

Another chapter in American history has been written.

( For the first time a President and President-elect of the United States have held a conference at the White House. The eyes of the world have been upon that meeting this afternoon, for it concerned the gigantic sum of eleven billion dollars, the war debts owed by the nations of Europe to Uncle Sam. )

Before Governor Roosevelt arrived in Washington the President held a short cabinet meeting. The members of President Hoover's official family were there; also Vice President Curtis. Yesterday and today the President has had a number of talks with Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills, who of course is an important figure in all that is going on. In fact Mr. Mills was with the President as he received his successor. Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied by Prof. Raymond Moley of Columbia, his advisor on economics. As Mr. Roosevelt sped toward Washington, Vice-President-Elect Garner left the Capital for Baltimore, met his

chief and returned to Washington with him.

It had been expected that the historic meeting would take place in the Lincoln study. But an account in the New York World-Telegram stated that it was finally decided to hold it downstairs in the famous Red Room with its lofty ceiling.

One graceful gesture on the part of President Hoover was the appointing of Warren Delano Robbins, a cousin of Franklin Roosevelt as official greeter to welcome the President-Elect. Mr. Delano Robbins is the so-called social arbiter at the White House. Of course there has been no announcement as to what transpired at the meeting.

Your newspapers tomorrow morning will all contain interesting detailed word pictures of the memorable scenes today in Washington, the arrival and departure of the President-elect and his party.

The Chicago Journal of Commerce points out today that what originally was spoken of as a simple and informal event today assumed vastly greater significance and broader scope. It is believed that possible American participation in a world

economic Conference will be talked over by Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt. In fact it is believed that President Hoover will ask the President-elect to select the American representatives to the world conference, that is before March 4th.

Theodore Wallen, Washington Observer for the Chicago Journal of Commerce makes an interesting observation regarding today's meeting at the White House. It is that if the President and President-elect were to take the same stand regarding the immediate war debt problems, the combined influence of the two would cause Congressional resistance to crumble before them. But he adds, it is hardly in the realm of possibility.

He states further that the most we can hope for is a united stand on the part of the two against the suspension of the immediate payments due from Europe. The two are reputed to be, in disagreement, fundamentally, regarding the question of a review of the debt agreements between this country and Europe. But they are said to be not so far apart on the immediate question, the question of those payments due Uncle Sam in December.



## BRITISH AND DEBTS

John Steele, representative of the Chicago Tribune in London, informs his famous paper that the British have just about given up hope of an extension of the war debt moratorium. He says they are getting ready to pay, knowing that it will mean another budget, more taxes. There is also a rumor current in London that an attempt will be made to pay off the debt in one lump sum, mobilize the resources of the nation as in war time, make one gigantic effort and get it over with once and for all, instead of in annoying dribblets over a period of sixty years.



## OPENS PARLIAMENT

One of the most colorful ceremonies that takes place on this earth was carried out with pomp and circumstance in London today. King George the Fifth opened Parliament. This was the ninth time since he came to the throne, the ninth time for him to mount the royal dias in the House of Lords.

Queen Mary was at his side, looking as regal as ever. The Peers and Ladies were in their seats when word came that their Britanic Majesties had just arrived from Buckingham Palace. They all arose and curtsied as the King and Queen entered. A few moments afterward the commoners, the mere M.P.s, who really run the government, were admitted. And then the King read his speech - which had been written not by him and his Privy Councillors but by a citizen from Scotland, Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, assisted by his Cabinet. The speech outlined in very general and broad terms the policies of the government. It was concerned mainly with the unemployment problem, the urgency of economy, farm relief and so on. But no mention of war debts and the matters discussed by Mr. Hoover and

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Mr. Roosevelt.       The American Ambassador, Mr. Andrew Mellon was there, in formal evening dress, in striking contrast to the ermine, the jewels and the scarlet of the Princes, Dukes, Marquises, Bishops and Ladies.

## SPAIN

A dramatic trial opened in Madrid, Spain, today, one of the most dramatic of our time, perhaps. It is the trial of 26 men, Government Ministers, who were closely associated with Primo de Rivera when he was Dictator of Spain. The court which convened today is a special tribunal. It is made up of twenty-one Parliamentary Deputies, Representatives of all the political groups in the present Republican Parliament. The Generals and prominent citizens, former Ministers under Alfonso, who are on trial face penalties ranging to twenty years in prison, so the Chicago Tribune announces.



CANADA - PROSPERITY

8000 men are going back to work, tomorrow, in Canada. They have been recalled by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Chicago Journal of Commerce states that the C.P.R. is reopening its shops in various parts of Canada. And that will be mighty good news not only for the 8000 who return to work but for more than 80,000 others who will be directly affected.

BEER

At a meeting of brewers, representatives of 45 American Brewing Companies, in Chicago, it was the concensus of opinion that the handling of beer will soon be wrested from the gangsters. The objective of the brewers is beer at a nickel a glass even with a heavy tax. They were talking about a non-intoxicating 2.75 per cent beer. The conference was attended by representatives of companies said to have a \$250,000,000 legitimate investment.

Congressman Britten of Illinois intends to introduce a bill into Congress next month legalizing a 2.75 per cent amber beverage, at a fixed retail price of ten cents a pint, four cents of which will go to the Government. He states that would yield a total tax of about \$35,000,000 a month. He also declares that President Hoover will not veto such a bill. On the other hand, the President's secretary, Mr. Joslin, states that Congress- man Britten has no grounds for making this pronouncement regarding what Mr. Hoover will or will not do.

## BEER

The current issue of Bradstreet's Weekly has a report on the question of beer and business. According to surveys made by Bradstreets in the fifty-five leading cities of the continent, business men are said to be encouraged at the prospect of early modification of the Volstead Act. On the other hand, they do not take seriously the rainbow pictures of prosperity which have been painted by the extremist advocates of beer and light wine. The point that interests men of affairs is that they expect tax relief and a considerable cutting of the enormous deficit in the United States treasury.

Now here's something for the first time definite as to the results that may come, when and if we are once more permitted to have beer and light wines. Conservative estimates, says Bradstreets, indicate that some eighty million bushels of grain will be consumed which at present are going to waste. On the other hand, this gain for the grain growers will be somewhat offset by losses in the soda fountain and soft drink trade.



Bradstreets then goes on to say that last year California produced six million gallons of wine indicates that the total revenue which Uncle Sam and the state and local governments will gain may run as high as two billion dollars a year.

Dry leaders, of course, are vigorously denying that any good can come either to business men or to taxpayers if beer is restored. The W.C.T.U. are getting up huge petitions of protest against any modification of the Volstead Act.

Another favorable note in Bradstreet's is that the rise in food prices encourages the hope that prices in general will soon be stabilized, without which there can be no recovery.

ROBINS

The case of Colonel Raymond Robins, which has had so much attention in the newspapers the last few days, offers one of the most curious and bewildering troubles known to medical science. For us laymen it's a trifle difficult to believe that there is any such thing as amnesia. We are inclined to think that any man who lost his memory to such an extent that he cannot remember who he is, and thinks he is somebody else, just ain't. In other words, some of us suspect he is shamming, that for reasons which to himself may be perfectly good, such a man may just want to escape from his usual environment and associates, and takes that means of escape.

But all the brain experts tell us different. They say there is such a thing as amnesia. They say further that a man who adopts a different personality may and sometimes does do so owing to a slip up in the mechanism of his mind, a slip up over which he has absolutely no control.

Of course, the case of Colonel Robins has become one of the best known instances of this aberration owing to the fact that

he is not only a celebrated reformer, but also a personal friend of President Hoover. Psychologists are pointing out that he has not lost all connection with his past. This is obvious through the fact that the new name he chose, Reynolds Rogers, had the same initials as his own, and the same number of syllables. But cases like these are fairly numerous in the records of medical science. For instance, sometime ago a stranger came to Norristown, Pennsylvania, and started a candy store. He gave his name as A.J. Brown, paid his bills regularly and soon acquired an excellent reputation. After about two years he woke up one morning, remembered that his name was Bourne, and that he was a Methodist Minister from Rhode Island. The Rev. Bourne was highly excited when he woke up and found himself in a totally strange room, although he had occupied it for two years.



## FOOTBALL

Here's a brief football note. The experts are busy tabulating the results so far this season. They tell us that eight teams, college teams, from coast to coast, have come through so far without being defeated or even tied. They are:- Auburn, Colgate, Brown, Centenary, Jefferson University Texas, Michigan, Southern California, and Valparaiso. The first and last on this list are not often heard from in the Football world, Auburn, which is Alabama Polytechnic, and Valparaiso long famous as the university in Indiana where you can get a thorough college education without the aid of a large bankroll.

Of the teams of the country that have suffered nothing more than a tie, the eleven that scored the most points against its adversaries is Texas Christian. That rampant Southern scoring machine rolled up 275 points. Auburn came second with 255, and Colgate third with 243. But Colgate's position is unique. Not one single solitary score has been made against Colgate this year. What a tough battle that promises to be between unscored on Colgate and undefeated Brown Thanksgiving Day!

GRID BET

If you were a college man, a big, two-fisted, husky one at that, how would you like to be compelled to put on skirts and attend classes and romp about the campus all rigged up as a fair co-ed? Tut, tut, of course, you wouldn't like it. The boys would all be handing you bouquets of daisies, daffodils, and for-get-me-nots. Oh dear, dear, just fancy that.

But it's what's going to happen to a big rough college guy either at the University of Nebraska or the University of Missouri. A dispatch to the Pittsburg Press tells us that Bert Johnson of Missouri got rambunctious and issued a challenge to any man at Nebraska U. The one whose team loses that Nebraska-Missouri game Thanksgiving Day must doll up as a girl and attend college that way for two days. Lawrence Ely, giant center on the University of Nebraska championship team, rose right up and said 'why that bird is cuckoo. I'll take him on.' He did. Well, I'd like to be on the sidelines when the final scene is staged. I don't care who wins the game. But I would like to see that giant football center in girls

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clothes swishing about the compass while the boys ogle him,  
her, I mean.



## PIGEON

Pigeon fanciers may be interested in something that happened over my head in the Empire State Building. A pigeon landed on the observation platform of the tower of the Empire State and attracted the eye of one of the starters. Although pigeons are not unusual there, it is not often they see a homing bird. It was a blue racing pigeon, apparently quite exhausted. This starter, Mr. Jack Conway, caught the pigeon, fed and watered him, then tied a note around his leg and sent him on his way.

A couple of days later he received a letter from the pigeon's owner in Hempstead, Long Island. It seems the bird was on his way home to Hempstead from Charlottesville, Virginia, which he had made in nine hours and twenty minutes. He alighted on the Empire State building because he was exhausted from fighting a strong northeast winds all the way. Its owner had started ten birds in that race and seven of them went lame.

I'm told the number of people who indulge in this sport in the United States and Canada is extraordinarily large. Apparently it's a fascinating game because it seems to absorb the entire attention of those who go in for it.

## TURKEY

This seems to be turkey year on this continent.

The Chicago Journal of Commerce informs us that the supply is greater than ever before. Turkey farms have sprung up from coast to coast for some reason. North, East, South and West folks have been going in for Gobblers on a grand scale. In the far west twice as many have been raised as in the past. Prices are about a third under last year. The demand for them is said to be uncertain as yet. But turkey this year is good, and also cheap.

## BEAUTY

Here's a bit of information which I hope won't get me into trouble. If it happens to step on any delicate insteps, please remember that what I am going to quote is neither my own words nor my own opinions.

When the beautifians open up and tell the truth about their own game, you may be sure of hearing something startling. A gentleman from Paris who is a professor of the art of making ladies even more beautiful than they are, has been telling a reporter of the New York World-Telegram that his calling is nothing more nor less than a racket. What is more, this beautician virtuoso says that the best skin freshener in the world is water, just plain, ordinary, clean H<sub>2</sub>O.

The beautician goes on to say some caustic things about American girls, that is to say, New York girls. They have, he says, million dollar bodies but only ten cent faces.

By the way, the gentleman who says all these things bears the romantic name of Dumas, the same as the famous author of The Three Musketeers.



## TEETH

Scientists are beginning to worry whether we are about to become a race without teeth. Dr. E.E. Free in The Week's Science, quotes an Australian Professor who wonders whether the success of dentists may not prove in the long run harmful to the well-known human animal. Their very success, says the Professor, in saving teeth and providing new ones, may be turning humanity into a toothless breed. It seems that the biologists have known for sometime that poor teeth were on the increase in the human mouth. Various theories have been suggested for it, most of them based on the idea that we don't eat the proper foods. But no such theory has been satisfactory. So this Australian scientist suggests that what really has happened is that skilled modern dentistry is interfering with the processes of natural selection.

Just to save any unnecessary alarm it should be added that it won't be tomorrow morning, but we may all have to rush out and get us a set of store teeth. And in the meanwhile, no unemployment is likely to happen to the dentist.

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Let me see, where did I put my teeth? Oh yes,  
here they are, just in time for me to say so long until  
tomorrow.