

Good Evening, Everybody:

Read just listen to this!

The question was raised today whether any of Uncle Sam's doughboys might have to take part in a reoccupation of the *the shores of the beautiful Rhine.*

Rhineland, [^] A clear warning was issued to the Fatherland's ~~Hitler~~ *Natzi*

Government today. In fact, it was last night that Lord Hailsham, British Secretary of War, made a speech in which he cautioned the Hitler Government that if Germany re-armed and defied the provisions of the treaty of Versailles, then the sanction^s of that Treaty would have to be put into effect. In this case, the word sanction is ~~merely~~ diplomatic language for a penalty. As Raymond Gram Swing points out in a cable to the New York Evening Post, *— one penalty —* there is only one sanction[^] in the Versailles Treaty, and that is occupation of the Rhineland by the forces of the Allied and Associated powers.

Well, Swing adds the information that the British Cabinet met today and voted unanimously to support Lord Hailsham's warning.

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Now here's the question as it affects us. Uncle Sam took part in the first occupation, so it will be up to ~~the~~ ^{President} Roosevelt to decide whether he will also share in the next.

Needless to say, the British warning to the Nazi Government met with an enthusiastic ^{and many *vivas*} echo in Paris.

N.Y. Evening Post - Swing

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second is the elimination at the earliest possible moment of obstacles to the free movement of international trade. Third, stabilization of money and international exchange. Fourth, ~~the~~ a ~~synchronization~~ synchronized program of credit expansion in all the various nations.

FARM RELIEF

President Roosevelt today took a hand in the proposed farm strike by which the farmers of the Middle-west intended to ~~try~~ ^{and} tie up the entire food supply of the nation. The President signed the Farm Relief bill, with the clause authorizing him to inflate the currency when, as and if he considers necessary. In signing it Mr. Roosevelt issued a strong statement to holders of mortgages. He urged them to do everything in their power to help the farmers. The President's statement in part is as follows:

"I urge upon the mortgage creditors, therefore, until further opportunity has been given to make effective the provisions of the mortgage refinancing section of the Farm Relief Act, that, they abstain from bringing foreclosure proceedings and making any effort to dispossess farmers who are in debt to them. I invite their cooperation with the officers of the land banks, the agents of the farm loan commissioner and their farmer debtors to effect the agreements which will make foreclosures unnecessary."

^{the President added,}
"This" is in line both with public duty and public interest."

The bill designed for the refinancing of farm debts ~~also~~ extends relief not only to farm borrowers but to mortgage creditors as well. A provision of the bill enables holders of farm mortgages the privilege of exchanging them for Federal Land Bank Bonds. The interest payments are to be guaranteed by the United States Treasury.

As soon as the signing of the bill was announced, Mr. Wallace, the Secretary of Agriculture, gave out the information that George N. Peak has been appointed administrator under this bill. Mr. Peak is a middlewesterner, a manufacturer of farm equipment, living in Moline, Illinois.

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SIROVICH

There's a representative in Congress, a gentleman from New York who takes a particular interest in show business. That representative, before he became a Congressman, was a doctor by profession, and he would have liked to be also a playwright by profession. Dr. Sirovich has written several plays and I believe one of them was produced, ^{bringing} ~~breaking~~ out a large chorus of Bronx cheers from the New York dramatic critics.

Well, it's not the theatre that distresses Dr. Sirovich today, but the movie industry. He wants it investigated by Congress. Today his resolution was taken under consideration by the House and turned down by a vote of 227 to 115.

All this looks like smooth work by our old friend Will Hays, former Post Master General, National Chairman of the G.O.P. and now czar of the movies. But the wily Will has another stumbling block to overcome. After Dr. Sirovich's resolution was given the raspberry by the House, Representative Patman of Texas threw still more sand in the machinery. He notified the House that he is going to introduce a resolution calling upon the Attorney General of the U.S.A. to investigate the cinema + its doings.

(W.B.C.)

VETERAN

Here's a story that's particularly interesting in view of the new invasion of Washington, D. C. by Bonus marchers. In a Brooklyn hospital there's a veteran of the Civil War, eighty-seven years old. He was brought in as a patient suffering from hunger and malnutrition. ~~He learned by telephone that~~ This old gentleman has been living in a stable. The children in the neighborhood missed him for the last few days and reported ^{the fact} to the police. A policeman found him unconscious in the ~~stable in which~~ ^{barn where} he makes his home.

When the hospital authorities asked him whether he had any money or relatives, he proudly showed his G.A.R. button. He then added the information that although he was entitled to a pension, he had never asked for it. Said he: "The country ^{has} always treated me right and I'd never ask for a pension just because I'm a bit hungry." A stout old boy. ~~I'd like to~~

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RACKETS

It looks as though the long-suffering John D. Public of the U.S.A. has finally decided to quit being a worm and to turn on the racketeers. The ^{has just} N.B.C. made a survey today of movements all over the country directed against the hoodlums who are gnawing like rats on legitimate business.

Well, here's one item. A court in the Bronx today sentenced four racketeers in the live poultry industry to three years in jail. They were ~~XXXXXX~~ convicted of intimidation.

At the same time, John H. Amen, ² noted criminal lawyer, informed ^{us} the ~~N.B.C.~~ that he has been appointed special assistant to the Attorney General to investigate New York racketeers. Mr. Amen will conduct an investigation in the fish racket, the teamster racket, food and milk rackets, and other forms of illegal business. *And we'll all say a loud amen to that.*

In the West, Attorney General Cummings has ordered a survey of the situation. In the Senate a few days ago Senator Royal Copeland of New York introduced the resolution in the Senate, calling for a complete investigation of the *racket* menace.

In Chicago ^{we hear} ~~the N.B.C. was informed today~~ that a drive against hoodlums and racketeers is under way. The State's Attorney, business men, and police are cooperating. — ^{one of the worst afflicted industries} — In fact the cleaners and dyers ~~industry~~ went so far as to announce that they would stand for no more racketeering, ~~and~~ ^{They have} ~~has~~ appointed Judge Francis Borelli to act as arbitrator in their racketeer proceedings.

In Los Angeles a committee of seven has been formed under the Sheriff of that County. This group will function along the lines of the Chicago Crime Commission, reporting on its findings to special grand juries.

If this movement continues to grow it might really mean something.

HOGATE

My mail at present is full of requests for copies of the interesting talk on financial problems that Mr. Kenneth Hogate, head of the Wall Street Journal, gave last ~~Thursday~~^{week.}
~~night.~~

One New York engineer asks a number of questions that are not easy to answer in a few moments, and then ~~it~~ concludes with the remark: ~~that~~ "It's no comfort to me to know that we shall again be back to normal, and that I'll still lose thirty per cent of my original investment." I have just asked Mr. Hogate for his comment on that. Here is what he says:-

"If the present program works out (meaning Mr. Roosevelt's program), ~~as I gather it is hoped that it will,~~ it is the expectation that the dollar's value will be restored to approximately the 1925-26 level. If Mr. Miller made his investments at about this time, he will have lost nothing except the profit from a rising dollar which he had, for instance, in 1932; but this profit he did not earn and he can comfort himself that it was a passing thing. All of this is ~~predicated~~^{predicated}

upon the assumption that the program of controlled inflation will remain controlled and that the dollar's value will not be reduced beyond that point contemplated by the President."

Mr. Hogate of the Wall Street Journal adds:

"There's an effective inflation in normally good times -- in other words, commodity prices go up and the value of the dollar goes down. It may well be that it is only this degree of depreciation which Mr. Miller will suffer. If so, better business and higher receipts would undoubtedly compensate him for any loss on his investments."

And that, in a nutshell, seems to be what we are all hoping for, and what the President intends that we shall have.

BLONDE

Do gentlemen really prefer blondes? Whether they do or whether they don't, it seems that movie audiences prefer brunettes. A survey of the stars at the R.K.O. studios in Hollywood brings to light the important scientific information (ahem) that brunette stars heavily outnumber their blonde rivals. Gentlemen may prefer blondes -- but the brunettes seem to get the dough.

STANFORD

Here's one from the coast that should interest the ladies. When the late Governor Leland Stanford and his wife established Stanford University, they made a rule that there never should be more than five hundred women among the undergraduates. Well, just see what hard times will do. The Board of Trustees ~~at~~ had a meeting today and just threw that old rule into the discard. In future the University of Leland Stanford, Jr., at Palo Alto, will welcome the ladies up-to the number of forty-five per cent. of the total enrollment, and as the total enrollment is four thousand, that ought to produce quite a number of new coeds.

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Go west young man — go west

BASEBALL

There's plenty of excitement in Cleveland today, especially among the baseball fans. To the astonishment of the sporting world the team now leading the American League is neither the champion Yankees, nor their deadly foes, the Washington Senators, nor even Connie Mack's Athletics. The Cleveland Indians are in first place, and for the first time in quite a long while.

To be sure, they're leading Babe Ruth and his team mates by only half a game, and they've played one more game than the Yanks. Nevertheless, first place is first place.

SPORTING EVENTS

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An unusual sporting event takes place tomorrow. I wish I could be there, out on the Ohio River. It is called the Mid-America Crew Regatta. The main event is known as the David and Goliath race, the crew of Marietta College, a small Ohio institution, representing David, and the veteran oarsmen of Boston Tech, Goliath.

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In fact there are sporting events all over the country that I wish I could attend. Every hour brings in letters and telegrams about them.

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On Sunday the Dewey Congressional Medal of Honor men are going to pay tribute to their late Commander, Admiral Dewey, along with veterans of many wars, in a great parade, in Philadelphia..

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And then tomorrow at Yankee Stadium former Governor Al Smith will officially open the kids' baseball season. The game will be between teams of youngsters who belong to what is

called the Yankee Sand Lot League. Boys of all races,
colors and creeds. The teams have interesting names; for
instance, the Lower West Side Tigers, the Holy Innocents,
the
~~the~~ New York City Farmers, and so on. I wonder just what
is a New York City Farmer?

GNU

A terrible thing happened at Madison Square Garden which did ^{it}~~not~~ get into the papers. It ~~happened the~~ ^{occurred the} last night the circus was at the Garden.

If you were there, you may recall that one of the attractions was the Royal Gnu, ~~the~~ ^{yes the g-n-u the} magnificent creature with ~~the~~ superb flowing beard.

Well, whether it was the excitement of moving over to Brooklyn or what, nobody knows, but the Gnu ate his beard. There seems to be a theory that his whiskers got mixed up with his hay rations, and zip, before the attendants could say Jack Robinson, away went the best part of those magnificent lambrequins. ^{kins}

But there's some consolation. Dexter Fellowes claims that a beardless Gnu will be far more of a rarity than a ~~gnu~~ Gnu with the usual spinach on his chin. In other words, says Dexter, a beardless Gnu will be something new. (No don't blame that one on me. That's one of Dexter Fellowes' best.

AUSTRALIA

I've just run across an interesting item about Australia. The first European settlement on that vast island continent was about one hundred and fifty years ago. And in that short time, Australia has given us gold from her mines, to a value of almost four billion dollars. On Australia's great ranches and sheep stations today there are more than one hundred million sheep and twelve million cattle. One hundred thousand tons of butter were exported last year. There are vast orange groves and vineyards. They now have twenty-seven thousand miles of railroad, and the Australians say the depression is over.

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TALL

A Tall Story Club member

~~respondent~~ in Cleveland just sent me a present of a Sure Cure Magic Box which he made himself. I haven't tried it out yet, but accompanying the gift was a Tall Story, which I feel deserves a prize ~~of a~~ copy of the Tall Story Book.

The story concerns a Mr. Rappaport who was celebrating the rite of naming his new son. One ~~incident~~ in the rite is that the Rabbi after blessing the baby dips a finger in a glass of wine and conveys a drop ~~to~~ the child's lips.

This particular Mr. Rappaport lives in dry territory and there was no wine available. So instead of wine he had a glass of Blue Sunoco. ~~gas~~. When ^{it} ~~he~~ came to that point in the ceremony where the Rabbi had to touch the child's lips with the liquid; the child suddenly let out a yell and cried:

gave a look,
"Papa, you ~~can't~~ ^{beent} fool me, [^] that's Blue Sunoco."

RUBBER BOAT

How would you like to sail across the broad Atlantic from Portugal to New York in a twenty foot rubber boat? Uh oh! Can't you just see those mountainous waves, and see that rubber boat bouncing from wave to wave? The first I had heard that a man and his wife were attempting to sail across the Atlantic in a rubber boat was through Editor Purcell of the Bermuda Royal Gazette and Colonist. The information was that Rudolph Zwerenz ^{Tsoverentz} and his wife had left Lisbon in their rubber boat, to cross the mighty ocean and win a prize offered by the New York Yacht Club. However, the Secretary of the New York Yacht Club informs me that he knows nothing of any such prize.

As you sit around your dinner table tonight, just think of Rudolph and his wife ^{amid those mountainous waves) bouncing} in that rubber boat somewhere in mid-ocean. And now I'm going to bounce over the mountainous state of Pennsylvania to make a speech and see some friends in the fair city of Williamsport — and so long until Monday.