~ ~~which~~ the sale and consumption of liquor ~~will be allowed~~ in that state. A good deal of the rest of the country will have its eyes on this code because it's expected that not a few states will follow New York's example. The Chairman of this Board, you will recall, is Mr. Edward P. Mulrooney, former Police Commissioner of New York City. The first public reaction to this code is quite mixed. Some people, especially hotel and restaurant owners, say, "fine". Others, including one or two judges and Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, head of the Women's Organization of Prohibition Repeal, whose activities ~~were~~ largely responsible for the end of prohibition, say, "terrible".

The principal kick of the objectors is that Chairman Mulrooney <sup>announced:-</sup> ~~says~~ "No drinks standing up". You may drink beer on your hind legs just as you can take a cup of coffee and a sandwich at a drug store. But if you want ~~the~~ spiritous ~~ferment~~, the high ball or a glass of wine, you've got to squat to do it.

Another curious ruling made by the Board is not so

much that you may only purchase your liquor at regularly licensed stores, but that you may only take away three bottles at a time. In order to buy in case lots you' have to get it from the wholesalers and have special permission from the Board. Mrs. Sabin's comment on that is: "What's supposed to happen if you have a wedding party? Have you got to keep rushing backwards and forwards to the liquor store?"

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PEANUT

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An interesting example of a surgeon's skill comes from Chicago. A two year old little girl was dying of lobar pneumonia, which was what most of the physicians said was the matter with her. But one of them, Dr. Sigurd Kraft, didn't agree with the diagnosis. He listened carefully to the child's breathing, then performed a ticklish operation with a bronchoscope, the instrument for looking into the bronchial tubes. Dr. Kraft's skepticism turned out to be well founded, for he removed a small piece of peanut from the little girl's bronchial tubes and today she is recovering.

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ARMSTICE

Tomorrow is another big anniversary. Fifteen years ago the Armstice was signed. There'll be celebrations, military and otherwise, all over the land, celebrations of American veterans and foreign veterans. Especially a big one by the American Legion at the World's Fair in Chicago, and the famous British War Veterans Annual Armstice Ball in the Gold Room at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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FOOTBALL GAMES

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I suppose you are all going to <sup>the</sup> big football game tomorrow, the one in your locality. At any rate, I wish I were about twenty people tomorrow. For instance I would like to see that battle between the Pittsburgh Panthers and those wild men from Duquesne who have been playing such stout football this year. Then there is the one between Georgia and Yale - in which the southerners seem to be the favorites. And the Pennsylvania Railroad is offering such a cheap ~~rate~~ round-trip rate to the <sup>Princeton</sup>~~Pittsburgh~~-Dartmouth game that it would be almost less expensive to go there than ~~to~~ stay at home.

Army seems to be the favorite ~~tomorrow~~ over Harvard. Ohio State and Penn will meet in a major clash; also Navy and Columbia.

Then in the South I <sup>d</sup>~~would~~ like to see Tulane, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Auburn, Duke and well, nearly every team in the South seems to be a powerful one.

The middle west will be regaled with major grid-iron encounters, such as <sup>those</sup>~~the game~~ between Purdue and Notre Dame, Nebraska and Kansas. While on the Pacific Coast, two

of the engagements that will be watched closely will be between Oregon and Oregon State, and Southern California and Stamford. Some of the Dopesters seem to think that Oregon will be champion of the West this year.

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Then I could name a dozen other ~~games~~ I ~~would~~ like to see.

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## ELOPEMENT

An elopement out in the middle west ran into a dramatic climax last night. The heroine was Miss Merry Elizabeth Fehrney Parker-Pickering. Miss Merry Elizabeth Fehrney Parker-Pickering is twenty-three years old and heiress to one of the big proprietary medicine fortunes. Some time ago the young lady was enamored of an Italian Count, and was about to marry him. But those nuptials were stopped by her parents a week ago.

Last night just a week after that romance was nipped Miss Merry Elizabeth Fehrney Parker-Pickering eloped with a young ~~man~~ Illinois man named Frank Eisner of River Forest. The motor car carrying the wedding party met with an accident and overturned near Plainfield, Illinois. The bridegroom's brother Donald Eisner, was killed. The bride was severely cut and bruised, and one other member of the party suffered a fractured skull. The bridegroom apparently was unhurt.

Mr. Schechter

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VIENNA ~~MARSHAL~~ LAW PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT AUSTRIA  
FOLLOWING AUSTRIAN NAZIS DISTURBANCE. *)*

~~Phoned from Traffic Dept.~~

HUNTING

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Today was the opening of the hunting season in New Jersey. Many Jerseyites tell me that for the next few weeks not a pigeon in that state will be safe, that is, not a tame pigeon. As for life and limb, the population has to take its chances. Even round my neck of the woods, where most of the farms are posted against trespassing, we are never much surprised when a bullet comes whizzing round our ears. We're only too delighted when it has missed us as successfully as it has missed the bird or animal it was ~~xxxxx~~ aimed at. Sometimes the zealous huntsmen even shoot across roads, so that ~~the~~ extra zest is lent to motor riding on these brisk autumn days.

The New Jersey ~~official~~<sup>Lialy</sup> game commissioner informs me that several new hunting and fishing grounds have been opened by the state in Sussex ~~County,~~ ~~in~~ Cumberland ~~County~~ and ~~is~~ Ocean County. There's also a cooperative scheme in that state this year between farmers and sportsmen, by which twenty-two thousand acres of land hitherto posted against hunting have been opened for hunting.

~~The Commissioner gives me interesting figures.~~

The hunting season has opened up a new and diverting occupation. The idea is to go to the markets, stock up with plenty of game, pheasants, partridges, hares, and so forth, and then take up a post at the entrance to the Holland Tunnel or any of the big bridges and sell 'em to returning Nimrods, the mighty hunters before the lord, so they don't have to return home amid the Bronx cheers and jeers of family and friends.

L.T. Personal Corres.

WHISTLE

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An episode which took place during a performance in one of the theatres of Paris has been the subject of a hotly contested law suit. A lady spectator, who is a great theatre fan, was in the audience and didn't like the play. So in the middle of the second act she opened her bag, pulled out a large police whistle and blew it for all she was worth. Naturally, it stopped the show and excited the audience tremendously. Many of the spectators sympathized with the lady, others protested that they had paid for their seats and were entitled to see and hear the show. Finally, it took two husky Republican guards <sup>in full panoply</sup> to throw the whistling lady out and ~~get~~ her <sup>to</sup> the ~~police station~~ <sup>black Maria</sup>.

At the police station they took her whistle away from her and ordered her to appear in court the next day. When the case came to trial, the French court decided that anybody who has paid good money for a seat in the theatre and doesn't like the show,

has a perfect right to whistle when, as, and how long he or she wishes.

→ Whistle  
~~is wished~~

And there goes my closing whistle  
for this week -- and s-l-u-t-mo-n-d-a-y.

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moves to  
Rock. Center.  
Nov. 13,  
1933.