

Good Evening, Everybody:

Once again <sup>today we are seeing</sup> ~~we see~~ history in the making. And in a highly dramatic fashion. While President Roosevelt today is the principal actor in the drama, the <sup>- the stage -</sup> scene could be more accurately described as the whole world rather than Washington. (The President flung a message into the midst of the world's turmoil, a message addressed to all the nations of the earth. <sup>What</sup> Mr. Roosevelt <sup>did was send a</sup> ~~sent~~ cable <sup>in length</sup> of eight hundred words <sup>direct</sup> to the fifty-four sovereigns, presidents, prime ministers of the world's countries. In this he urged the fifty-four nations to quit talking war, to quit preparing for war, and to quit throwing obstacles in the path of negotiations for disarmament.) The gist of his plea was "keep your armies at home and there will be no necessity for elaborate and ruinously expensive armaments."

The President furthermore laid down a ~~thix~~ three point program. <sup>Here are</sup> his ~~own~~ words: "There are three steps to be

agreed upon: First to move at once toward this objective as properly outlined in the plan of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain; second, to agree upon the time and procedure; third, to agree that while these steps are being taken, no nation increase its existing armaments over and above the limits of treaty obligations." *That was the straight forward way in which Mr. Roosevelt put it.*

In order that the peace of the world might be assured during the process of disarmament, the President proposes a fourth step and that, as he puts it, is "that all the nations of the world should enter into a solemn and definite pact of non-aggression; that they should solemnly reaffirm the obligations they have assumed to reduce their armaments and that all the powers shall individually agree that they will send no armed force of whatsoever nature across their frontiers." Then Mr. Roosevelt adds: "Commonsense points out that if any strong nation refuses to join with genuine sincerity in these concerted efforts for political and economic peace" --

(meaning the disarmament conference at Geneva and the forthcoming economic

conference in London)-- "progress can be obstructed and ultimately blocked." And he says further: "In ~~any~~ such event the civilized world seeking both political and economic peace will know where the responsibility for failure lies."

This message <sup>which is</sup> ~~is~~ absolutely without precedent<sup>to</sup> in the history of the world, <sup>all</sup> is the more sensational because it comes on the eve of Chancellor Hitler's speech about arms, the speech which <sup>Mr. Hitler</sup> ~~he~~ will make to the hastily convened German parliament tomorrow.

The President's message was read over the National Broadcasting Company's network today and relayed by short wave to all parts of the world, to Japan, China, Germany, South America, and even Africa.

One striking detail of the message is that it was sent to literally all the fifty-four nations of the world, including Russia. The drama in this is, of course, that this is the first official communication from Uncle Sam to Russia since the days of the czar. Hitherto the only ruler who has ever addressed the world at large has been the Pope in his Encyclicals addressed "Urbipetforbi" -- To the City and to the Universe.

FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

As soon as the text of the President's cable to the world at large became known, he sent to Congress a special message explaining his reasons and explaining them in sharp <sup>unqualified</sup> ~~unmeasured~~

terms. He told the Congress it had become increasingly evident that assurance of the political and economic stability of the

world is being threatened by <sup>selfish and</sup> ~~shortsighted~~ <sup>politics</sup> ~~political~~ actions and

threats. He pointed out to members of Congress that it is high time for all nations to understand the simple fact that the

invasion of any nation or the destruction of any national sovereignty can be prevented only by the complete elimination of weapons that

make such a course possible.

*And that sounds like asking for Utopia. And then he uttered one phrase, perhaps an obvious one, but remarkably pithy. The way to disarm, said the President, is to disarm.*

Then he ~~explained~~ <sup>Congress</sup> to one part of his message which I

did not mention, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ paragraph which reads: "Modern weapons of offense are vastly stronger than modern weapons of defense." And

he pointed out further that if all nations will agree wholly to eliminate ~~these~~ weapons of offense, all defenses automatically

will become impregnable. He continued, therefore, "the ultimate objective of the disarmament conference will be the complete

Again sounds like Utopia doesn't it?  
elimination of all offensive weapons." Commenting on this  
paragraph in his special message Mr. Roosevelt pointed out to the  
Congressmen that permanent defenses are a non-recurring charge  
against governmental budgets, while large armies continually  
rearming with improved offensive weapons, constitute a recurring charge. —  
*In other words they keep piling up the expense.*  
And he added: ~~this~~ "This more than any other factor today is  
responsible for governmental deficits and threatened bankruptcies."  
*That is, building, building, building for war, always racing  
with other nations.*  
Strong words, these, and as you will agree, right to the  
point. *And what's the repercussion.*

N.B.C.

LONDON

In England, at any rate in British official circles, this unprecedented action of Mr. Roosevelt's is ~~receiving~~ received with considerable disappointment. Raymond Gram Swing cables the New York Evening Post that both John Bull and France had hoped that the U. S. A. would join them in swinging the big stick over Germany. But the President's message to the world at large, while pleading for peace, does not convey any specific threat to Germany. And both in Paris and London the Governments believe that holding a threat over Germany's head is the only way to handle the <sup>immediate</sup> situation.

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HITLER

Meanwhile the entire western world is ~~still~~ <sup>all</sup> agog -  
<sup>waiting</sup>  
~~anxious~~ to hear what Chancellor Adolph Hitler will have  
to say on this disarmament question <sup>when he steps before</sup> the hastily summoned  
members of the German Parliament tomorrow. <sup>And, thanks to the magic of radio,</sup> ~~and~~ you will  
be able to hear what he says just as soon as the Reichstag  
~~departs~~ themselves. The German Chancellor's address will  
be broadcast tomorrow over the networks of the National  
Broadcasting Company at ten-forty-five tomorrow morning  
Eastern Daylight <sup>Saving</sup> ~~Standard~~ Time.

Of course, he will speak in German, but for the  
benefit of those of you who do not understand German the  
N.B.C. representative in Berlin will follow <sup>Here</sup> Hitler with an  
English translation.

This speech of the Nazi standard bearer will be the  
most important pronouncement he has made since he took office  
in January. It is understood that he has consulted with  
President von Hindenburg, <sup>the terms of</sup> ~~before~~ outlining his message.

## AUSTRIA

The latest ~~information~~ nation to take umbrage at Nazi activities and propaganda is Austria. The Vienna correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that relations between Berlin and Vienna are near the breaking point. <sup>The</sup> Hitler <sup>government</sup> ~~has~~ had sent a Nazi leader, the Bavarian Minister of Justice to be precise, into Austria for the purpose of making special negotiations <sup>- and to</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>conducting</sup> Nazi propaganda. With him came the Prussian Minister of Justice and several other Nazi <sup>chiefs.</sup> ~~leaders.~~ The Bavarian Minister of Justice two weeks before he crossed the Austrian frontier, had made a speech over the radio declaring that the Austrian Chancellor did not amount to anything and that the Bavarians would have control in Austria before long. It may readily be imagined that this did not make the Bavarian Minister of Justice a very welcome visitor in Austria. As a matter of fact, when he arrived in Vienna he was so informed. At the same time he was told that the police would protect him. The German Minister in Vienna thereupon protested against this as discourtesy to official visitors from Germany. The Austrian Government replied that one of these official visitors had been



guilty of extreme discourtesy to the Austrian government.

All this ~~presentation~~ percussion and repercussion  
of compliments created a strained situation. <sup>Not</sup> ~~It~~ was <sup>it</sup> ~~not~~ improved  
when the Bavarian Minister of Justice went to one of the smaller  
Austrian towns and there made a speech to Austrian Nazis in a beer  
hall, inviting the Austrian army to join the Hitlerites. Upon this  
~~event~~ the Vienna government ~~just~~ <sup>firmly</sup> kicked him out of Austria.

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TAXES

Here's one on a subject we don't care so much about, but we have to take our medicine from time to time. The subject is -- taxes. More specifically the taxes to finance the President's monster three and a third billion dollar public works program. We hear from Washington that the bogey of the sales tax has aroused so much trepidation that the President has decided to leave it up to Congress. So it will be for the Senators and Representatives to decide whether the impost to finance this program shall be called a sales tax, or a re-employment tax, or something else. The President will send a message to Congress tomorrow outlining several methods that might be employed in ~~xxxxixi~~ raising this fund.

## BONUS

The Bonus Army held a meeting in the auditorium at Washington, D. C. today, a somewhat hectic and tumultuous performance. Many suggestions were made and many speeches, which were constantly interrupted. I learn <sup>ed direct</sup> ~~by telephone~~ from Washington that the discourses were of a highly declamatory though not inflammatory nature. No animosity was expressed against the government. In fact, the boys cheered when the Chairman said that Congress would certainly pay the cash bonus if they could find a way to do it.

Many proposals were made and many resolutions were offered, but we hear nothing much was accomplished except a good deal of tumult.

SPANKING AGAIN

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I thought this <sup>question of</sup> spanking <sup>children</sup> ~~was~~ was all over; ~~no~~

~~And~~ now, here comes a letter from a lady in Snover, Michigan, who does want to settle it once and for all by quoting from the Bible. Here is what Mrs. Wilbur Jones says on the subject:

"I have a boy two and a half years old, and I find we all enjoy life more if we go by Proverbs, 29th chapter, 15th and 17th verses, which read as follows:

"The rod and reproof bring wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

"Correct thy son, that he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

And <sup>that -</sup> I guess ~~that~~ does settle the spanking matter.

(Source: L.T.)

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH

The other night we had a story about a Kansas professor who declared that Captain John Smith was a scallawag and a boasting old braggart, and that the story about Captain John Smith and Pocahontas was a fake. But apparently the folks in Virginia, <sup>down</sup> ~~exist~~ where Captain John ~~Smith~~ and Pocahontas lived, disagree <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Kansas prof.

Mrs. H. T. Nicholas of Lynchburg, Virginia, writes:

"Of course the story about John ~~S~~mith and Pocahontas is true! It is in our history, <sup>books. It's in print. It must be true.</sup> And we know <sup>the</sup> better than any Kansas professor."

Then she adds this rather embarrassing question:

"Can any good thing come out of Kansas?"

Those are the words of the lady in Virginia -- not mine. <sup>We might put that question to William Allen White.</sup>

(Source: L.T.)

EARTHQUAKE

Another earthquake in California, this time at the Golden Gate itself. The shocks lasted fifteen minutes and came just in time to get all San Francisco and surrounding communities out of bed in a high state of alarm. All Chinatown ran outdoors <sup>their pajamas and</sup> ~~in a body~~ <sup>en masse, as one man. I learned direct</sup> ~~We learn by telephone~~ from police headquarters in San Francisco that telephone connections were broken off for a while and in some parts of the surrounding territories there was interference with electric power. It was all over in fifteen minutes, nobody was hurt and no harm done. So this time there was no repetition of the big quake of 1906.

REPEAL

New Jersey is voting today on the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. And it looks as though the Jerseyites were following the example set yesterday by Wyoming in giving an overwhelming victory to the Wets. In fact, in eleven out of twenty-one counties the Dry forces have not filed a sufficient number of names for delegates to the Convention which is to have the actual voice on the Repeal amendment. Governor Harry Moore of New Jersey told me today that the voting was light on account of the heavy rain. The anti-saloon League said they were not conceding defeat but would wait until the final returns were in.

(Gaston Means, spectacular figure in the world of crime, one time government agent and would-be biographer, was convicted today -- convicted of taking one hundred thousand dollars in connection with the ransom hoax growing out of the Lindbergh baby kidnaping.)

The news has just been flashed <sup>from Washington that</sup> ~~to~~ the jury of five men and seven women deliberated less than two hours in coming to the verdict that Means was guilty of taking the hundred thousand dollars from Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean on the promise of returning the baby.

Norman T. Whitaker was convicted with Gaston Means.

Mrs. McLean is still out the hundred thousand.



CAMP DIX

The officers in charge of President Roosevelt's Civilian

Conservation Corps are not having any too simple a task. <sup>Evidently it's no</sup> ~~commanding~~

<sup>such, this business of commanding</sup> civilians who are not only ~~not~~ <sup>un</sup>accustomed ~~to~~ but ~~do~~ not <sup>subject to</sup>

to military discipline. ~~evidently is no cinch.~~ For example, ~~do~~

learn ~~by telephone~~ from Camp Dix in New Jersey, that 1741 men

comprising the original strength of the camp has ~~not~~ been reduced

to 1381. The others had <sup>been</sup> ~~not~~ sent home.

There was a varied assortment of reasons for their

dismissal. Some of them were homesick and wanted their ~~mothers~~ <sup>mannas</sup>

<sup>which mamma I don't know.</sup> or something. <sup>Others</sup> claimed physical disability, and quite a

number of them quit because, they said, they didn't like the

applepie.

Now isn't that just too bad.

Incidentally, ~~you are begged~~ for the benefit of those

remaining in camp, who are not such sensitive plants or so

fastidious about their applepie -- you are implored to send ~~in~~

any spare baseball bats, balls or gloves that you don't happen to

need. They will be exceedingly welcome at this or any other of the

civilian conservation camps.

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M.P.C.

ENDING

Two suburban housewives were discussing local gossip over a cup of tea. This is according to Mr. Avard of the Tribune, up in Sackville, New Brunswick.

"The Robinsons, " said Mrs. Jones, "are decidedly highbrow in their pursuits, altho I may add, not entirely successful. The daughter writes poetry that no one will print; the son paints pictures that no one will buy, and Mrs. Robinson herself writes books that no one will read."

"And what does father do?" asked her neighbor.

"He writes cheques that no one will cash," came the reply.

And in about ten seconds I'll be talking with no one to listen, ~~to me~~, because my time's up, so --

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