

Good Evening, Everybody:-

(The Roosevelt Administration is beginning to wave the big stick in earnest over the leading industries of the U.S.A.) General Johnson, Administrator of the Recovery Act, was at the White House today discussing the codes with the President. The Administration is determined that the code business must be settled in short order. (On leaving the White House General Johnson made the flat statement that if the steel industry does not adopt a code, the N.R.A. officials will write one for it.) The government has set September 1st as the deadline for the submission of codes, after which any industries that have not drawn up theirs will have to take codes written for them. This will not be done peremptorily nor without public hearings on the subject.

Later this afternoon I learned that a code for the oil industry has been drafted by the President and General Johnson.

~~smoothly as that for the government.~~ Heads of the leading industries have intimated in private that if the government tries to write their codes for them they will take the matter into court and attack the constitutionality of ~~the~~ N.R.A.

Hearings on the automobile code will begin tomorrow. Some changes are being made in it on the subject of the open shop. Simultaneously General Johnson will bring the big **wigs** of the coal mine operators to Washington and try to ~~get them to~~ ^{and} agreement. The Western Union ^{and} Postal Telegraph Companies today submitted proposals under the blanket code drawn ~~by~~ up by the President.

And I have a communication from the Teachers College at Columbia University. In this it is claimed that while the government is concerning itself with the question of wages and hours for all other workers, it is not doing right by the school teachers. They say that tens of thousands of teachers in the

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United States are receiving a wage far below the minimum standards of the N.R.A. codes even for untrained workers.

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FOLLOW NIRA

We ^{have} heard a great deal about General Johnson the ^{se} last few weeks. He certainly broke into the news in an amazingly sudden and copious fashion. But hitherto there has been little to tell us what kind of a man is this General Hugh Johnson.

Well, an article in the American Magazine written by Beverley Smith will be on the newsstands tomorrow and it gives a colorful picture of the Nira Administrator. Here are some of the things

~~Mr. Beverley~~ ^{Mr. Beverley} Smith has to say:

"Johnson graduated from West Point the youngest and according to his classmates, the laziest in his class. He was brilliant but indifferent. His motto was, never study when you can bluff your way through. He is not always polite. He is not neat, nor systematic, nor punctual, nor a teetotaler. He is almost fanatically honest.

"He can't keep his clothes on straight, wears no garters on his socks. He sits in an office with papers scattered all over, and cigarette stubs on the floor.

"Yet ^{he} a versatile man. For ten years or more ^{he} has made money writing novels and short stories. Hardly a man, you might say, to be the trustee of American industry, but one look at his eyes and you know there is capability there."

So runs a part of Beverly Smith's word portrait of Gen. Hugh Johnson, the President's right hand man of the hour.

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EMPLOYMENT

Miss Frances Perkins has made public the report of the United States Department of Labor for the month of July. Madame Secretary says that in that month one and a half million people returned to work. She says further that the purchasing power of workers in manufacturing plants has gone up some twenty-nine million dollars. In ~~the~~ Pennsylvania employment in factor^{ies} went up ~~a~~ four per cent, and ~~xxxx~~ payrolls eight per cent. And a big rubber company in Akron, Ohio, has added six thousand six hundred people to its payroll since April 1st.

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GARNER

It is somewhat characteristic ~~of~~ this republic that in all the political news of the last few months no mention has been made of that lofty dignitary, the vice-president of the United States. But it seems that he ~~has~~ is not forgotten. Mr. Mason Grymes of Jersey City writes to ask me: "Won't you please give us some information regarding our vice-president? Where is the little Texas giant summering?" Then Mr. Grymes adds: "Sometimes vice-presidents become presidents. Should not Mr. Garner be in training?"

As I recall it, when Congress adjourned Vice-president Garner announced that he was going into the silences. "I'm going fishing," said he, "and I'm going some place where I hope I won't meet any newspaper men."

Apparently he had his wish, because he ^{has} successfully escaped publicity all this while. However, a telephone message from Washington informs me that Mr. Garner is in Texas spending most of his time at ^{his home in} Uvalde, in that state. But he has not been

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in entire seclusion because yesterday he was in Austin, Texas,
making a speech in behalf of the repeal of the eighteenth
amendment. So ~~whatever~~ whatever he is ~~doing~~ not doing, our
Vice-president is at least keeping his campaign promises.

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FARMS

Now for something that should interest farmers in both north and south. The Department of Agriculture is preparing a plan to control the production of cotton ^{over} the next two or three years. Chester C. Davis, head of the cotton section of the Agriculture Adjustment Administration says that the details of the plan should be announced ~~at~~ about September 15th. Another statement from the Department of Agriculture concerns the wheat ~~g~~ farmers. Secretary Wallace ^{states} they have no cause to fear ~~that~~ deductions will be made from the payments coming to them for reducing ^{the} acreage of their crops.

Mr. Wallace also issued a denial of the report that Uncle Sam was about to get into the wheat market again in order to boost prices. The government will attempt no wheat stabilization program by such means, as it is entirely contrary to the platform of the Democratic party.

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STRIKE

That strike of sixty thousand garment workers in New York was peaceful for just about twenty-four hours. Maybe twenty-seven. Then the ructions began. The New York cops say that's a pretty fair average for a strike in the garment trade. The first outburst of violence occurred this morning when some forty ladies broke into the loft of a manufacturing firm in order to x drag out ~~the~~ strike breakers. There were no casualties except to the uniforms of the cops who rushed to the scene, squelched the disorder, and made eleven arrests. When the girls get on the rampage they certainly are rough.

All this happened while the elegant Grover Whalen was trying to mediate the difficulties between the employers and the workers.

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FRUIT STRIKE

And out on the Pacific Coast Governor Rolph of California is taking energetic measures to settle that fruit strike. He has appointed a chief mediator of the State Labor Bureau who has sent deputies into the eight sections of the state where the strikers have been on the rampage.

I hear that although some eight thousand men are involved, only about two thousand are actually striking; ~~But~~ plenty of others are threatening to follow suit.

It seems most of the pickers are Filipinos. The employment of these has been investigated by the State Industrial and Immigration Bureaus which would like to see the jobs go to American workers.

~~The growers protest that they cannot make money if they have to pay more than twenty cents an hour. In most of the big canneries wages two months ago were raised to twenty-seven and a half cents an hour, and they are having no trouble at all.~~

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Bramson
de Cou.

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INTRO TO MR. DE COU

A few weeks ago we heard some remarks from the distinguished traveller, Mr. Branson de Cou, who was then on the eve of departing on one of his voyages. Mr. de Cou was off for the lands around the Mediterranean. He's just back now. So, Mr. de Cou what have you been up to?

FOR MR DE COU

Yes, Lowell, while you have been sweltering here in New York with your "hot news", I have been cruising the cool Mediterranean. Few people know how much nicer it is there in the Summer than in Winter. Cairo, by the way, is worth visiting in any weather to inspect the treasures from King Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb which are now at last completely arrayed in the most gorgeous display to be seen in any museum in the world. They represent ten years of infinite patience and exquisite care on the part of Howard Carter and his associates. Their reward is the knowledge that the job is well done. For in Egypt "finders are not keepers". The Lord Carnavan estate, however, has recently been reimbursed for the \$200,000 expense in making the discovery.

And how Jerusalem has changed! A new luxurious hotel... and across the way an even more palatial YMCA, the tower of which dominates the old city. A whole new town has sprung up outside the old, and everywhere is evidence of the Zionist effort to restore Palestine's ancient fertility.

At Istanbul the mosques and minarets proclaim the Moslem background, but you would never know old Constantinople now,

so completely European is its appearance.

On the ROMA we cruised about the world's most romantic sea, the Mediterranean, and on into the Black Sea, to Russia, where once more I was conscious of the fact that before the Revolution there were two classes in Russia, -- the very rich and the very poor; and now there is but one class.....the very poor.

~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

An interesting situation developed in New York city politics today. As you may recall, George Medalie, United States Attorney for the second New York district, appeared before the Copeland Committee of the United States Senate which is investigating rackets, and told the Senators that he knew of four ~~Tammany~~ political leaders in New York who worked hand in hand with mobsters and racketeers and protected them from the law. The Copeland Committee, which politicians say is not to be taken so seriously, and is really an excuse to give Senator Copeland a little publicity, did not press Mr. Medalie for the names of those ^{N.Y.} ~~Tammany~~ leaders. Mr. Medalie incidentally, has the peculiar ^{status} ~~position~~ of holding on to his job in a Democratic administration, although he is a Republican.

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People commented ironically on the fact that ~~Senator~~ ^{Senator}

Copeland did not press Mr. Medalie to name those crooked leaders.

(Incidentally, Mr. Medalie knew of two others besides those four who were definitely engaged in corrupt practices.) Mr. Medalie than publicly offered to appear before the New York County Grand Jury and tell the names of those leaders right out in meeting. The District Attorney's office of New York declined his offer.

So today the foreman of the New York County Grand Jury appeared before Judge William Allen in general sessions and asked whether the Grand Jury had the power to subpoena Mr. Medalie and ask him to tell them what he knows. Judge Allen told the foreman that the Grand Jury has wide powers. But he also said: "Remember that we are on the eve of an election in New York."

The election, of course, is for the mayoralty, and the entire city and county tickets. The anti-Tammany elements are again nourishing the hope that they can topple the tiger off his throne.

~~Another bit of~~ ^{The} news from Germany is that the Fatherland may be the first country to realize the aviation ~~pioneers~~ ^{engineers'} dream of a regular trans-Atlantic air service. ~~The~~ company known as the Luft-hansa, the principal air transportation line in Germany is making its plans to this end.

The company is not aiming its traffic ^{toward} ~~to~~ the U.S.A., but to South America. The idea is to use a large steamer as a floating airport in mid-Atlantic.

In fact, they have gone so far as to negotiate for the use of a ship which will be anchored somewhere in the Atlantic between the most westerly point of Africa and the northeastern tip of South America.

They hope to begin this traffic early next year. The route will be from Germany to Spain, from Spain to the Canary Islands, from the Canary Islands to West Africa, from Africa to the ship anchored in the mid-Atlantic and thence to the port of Natal in Brazil.

That will be quite an achievement if they can put it over.

BOYS

Two lads from Kentucky went to Chicago to see the World's Fair and had an adventure ^{for} which plenty of people will envy them.

(1) They were riding on an elevated train and when it reached their station they started to get off. As they did so, a man yelled:

"Hey, boys, you forgot your satchel." They took the satchel and

when they got away from the station opened it. In it ~~was~~ ^{was the trifling}

^{matter of} twenty-six thousand dollars in bonds and a considerable sum in five dollar bills.

They scanned the papers for news ~~of~~ the loss of this treasure, but found none. So they took the satchel back with them to Fulton, Kentucky. There they notified the police who put the bag ~~with~~ the bonds and money in safe keeping, and gave the boys a receipt for it. The Kentucky officials then notified the Chicago police.

As matters stand now, no claimant has shown up for those bonds and the money. If by the end of a certain time nobody is able to establish undisputed ownership of that treasure, those boys will

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have acquired the neat little sum of some twenty-six thousand
odd dollars as a result of their visit to the World's Fair.

So let's all go to Chicago - and, SO LONG UNTIL
TOMORROW!

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