

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Postmaster General Farley, in an eight page letter, plus photostats and memorandums, made public ^{late} today just why he, and the President, cancelled all the Air Mail contracts. The documents were sent to Senator Black, Chairman of the Air Mail Investigating Committee, and at five o'clock Senator Black released the eight page letter to the press.

Mr. Farley said that he cancelled the domestic contracts because of conspiracy or collusion. He charge that the companies who suffer by this move are the companies that were represented at a certain meeting held in the Post Office Department in Washington. Former Postmaster General Brown and Assistant Secretary of Commerce MacCracken were at the meeting, ^{Mr.} Farley ^{states} ~~goes on to say~~

that they all met there and divided up the territory and the Air Mail contracts among themselves.

The only company to get a clean bill of health from ^{Post Master Farley} ~~him~~ was the National Parks Airways that runs from Montana to Salt Lake City. Farley further charged that these companies, from 1930 to 1933, received seventy-eight million dollars from Uncle Sam but only rendered forty-seven million dollars worth of service.

^{And} That, is the Roosevelt Administration's answer to the cancellation of the Air Mail contracts.

SHIPS

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The policy of encouraging Uncle Sam's Merchant Marine is not to be abandoned. A statement from the White House today informs us that President Roosevelt ~~we~~ believes in subsidizing ships. He thinks it would never do to let the American Flag fade away from the high seas. And to this end subsidies are necessary ^{for} ~~because~~ not only does it cost more to build American ships but it is also more expensive to run them, because American seamen are paid better and treated better than those of almost any other country. Nevertheless, the President believes subsidies should be recognized as subsidies, and should not be disguised as mail contracts.

WATER

The President is taking steps to coordinate all government activities for flood control, the development of electric power and all such problems. Mr. Roosevelt announces the formation of a new committee of his Cabinet just for this. This committee will study everything connected with flood control, power development, inland waterways, harbor improvements, reforestation and erosion of ~~si~~ soil. The President hopes the committee will be able to produce a plan of wide scope ~~which will~~ ^{to} take in every section of the country. One objective will be the decentralization of industry.

WATERWAY

In Ohio
~~Here is this part of Ohio. I am~~ hearing a lot

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of talk about a new waterway for this region where so much of our steel is produced, ~~Here~~ in the American Ruhr. For years there has been talk of deepening the Beaver and Mahoning Rivers that flow into the Ohio. Partial approval of this plan has just been given by the Federal authorities. It may go through. If money from the Public Works Administration in Washington is provided, and there's a strong chance now that it will be, that will mean employment for about five thousand men for four or five years.

C.W.A.

I have a word of good cheer for C. W. A.

workers and their families. The Senate today, after days of arguing and haggling, finally passed the bill for which the President asked; the bill appropriating nine ~~X~~ hundred and fifty million dollars more for this purpose. All it lacks now is the President's signature. This means that ~~the~~ C. W. A. jobs will be good until at least the first of ~~May~~.

N.R.A.

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You will soon have an opportunity to record your opinion about the N.R.A. There will be public N.R.A. hearings in Washington beginning February, twenty-seventh. The purpose of these will be to receive criticism, and suggestions for improvement. You and I and all of us are invited to be there either in person, or by letter, to say what we think, and thus give the Government the benefit of our sage advice. Well, let's all to down and tell the President how to do it.

GOLD

Gold from Europe keeps pouring into the country.

When the French liner Paris docks in New York tomorrow

she will unload forty-five million dollars worth.

What's more the Majestic sailed from England today with

thirty-five million dollars worth of gold bars aboard.

Field W. Sabender, the General Superintendent, pointed out to me, in your own house manufacturing building, during the afternoon and the evening. It prevents what they call "scaling" of the metal, as a strip of steel passes over the rollers. Prevents the rollers from wearing.

When the steel goes through the rolling machine since the point is electrically welded. It is attached by electricity, you might say. And, where it is welded the pipe is actually stronger than anywhere else.

L. T. speaks here.

FOR MR. NEMENYI

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It's an electric welding machine, Lowell.

As you saw, the flat sheet of steel, from one quarter to three quarters of an inch thick, passes through shaping rolls which gradually make it cylindrical, into pipe.

And that white stuff you saw pouring over it, the white fluid Mr. Carpenter, the General Superintendent, pointed out to you, is your own Sunoco emulsifying-cutting oil.

Sunoco is the lubricant and the coolant. It prevents what they call "gaulding" of the metal, as a strip of steel passes over the rollers. Prevents the rollers from wearing.

Then the steel goes through the magic machine where the joint is electrically welded -- stitched by electricity, you might say. And, where it is welded the pipe is actually stronger than anywhere else.

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L. T. speaks here.

STEEL

I have been on an expedition today -- through one of Youngstown's giant steel mills. One of the greatest man-made shows on earth. To describe it is hopeless. ~~S~~emi-darkness. Giant machinery that terrifies you as it moves mysteriously. Four hundred ton cranes. Open hearth furnaces where at twenty-six hundred degrees they turn iron into a liquid and transform it into steel. Brown men wearing goggles ^{at} and blue glass so they can see through the flames. Rivers of molten steel, plunging like Niagara Falls into coudrons amid immense showers of sparks. And then the cranes picking up buckets of molten steel, one hundred and twenty-five tons at a time.

The Plant of the Republic Steel Corporation is a part of the third largest steel producing concern in America, largest producer of alloy steels, largest in the making of stainless steel. Twenty-six immense plants, thirteen blast furnaces, sixty-eight open-hearths and so on.

STEEL #2.

We went to the Land of Brobindignag. And I was Gulliver, with eyes bulging and mouth open.

You may have heard me mention my friend, Nemenyi, last evening. He's an Hungarian newspaperman here in Youngstown. A student at the University of Budapest, University of Leipzig, Oxford in England, and the Sorbonne in Paris. He was working in Canada when the World War broke out. They interned him, thinking he might be a spy. Every man was a potential spy in those days. He escaped across the border to the United States, got as far as Youngstown, and his money gave out.

Ever since then he has been a newspaperman here. "Nemo" Nemenyi, they call him. Now he haunts the steel mills. And I depend on him for information when I come this way. At any rate, he's sitting here beside me at the Ohio Hotel in Youngstown. And if I get out of my depth I may have to ask Nemo a question or two.

Up until a few years ago they made pipe, out of sheets of steel, largely by hand. Now the Republic people

do it by magic, with one of the mightiest machines that has come out of this machine age. Tell about it Nemo. I'm ~~my~~ out of my depth already.

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And that's the way they make the pipe lines that carry Sun Oil for hundreds of miles across the country. Charles White, booming voiced high mogul in charge of operations told me these uncanny machines can turn out immense steel pipe at the rate of fourteen miles of it a day. In fact, their three ~~mills~~ mills can make about forty miles of pipe a day. One such pipe line they made is eight hundred miles long. It reaches from the Texas - Panhandle to St. Louis, a river of gasoline being constantly forced through it.

As we stood there watching them tap that number ten open-hearth furnace, Nemo, Noah Clark, I believe it

was, said that a workman -- in some other mill -- fell into a bucket of one hundred and twenty-five tons of molten steel. Is that right?

L. T. Then how could they bury him?

Mr. N. Oh, that was easy. They just turned out that whole one hundred and twenty-five tons of steel in one huge block, and they buried all of that! At today's prices that steel would be worth about five thousand dollars.

L. T. An expensive coffin, I'd say.

AUSTRIA

After three days fighting many parts of Austria are in ruins, whole sections are a shambles, and it is calculated that the list of dead in Vienna alone amounts to more than four hundred. ~~Fifty~~ Throughout the entire country more than a thousand have been killed and the estimates are continually mounting. The Government forces apparently are just hammering the Socialists to pieces.

At Floridsdorf the Rebel fortress is being slowly demolished by shell fire. In another town the Socialists surrendered, ~~and~~ the railway station held by the workers was bombarded to bits before its defenders had time to evacuate.

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Outside of this the principal news from Vienna is that the Government troops are gradually getting the upper hand. It is believed that the revolution will have been totally suppressed before tomorrow morning. In fact the Little Iron Chancellor, Dollfuss, says he has it so thoroughly crushed that he is about to leave Vienna

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on a tour of the various scenes of battle. One of the gruesome sights he will witness will be soldiers building gallows to hang Socialist Rebels after the Courts Martial have convicted them. These trials are being conducted by the dozen all over Austria. Only a few hours interval passes between arrest and execution.

One of the events of the day in Vienna was a run on the Central Savings Bank which is owned and managed by the Socialist Party. The depositors were thrown into a panic by the fear that the Government would seize all the funds on deposit. A force of police and soldiers was detailed to guard the bank.

~~At any rate,~~ tonight it looks as though a revolution in Austria is over and Dolfuss, the West Pocket Chancellor as the Youngstown Telegram calls him is still in the saddle.

MOSCOW

The Soviet Government in Moscow, received word today of ^{the}~~the~~ disaster that has befallen one of its ships. The icebreaker, Cheluskin, ~~which was~~ carrying members of the Soviet Arctic Expedition, was crushed to pieces by the ice.

The radio reports of this disaster carry few details. The icebreaker was trying to force a passage to the North when she was caught between huge icebergs, about a hundred and fifty miles from Northern Bay.

The ship is a total wreck. But the entire crew of ninety men, including the Scientific Staff, are safe on the ice ^{tonight,} and Moscow has sent a squad ^{from} of planes to the ~~PERFORM~~ rescue.

FLIGHT

Public opinion in Japan is all worked up against Uncle Sam for something that happened last April, something which only just became known. The event was a flight of thirty American seaplanes from Honolulu to the Leeward Islands. These islands lie one thousand miles to the East of a group of Pacific islands controlled by Japan.

Three squadrons of ~~Naval~~ planes under Commander Tod of the U. S. Navy made that flight in five hours. The squadrons remained in the Leewards for ten days, taking observations and charting weather conditions. This flight did not get into the news and became known only through a recent article in the National Aeronautical Magazine. The article was reprinted in Japan and was used by the War Party to arouse feeling against the U. S.

U. P. TRAIN

That "Train of Tomorrow" came through today. It slid into Youngstown about nine o'clock this morning, way ahead of time. The Vindicator describes it as: "A colossal buff colored caterpillar, so silent that if it were not for a warning bell you'd never hear it. And inside more luxurious than Maharajah's limousine. Along about now it probably is pulling into the Union Station in Washington, over the B. and O.

The Train of Tomorrow! From ninety to a hundred miles an hour! If they put one of those on the Harlem Division of the New York Central, maybe I can commute back and forth from the farm to New York. Seventy miles in forty-seven minutes. Then I can spend more time with my bear.

EVICTION

A farmer near Milladore, Wisconsin, foreclosed a mortgage on one of his neighbors last October. But it was not until ^{this week} ~~last Monday~~ that he evicted the man and his wife and sick baby. This aroused the neighborhood to such an extent that two hundred farmers assembled with a rope and were starting to hang the man who had foreclosed the mortgage. Deputy sheriffs came to the rescue, but even they would have been overpowered if they had not been able to persuade (it didn't take much persuasion) to persuade the mortgage holder to give his neighbor a month's grace so that he ^{might} ~~might~~ have a chance to get a loan from Uncle Sam.

Riot

San Francisco almost had a lusty young riot.

The occasion was a speech in the Civic Auditorium by

Samuel Untermyer, millionaire New York lawyer. Untermyer's

oration was for the purpose of persuading Californians

to join the boycott of German goods. Soon after he *got under*

way the
~~began~~ interruptions started. Groups of hecklers, said

to have been Nazi supporters, were scattered through *the*

audience. A call for help brought
a squadron of police cars in a hurry, ~~and~~ the disturbers

were thrown out on their ear so that Untermyer could

continue talking about German atrocities.

STUDENTS

How much does your boy learn at college?

The faculty of the University of Washington recently made a general knowledge test of the students out there.

One set of questions aimed to discover how well informed the boys and girls are concerning certain illustrious people. Some of the replies are highly illuminating.

For instance a studious youth declared that Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes is a writer of popular fiction.

Still another described Ferdinand Pecora, counsel to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, as the man who tried to assassinate President Roosevelt. According to still another H. G. Wells, the British novelist is the owner

of an automobile agency. But here's the prize one of the lot: When asked who Fiorello H. LaGuardia was, ^{he answered:} "A

spanish dancer". At any rate, the fiery Fiorello is

making a lot of people do the fandango in New York these days.

WOMEN

Have you ever wondered what a community without women would be like? Some travelers on a Trans-Pacific liner recently found out. The Canadian Pacific Ship, Empress of Asia, recently arrived at Vancouver without a single female passenger on board. Probably the first time such a thing ever happened in the history of that or any other line.

What was it like? The purser of the Empress of Asia reports that the men were bored to death. They had no games, no dances, no fun. At meal times they sauntered into the dining room in bathrobes. Their principal pastime on that entire voyage was sleeping.

That item gives me an idea, Nemo, What do you say we do now?

Mr. N.

"Let's join the ladies."

L.T.

Right! And

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.