

L. T. SUNOCO - FRIDAY, OCTOBER. 6, 1933

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

While folks in the East were starting to take the winter overcoat out of the mothballs, Californians were indulging in a heat wave. The thermometer went to ninety-two in San Francisco, and over a hundred in Los Angeles. In many of the towns of the torrid Sacramento Valley the mercury went as high as a hundred and five in the shade. Two people died of heart attacks.

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~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

President Roosevelt, it was announced today, is taking a ^{personal hand} ~~hand~~ ^{himself} in this strike mix-up. He has requested Mr. Charles Schwab, Chairman of the Board of Bethlehem Steel, Mr. Myron Taylor, Chairman of the Board of U.S. Steel, and former Governor Nathan Miller of New York, now a high official in the American Iron and Steel Industry, to come to the White House tomorrow. This invitation was made public after the President had held a conference with General Johnson ~~the~~ N.R.A. Administrator, and Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

The object of tomorrow's conference at the White House will be to find a solution to the differences between the mine owners and the miners in those captive mines in Pennsylvania.

And the National Labor Board has been so overworked on account of the epidemic of strikes that its membership has been increased. Senator Wagner made it known today that instead of

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seven members it now consists of eleven.

A tremendous section of the country is now actually affected by labor troubles. In New York carpenters, painters, and window washers were out ^{today,} This comes at a particularly awkward time for ~~the~~ Gotham, because the first week in October is moving day for hundreds of thousands New Yorkers. Consequently the strike of the painters is holding up the leasing of buildings and moving operations.

Then in Detroit the situation in the Tool and Die factories is no better. Four thousand of the strikers who have been informed that if they did not come back to work they could consider themselves permanently discharged, paid no attention to this ultimatum, and defied their employers. The Mechanics Educational Society which brought this strike about now claims a membership of seventeen thousand. In some quarters it is feared that the strike may affect the annual automobile show which is held in New York the second week in January. The National

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Automobile Chamber of Commerce will ~~hold~~^{have} a meeting next week and discuss the effects of this strike and the possible means of settling it.

In Washington considerable anxiety is felt among high government officials. They ^{now} have not only the coal strike of Pennsylvania to worry about, but trouble in the silk industry, a controversy between railroad employees and their companies and the Detroit situation as well.

Senator Wagner, Chairman of the National Labor Board, announced that a meeting of all people concerned in the silk strike will ^{take place} ~~meet~~ in New York Tuesday ^{in an attempt} ~~and try~~ to settle the ^{silk} troubles in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and a part of New England.

So far as the railroad companies were concerned, co-ordinator Eastman settled one point with a flat peremptory decision. The men have been objecting because they said the railway executives were trying to force them to join company unions. So Mr. Eastman ruled that all transportation employes are

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to be allowed absolute freedom of choice in joining labor organizations without any attempt ^{at} coercion, or even influence on the part of the management.

As for the mines in Western Pennsylvania, two thousand men returned to work, but five times that number are still ~~on~~ out, ~~strike~~. In Ambridge, Pennsylvania, two hundred ^{went back to their jobs} ~~returned to work~~ under the guard of deputy sheriffs. The leader^s of the united mine workers believe that particular trouble will be over by Monday. However, the steel mill in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and in the Shenango Valley, have announced that if the coal strike is not settled quickly, those plants will be obliged to close. As for the fracas in Saline County, ^{Southern} Illinois, there is peace on the surface today, but it is a peace enforced by the Illinois National Guard. The strength of the troops in that area was increased today to six companies. The crux of the trouble there lies in a fight between rival unions. The National Guardsmen are keeping a sharp eye on both factions, as the atmosphere is exceedingly tense.

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RELIEF

Papers were filed today in the State of Delaware for the incorporation of the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation. This is the body that has been erected to carry out the Administration's plan for relief. It will function by buying surplus agricultural produce as well as manufactured goods. The food, fuel and clothing will then be distributed to those who are in need.

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ROCKEFELLER

A statement on the question of liquor control was issued today from the office of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in the seventy story skyscraper in Rockefeller Center. Mr. John D. Jr. disclosed the fact that an investigation has been conducted at his expense, into the way liquor control has been handled in Canada and in several European countries. The conclusions from this investigation will be made public shortly. Mr. Rockefeller said today that the first objective of any such plan must be the abolition of lawlessness. Any program offered in place of the Eighteenth Amendment must aim principally at abolishing such lawlessness as has prevailed these last fourteen years. The second objective, he adds, must be the focusing of all the forces of society on building up temperance and self control.

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BEER

And this brings us to a kindred item in a different vein. A couple of men were wrangling about their favorite

beverage. The argument lasted a long while without getting anywhere, so they suggested sending samples to a third friend, an analytical chemist, to get his report.

Unfortunately, neither of them knew that the analytical chemist was a teetotaler. He sent back the following report:

"In my opinion neither of these inks is fit for writing purposes."

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Sporting & Dramatic News.

LAWRENCE

Frank Schoonmaker, who has been over in Europe, sends me an interesting story concerning Colonel Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia. As I suppose the whole world knows by now, Lawrence for the last few years has been an enlisted man in the British Royal Air Force under the name and title of Aircraftsman T. E. Shaw. And now the latest is that he is fed up with this and is leaving the Royal Air Force to return to civilian life.

His chief occupation at present, when not busy with his duties as an aircraftsman, is helping with the compiling of a final documentary history of his campaigns in the Near East. They say the first part of it is turning out to be another biography of Lawrence, the third that will have been written, including my own which was the first.

Colonel Lawrence has confided to his friends that he is "normal once more", that he is no longer a genius. The genius has gone out of him. The latest symptom of that genius was his extraordinary translation of Homer.

At any rate, the biography is going to be published

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in the spring, and it probably will ^{definitely} reveal the reason for his
astonishing act in resigning his rank and enlisting in such a
humble capacity in the **Air Force**.

Schoonmaker.

BYRD

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Admiral Dick Byrd seems to be getting his expedition under way, the second one that he is taking to the Antarctic. One of his ships is already at sea, another is about ready to leave, and this morning I had a look at his giant new plane out at Curtiss Airport, Long Island. In it Byrd intends to fly over the South Pole for a second time, just to make sure *it's there,* I guess. This time he is going to do it with one of the largest airplanes available, a Curtiss Wright Condor, *Instead of wheels it has* ~~with~~ [^] [^] pontoons each thirty-four feet long, ~~instead of wheels. It is~~ the largest seaplane in the world.

And here's an interesting item in connection with this expedition; - Dick Byrd, himself, intends to do a great deal of the flying. With him will be Naval Pilot Harold June who was with him on the last flight over the South Pole. Byrd and June will have forty instruments to watch on their instrument board. If they get in a polar snow storm, I'll bet they ~~will~~ ^{ll} keep their eyes on the Sperry Artificial Horizon which shows you whether you are flying up, down, or upside down.

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They are going to make a test with one instrument. It is the Sperry Directional Gyro. Bob Lee of the Sperry

Company tells me that the Directional Gyro will take him straight to the Pole. And it is believed that when he reaches the Pole the compass will do a funny stunt, it will turn over and point straight down. That remains to be seen.

And here's another interesting item about the expedition which I do not believe is generally known:- Although it will cost, including food supplies that have been presented to them, about a million dollars, Admiral Byrd has already raised the money. The whole thing is practically paid for. His supply ship has been re-named the "Jacob Ruppert", as you have heard. And the Airplane in which he is going to fly over the Pole has been named the "William Horlick". Eighty-eight year old Mr. Horlick has been on the scene in person, watching the preparations for the expedition, and wishing that he too could go along.

Some of Byrd's plans are a mystery. But here's a bit of information that will surprise even his friends. The Admiral is going to make a preliminary, hazardous flight before he starts for the Pole. He is going to take that huge Condor

across an unknown part of the Antarctic continent, to a place where it may be almost impossible to land. At that point, Byrd, himself, ^{will} ~~intends to~~ jump out of the plane, in a parachute. He will then look over the polar snow capped land and try and pick out a safe place for ^{his} ~~the~~ plane to get down.

RECORD

Another World's record was established this afternoon.

A record for looping in the air. The champion of the occasion was James O'Meara, the celebrated glider pilot. Jimmie was towed in a motorless craft eighteen thousand feet up. The rope was then cut and he started diving. He rolled and swooped and looped until he had completed forty-five complete loops. At the end of the forty-fifth he glided to a perfect landing.

And by the way, the City of New York is going to be bombed tonight by twenty-seven army planes. But the bombs will not contain explosives. They will simply be flashlight bombs. These twenty-seven army pilots are coming to New York to take part in the charity air pageant.

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PECORA

The candidacy of Ferdinand Pecora for the District Attorney of New York on the Joe McKee ticket is producing quite a hubbub in Washington. Senator Carter Glass of Virginia thinks it is improper for Mr. Pecora to be running for District Attorney when he has a job as counsel to the Committee on Banking and Currency, which is investigating the doings of the big financial houses. You will recall that in the early sessions of this committee there were numerous clashes between Senator Glass and Mr. Pecora.

Mr. Pecora explains that he consulted the other members of the Committee before accepting a place on Joe McKee's ticket but evidently he did not consult Senator Glass. And the fiery Virginia Senator is quite sore about it, and threatens to bring the matter up in committee and force it to a vote.

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DEBTS

Among the visitors at the White House today were the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsey, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, John Bull's Financial expert, who is over here to discuss war debts, and the Counsellor for the British Embassy. No information was given out concerning the nature of their discussion with the President, ~~xixi~~ but it is assumed that they were talking debts.

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HARRY FRANCK

Harry Franck, the world traveller who never stops travelling, sails tomorrow on another trip around the world. I mentioned several months ago that Mr. Franck was undertaking an unusual expedition and, as a result, I was snowed under with letters from people who wanted to go along. Out of the many thousands who applied, including some who were blind and other who were bed ridden, Harry Franck selected a young man named Beach Conger, Jr.,. They are going to visit some forty or fifty countries, sending back their "World Letters" to their friends here at home, telling about all the strange lands they visit. They are also ~~gim~~ going to cable dispatches to me, as they go. And these I will pass on to you -- the latest news from Borneo, the latest from Bulgaria and so on.

It will take them approximately ten months, and each week, through their "World Letters" and their cables to me, they will let us know a little more than we do now about what is going on in countries off the beaten path.

Harry Franck says that, of course, they will have to travel by donkey back, on camels, in rickshaws, in sedan chairs,

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dugout canoes, and on the backs of elephants. But his one regret is that there are not Blue Sunoco pumps all the way.

Well an elephant full of Blue Sunoco would be something worth going around the world to see.

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PARADE

A most unusual parade is going to take place in Philadelphia tomorrow. It will be a parade of dogs under the auspices of that great paper, the Public Ledger. The Ledger's Junior Dog Pal Parade, as it is called, will start at half past nine, and march on the Parkway from City Hall to the new Art Museum and they expect it to be about three miles long, with dogs and children marching four abreast. Mayor Moore of Philadelphia, is ~~the~~ honorary Chairman of the Committee, and many other of the city's magnificos are taking part. And in York,

Pa., they are having what they consider the finest County Fair in America, while at Danbury the famous annual Danbury Fair is drawing great crowds.

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BASEBALL

And what do you think of that ball game in Washington today? I hear that two spectators fainted from over-excitement. The Giants started with an uneasy lead on one run which Manager Bill Terry whanged out. In the seventh the Senators tied the score and the crowd went wild. The game went to eleven innings; a pitcher's duel between Hubbell and Weaver. In the eleventh inning the Giants chased Weaver out of the box and Blondie Ryan with Jackson on base drove in the winning run.

I sure would have liked to see that game. I was pulling for the Senators. I wanted to see the series to to the limit. But the Giants are well in the lead three games to one.

WEDDING

The Christian Science Monitor, reports a baseball conversation between a boss and his office boy. Said the boss: "Jimmy, I notice in the paper that there were fifty thousand people at your sister's wedding yesterday at the Polo Grounds." To which Jimmy the office boy, who was a ready to wit, replied: "I couldn't be sure of the figure, sir, but my sister is exceedingly popular."

Christian Science Monitor.

ENERGY

Some interesting advice on how to conserve your energy is given in a book by Professor Walter Pitkin of Columbia University, author of "Life Begins at Forty". Professor Pitkin's new book is called "More Power to You"; ~~and is being published by Simon and Schuster.~~

And here's some of his advice: Never open second class mail. This will save you several hundred energy units a year. Never pick up things an able-bodied woman has dropped. Never give your seat in either a drawing room or public conveyance to an able-bodied woman. Pay no attention to etiquette. Always dodge the rush hour wherever you happen to be, and rest whenever you feel like it.

Rest? That's not a bad idea. In fact
~~Well, that's just what I feel like doing now, so~~
it's time for me to take a rest. And
SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

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