

Good Evening, Everybody:

Gratitude, we are told, is unusual. A citizen of Boston is expressing the unusual in a particularly unusual way. Let's go to the beginning of the story.

An article in the New York Evening Post relates that twelve years ago a gentleman of the historic name of Pericles - Pericles ~~Koskoris~~ to give him his full name - landed in New York. He had been an officer in the Greek army, and he was fresh from ^{a campaign in the Balkans.} ~~his military experience~~. He had neither money ~~for~~ nor friends, nor even any knowledge of English.

Well, Mr. Pericles ~~Koskoris~~ ^{in due course of time came to Boston and} prospered. Soon he found himself in possession of a shop for mending shoes, pressing clothes, and other things necessary to men's wardrobes. He became an American citizen and cutting short his historic first name of Pericles, he became Mr. Perry of the U.S.A.

Now At a time when ~~so~~ many other Americans are hard up, Mr. Perry finds himself, not rich to be sure, but at any rate solvent and able to carry on. For this he feels exceedingly grateful to Uncle Sam, and he has hit upon a practical way of expressing his gratitude.

A few days ago there appeared on the windows of his shop a notice to the effect that Mr. Perry invites two hundred unemployed people to a free breakfast on December 1st, and every morning throughout December until the end of the month.

Naturally, there was a long line waiting on ~~the~~ ^{this} morning, ~~of December 1st~~. There were, to be exact, ~~not only~~ two hundred, ^{and} ~~but~~ twenty-five ^{more} ~~extra~~. All the two hundred and twenty-five were welcomed by Mr. Perry, who gave them tickets good for breakfast at a restaurant a few steps away.

It turns out that this is not the first time this former Greek officer has expressed himself in this fashion.

Last Christmas Day two hundred and seventy-five families received a turkey dinner from him, and on other occasions he has equipped hundreds of men with shoes.

~~And as they say on Broadway, you can't hate him~~

~~for that.~~ And that is the story of Mr. Pericles Kacharis from Greece who became Mr. Perry of Boston, friend of those in need.

BERLIN

That new cabinet for Germany seems to be one of those "off again, on again" affairs. First we heard Hitler was to be Chancellor. Then we heard General von Schleicher, the real head of the von Papen cabinet ^{had bagged the job,} ~~was to be chancellor.~~ Then we heard General von Schleicher, the real head of the von Papen cabinet was not to be chancellor.

Well, today it's on again. H. R. Knickerbocker cables the New York Evening Post that ^{the} ~~Lieutenant~~ General ^{definitely} ~~von Schleicher~~ will be ~~the~~ the next chancellor of the German republic. That is, unless some totally unexpected change crops up. The General will be not only Chancellor, but will retain the post of Minister of Defense which he held under the nominal leadership of Colonel von Papen. *And that sounds like a military dictatorship.*

DEBTS

The story about the European debts has become like one of those to-be-continued-in-our-next serials. Today's contribution is that Uncle Sam has received ^{that} ~~a~~ second note from John Bull, a second appeal for delay on that ninety-five million dollar instalment due December 15th. No details about it have been given out except that it is six thousand words long. It has been discussed by President Hoover, Secretary of State Stimson, and Secretary of the Treasury Mills.

The New York Sun says ~~that~~ the State Department has announced ^{that the text} ~~the~~ ~~tax~~ will be made public in tomorrow morning's newspapers. It is believed that the President will communicate its contents to ~~the~~ Congress next week.

^{too} Then ~~a~~ the French cabinet has completed its second note on the same subject. The French communication ~~will~~ was on ^{its way} ~~probably be sent~~ to Washington today. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Premier Herriot has delayed its ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ transmission in order that there should be no appearance of concerted action by France and Great Britain. The Paris correspondents have been

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informed that ~~they~~ if Uncle Sam doesn't grant the appeal of France, Premier Herriot is ready to pay the money in spite of the opposition of the Chamber of Deputies. ~~The~~ The Washington reporters today asked Secretary Mills whether a copy of the British note had been sent to President-elect Roosevelt. The Secretary of the Treasury shook his head with a smile and replied: "Mr. Roosevelt has already said that this is not his baby."

MANCHURIA

Japan is at it again. A new campaign has been started in Northwest Manchuria. The Mikado's army is on the march over frozen snow covered plains. It is moving against the forces of the Chinese rebel General Su Ping-wen.

A story in the ^{Tenney Journal} ~~New York Sun~~ declares that the Mikado's generals are aiming first to wipe out the troops of General Su, second to recapture ~~the~~ territory amounting to almost one quarter of the area of Manchuria.

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Some dope on the cabinet which will help president-elect Roosevelt ~~to~~ govern the United States the next four years. The latest from Washington is that Senator Carter Glass of Virginia will again take up his former important position as Secretary of the Treasury, the job ~~that~~ he filled with ~~so~~ ~~much~~ distinction under President Woodrow Wilson.

As everybody knows, Senator, then Secretary Glass, had a vital share in the drafting of the Federal Reserve Act. And it is generally admitted that the Federal Reserve Act - even though some people claim it is not perfect - has been of incalculable value to the banking and financial system of the U.S.A. In short, many people think Carter Glass was an admirable secretary of the Treasury, and that he will be so again.

At the same time, the ^{*grapevine*} ~~grape-vine~~ reports repeat the rumor that the next postmaster General of the U. S. A. will be James A. Farley, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the man principally responsible for the nomination and election

of Franklin Roosevelt.

Incidentally, the Roosevelt inaugural is going to be made as simple as possible. Our next President is opposed to unnecessary pomp and ceremony, especially at this time.

BASEBALL

Now that football is on its way out, the good old American game of baseball is prominent on the sporting pages of the papers again. The most important news of the day will be of interest to all radio listeners.

The National and American Leagues are about to hold their joint meeting on December 15th. One of the things they are going to take up is the question of barring radio broadcasters from the ~~xxx~~ ball parks. The leaders in this movement, you ~~will~~^{may} be sorry to hear, are Colonel Jake Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, and ~~President~~^{Preston} Stoneham of the New York Giants.

Messrs. Ruppert and Stoneham have already obtained considerable publicity for their views. They have announced that they will not permit games to be broadcast from ~~either~~ their ball parks, either from the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds. They are trying to induce other baseball club owners to join them. Among the clubs now on their side are the Boston Red Sox, the Philadelphia Athletics, the Washington Senators, the Chicago White Sox, and the St. Louis Browns.

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That's serious news, ^{falsh.} ~~stence.~~ People who think it's a pity Messrs. Ruppert and Stoneham take this attitude admit freely that they are quite within their rights. At the same time it is questioned whether such an opinion is either fair or sensible. Nobody in the radio world pretends that listening to an account of a good ballgame ~~xxxxxstsbittatx~~ is a substitute for seeing the game. No amount of hearing that Babe Ruth has slammed a homer is equal to the thrill of seeing the Babe slam that homer out. It is urged on this side that people who listen to a good account of a ~~stary~~ stirring ball game are made all the more anxious to seize the first opportunity to see one for themselves. *At least I'm that way.*

WALNUTS

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Do you like black walnuts, the kind we used to go out in the woods and gather in the autumn, in the Middle West? Well, here's a nutty but sensible campaign that a Tennessee newspaper is putting on. They've had a big crop of black walnuts in Tennessee, far more than they need locally. The Post-Athenian of Athens, Tennessee, declares there's as much wholesome strength in a pound of ~~the~~ black walnuts as there is in three pounds of meat. ^{now} That newspaper is offering to take them in exchange for subscriptions.

The editor sent me some of them along with some grand old southern sorgum. They sure are marvelous, in fact one New Yorker has ordered ten bushels of those Tennessee walnuts from the Post-Athenian of Athens. At that rate the newspaper editor may find a market for a large part of that crop.

AVIATION

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Here's another new idea in aviation. Richard Robbins, president of one of the great trans-continental air lines, has been making daily shipments of California fruit to cities served by his air line, all over the country, getting the fruit to its final destination in twenty-four hours or less. He has been doing this in an effort to show western fruit growers the possibility of shipping their products by plane.

The N.Y. Evening Post in an editorial commented on the success of shipping poultry and other perishable stuff from Texas to Mexico and elsewhere, thru the states.

SHIP

Here's a good joke on a couple of stars in the theatrical ~~heaven~~ *firmament*.

Some weeks ago the trans-atlantic steamship lines declared ~~this~~ themselves weary of visitors who came to see travelers off lingering too long after ~~xxxx~~ the "All Ashore" signal had been given. In many cases people who thus overstayed the farewell ceremonies ~~had~~ ^{used} to be brought back by the pilot's boat. But the Master Pilot's Association put a damper on this. After that many of those farewell whoopie makers were carried all the way to Europe and back free, gratis, and for nothing.

Well, as I ⁺ ~~men~~ _{tioned} before, the steamship lines grew tired of exercising this sort of hospitality. They announced in all the newspapers that in the future visitors who did not go ashore before the boat left, would be carried all the way to Europe and would have to pay their fare both ways. Last night there was a going-away party aboard the Bremen for Mrs. ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xxxxx~~ Alan Dwan, wife of the motion picture director. ~~xxxxx~~ Among the people who went to see her off were the ^{nimble footed} ~~beauteous~~ ~~Miss~~

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~~Marylin~~ Marilyn Miller, and an actor named Don Alvarado.

Evidently Miss Miller and Mr. Alvarado didn't hear the "All

Ashore" signal, or did not take it seriously, for today they are

in mid-Atlantic bound for Europe, without tickets, without

passports, without luggage, without ^{even a tooth brush between them.} ~~traveling clothes.~~ More-

over, according to their friends they are not ~~allowed~~

loaded down with funds. Five other people, less celebrated, are

in the same plight. ^{all cruising the Atlantic in evening clothes.}

So evidently the steamship lines mean business. There

they are, seven ^{unwilling stowaways.} ~~people~~ They are in the very opposite plight

of the man who was all dressed up and no place to go. They're

not dressed up at all, but they're quite emphatically going

some place.

CROSS

Here's an item that will interest Yale men all over the world. Next Saturday, as all the sons of Eli know, is the date of the annual football party at Nicholas Roberts's old Yale Barn in Montclair, New Jersey. It's the most famous of all Yale parties. Part of the ritual is ~~that~~ it is attended by the entire football team, the coaching staff and prominent Yalⁿesians from all over the U.S.A. ~~Part~~ Part of the ceremonies is the bestowing of a trophy, the Montclair Yale Bowl, to some distinguished graduate who has, as the expression goes, "made his 'Y' in life." Previous holders of the Montclair Yale Bowl are such men as ~~General~~ ^{General} Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mayor-General Preston Brown, of the United States Army, Robert Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago, Dr. Harvey Cushing, the famous surgeon, ~~Eugene~~ Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Next Saturday the trophy will be handed over to Wilbur Cross, Governor of the State of Connecticut.

INGE

Here's something that should interest the automobile world. It comes from an unexpected source, no less than the very Reverend Dean Inge, the famous "gloomy dean" of old St. Paul's in London.

The Institute of Automobile Engineers was in session and invited an address from the gloomy dean. They got more than they bargained for, for the dean proceeded to ask them why in the world they make cars so low that bishops and deans can't climb into them without getting their toppers knocked off.

On top of that ~~the~~ the gloomy dean has a suggestion for the automobile ~~world. That is,~~ ^{dom. Namely,} to devise an ^{ejector} ~~injector~~ for ~~the~~ motor cars, a painless ejector. A device, as he puts it, which will gently spill people from ~~these~~ cars like rice when they want to get out, instead of making them ^{climb out like monkeys,} ~~go through contortions.~~
— a painless ejector.

Well, I see announcer Jim Walling ^{ton} ~~is~~ preparing a ^{painful} ~~painless~~ ejector for me, ~~so I'll say~~

so, s-l-u-t.

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HOW TO GET A JOB DURING A DEPRESSION certainly is an unusual title for a book. W. C. Graham, an engineer and director of personnel, is the perpetrator of it, and it seems to be catching on. One thing that worries me in it is the subhead of one of the chapters. It reads: "If you want to get a job, be clean shaved, don't have a mustache." Then he goes on to say that mustaches, like watering troughs for horses, have gone out of style. He thinks it may help a man get a job as a sheik, but there are practically no openings ^{in that line} during ^{the} depression. He says they ^{have} made many experiments, sent out men with mustaches to try and obtain certain jobs. They were turned down. Then they shaved ~~them~~ off and went back again. Low and behold, they got the jobs.

Mr. Graham is full of interesting ideas like that.

Well, after reading that I guess I'll have to tuck my beard into my overcoat so I don't trip over it and go look for a barber -- and so long until tomorrow.