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Good Evening, Everybody:

(The case of Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York got into the <sup>law</sup> courts today and, as a dispatch to the New York Evening Post puts it, the lawyers wrapped it in a tangled ball of red tape.

But from Governor Roosevelt <sup>came</sup> ~~comes~~ a startling announcement. The Governor issued what amounts to a defiance of the courts. The Deputy Attorney General of the State told the Supreme Court Justice <sup>before whom</sup> ~~who was hearing~~ the case <sup>came today</sup> that Mr. Roosevelt will refuse to recognize any court order intended to prevent him from handing down a decision <sup>about Mayor</sup> ~~in the case of Mr.~~ Walker.)

A dramatic retort to this was made by <sup>the</sup> Mayor ~~Walker's~~ lawyer. He accused Governor Roosevelt of feeling that he is above the law. And he intimated that if the Governor removes Mr. Walker, the Mayor will have to be forcibly ejected from the city hall. He drew a picture of armed conflict around the <sup>seat of New York City's</sup> ~~City of the~~ municipal government such as has not been seen in

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New York City since the colorful and historic days of Mayor

Fernando Wood *Back in Fifties.*

For the rest, all that went on in the Walker case  
today was talk, -- lawyers talk, -- ~~and~~ <sup>than</sup> of which I know nothing  
duller.

## BUSINESS

Both morning and evening newspapers all over the country were featuring symptoms of a definite, unmistakable improvement in business today. The U. S. Employment Service of the Department of Labor reports that the United States as a whole experienced during July the first really noticeable expansion in industrial activity that has occurred this year. Similar accounts were published in the Toronto Star and the Montreal Star. New York State and New Jersey were exceptions to the rest of the United States. But from everywhere else come stories of increasing employment and increasing production. These items come from points as widely scattered as San Francisco and Atlanta, Georgia; Boston, Mass., and Dallas, Texas; Buffalo and Seattle. The New England Council has a long list of items showing gains throughout those states.

And by the way, prices of stocks went up again today on Wall Street. Railroad shares were the leaders and some of them rose from one to six points.

The present state of the market is well explained in an interesting article in the current issue of the Literary Digest,

which says that what we have now is a baby bull market,  
not just calf.

The Digest quotes an article in the <sup>Economist</sup>~~Communist~~ of  
London, which suggests that there is reason to think that the  
giant of the west -- that means Uncle Sam -- has passed the  
crisis in his sickness.

Well, if even British economists are believing  
we've turned the corner, that ~~ix~~ ought to mean something.

Let's hope it means what we all hope it means.



R. F. C.

*Uncle Sam's*  
Well, ~~the~~ Reconstruction Finance Corporation seems to

have been getting busy. During the last ten days of July ~~they~~

it either loaned or agreed to loan no less than Fifty-five

million dollars. This sum, in varying amounts, goes to four

hundred and fifty-seven borrowers. The amounts borrowed range *from*

*the*  
*curious sum of*

~~from~~ <sup>^</sup> four thousand and twenty dollars, loaned to a bank in

Moscow, up to five million dollars, sent to a railroad in

Minneapolis. Don't be worried by that name Moscow -- ~~this is~~

it <sup>'s</sup> ~~is~~ not Moscow, Russia, but Moscow, Idaho.

All this was made public today by the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Incidentally, there is a bit of comedy connected with this report. It was made against the wishes of the President, who did not want the names of the borrowers to be made public. The Clerk of the House, however, did not comply with the President's wishes. Indignant Republican Congressmen accused the Clerk of doing this to curry favor with Mr. Garner, the Speaker of the House. This the Clerk denied angrily, saying that he was obliged by the law as passed by <sup>Congress</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>^</sup> Constitution, to make these names public.

Captain Jim Mollison of Scotland has been spending the last twelve hours finding out what it means to be the hero of the day in New York. This Scotsman who was the first person to make a solo flight westward across the Atlantic is no stranger to publicity. <sup>But</sup> ~~though~~ this is his first taste of what publicity means in the United States.

His tiny machine which is really nothing but a sports model is being overhauled. Captain Mollison is going to complete his round trip flight as soon as Dr. James Kimball of Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau gives the word. Though this is his first appearance in the land of Uncle Sam, Jim Mollison has learned already that no sane flyer in this country undertakes <sup>any</sup> ~~his~~ long-distance flight unless he gets <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ okay on the weather from <sup>Doc.</sup> ~~Dr.~~ Kimball who is known far and wide as the patron saint of aviators, *the Saint Christopher of the Air.*

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Meanwhile from two opposite parts of the country upwards of a hundred ~~fix~~ fliers are making the second lap of the transcontinental air derby for the classic Cord Cup. Half of the competitors in this spectacular contest started from Los Angeles, the other half from Washington, D. C. The Pacific crowd all landed safely at



Yuma, Arizona. Those from the Atlantic ended the first lap at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This race which is 2,369 miles long, will end ~~in~~ at the Cleveland airport Saturday. It is one of the main events of the National Air Races.

Then, too, ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> flying boudoir according to latest reports is still in the air, <sup>over Curtiss Airport, Long Island.</sup> Mrs. Marsalis and Mrs. Thaden have now eight days of continuous flying to their credit.

They are considering a suggestion that they finish up their flight in the National Air Show in Cleveland, but if they do that they will lose credit for their record. It seems the rules for endurance flights demand that the plane land at the same field from which it took off.

Mrs. Marsalis and Mrs. Thaden dropped a note to Casey Jones, Manager of Curtiss Field, to let him know <sup>what</sup> they <sup>had in mind.</sup> ~~were considering.~~ They also dropped a note reporting their cold cream had given out and could something be done about ~~the~~ it right away. It may interest you to know that Mrs. Thaden is suffering from hangnails. Casey Jones is sending her up a special preparation to take care of the dainty fingers.

BERLIN

The German government today made quick use of the emergency decrees providing death sentence for acts of what are called "political ~~terrorist~~ terrorism." Five members of Adolph Hitler's brown shirt militia were today sentenced to execution for the murder of a communist. This sentence was imposed by a special anti-terrorist court in Silesia.

These decrees caused a sensation throughout the Republic, but the death ~~decrees~~ <sup>sentence</sup> on <sup>the</sup> five Hitlerites has aroused a more acute state of mind. A ~~riot~~ <sup>riot</sup> began in the Silesia<sup>n</sup> town in which the death sentence was passed. Police equipped with rifles and steel helmets had to fire on the mob in order to clear the streets. Fascist members of Parliament were arrested for

protesting against the sentence. *Crowds tore down the streets smashing windows and setting fire to the shops of anti-Fascists.* The decisions of these special <sup>anti-terrorist</sup> courts are not subject to appeal or review by a higher court. These emergency decrees are against all traditions of German law. Those traditions limit the death penalty to cases of premeditated murder. Political

*killings,* murders, committed in the heat of political hatred or passion,



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were not considered premeditated murder in Germany or, indeed, in any other European country.

On the other hand, the militaristic, aristocratic German Government is taking determined steps to restore <sup>other</sup> old German traditions. But the traditions they are trying to restore are connected with ~~the~~ manners and morals at bathing beaches.

Within the last few years, ~~there has been~~ <sup>Germans have been</sup> ~~there have~~ <sup>been</sup> pretty much ~~considerable liberalities as to what people could wear~~ <sup>latitude governing free to what they pleased</sup> at seaside

resorts. The new Commissioner of Police has issued decrees prohibiting anybody from walking to the beach in bathing costumes. At one resort on the Baltic Sea, thirty people were stopped by police, ~~who took their names~~. One woman was arrested for wearing a bathrobe which opened when the wind blew it and ~~sexher~~ showed her bare legs.

The Moral <sup>e</sup> Squads of the police are also <sup>ordered</sup> to put down nudity in the theatre. There must be no dancing in bathing suits. Women are also forbidden to wear their bathing suits for beauty contests.

*Think what that would mean in Atlantic City, or Fair Asbury Park - or on Broadway.*

## FARM STRIKE

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The scope of the strike of farmers in Iowa is already spreading seriously. As they go along, the farmers are becoming more and more ambitious in their plans. A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post reports that they expect eventually to increase their operations so as to blockade Chicago and East St. Louis. Those places will be their objective, said one of their leaders today, as soon as the Omaha highways are all blocked.

As for Omaha, it is almost in a state of siege today, so far as receiving farm products is concerned. The strikers have begun stopping the trains. Using flares and red lights, they brought a passenger train on the Milwaukee road to a stop near Jefferson, South Dakota. This train carried cream in the baggage car. But the doors were locked and the farmers made no attempt to force them. The train was allowed to proceed after only a short delay.

Then at Merville, Iowa, they held up a northwestern

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freight train for an hour. The story says that they looked over eleven carloads of live stock, but did not attempt to remove the stock from the train, which finally was permitted to continue.

The Mayor of Sioux City, Iowa, has issued an appeal for a conference of the governors of all the middle-western states to consider the situation.

The farmers who are picketing the highways searched every vehicle that came along. This included not only all trucks but passenger touring cars.

However, the farmers are not making themselves dry agents of Uncle Sam. One of the trucks they stopped was laden with gallon jugs of liquor. The farmers immediately allowed it to proceed. It was reported that this was the first liquor consignment that reached Sioux City for days.

Then there was a dispatch from Norwood, Ohio, according to which there is a possibility that the Iowa farm strike may be extended to that state. The story runs that farmers in the neighborhood <sup>of</sup> ~~called~~ Bowling Green, Ohio, were



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organizing to join the strike. So far they have no definite plans but they <sup>Buckeyes</sup> expect to join up with the <sup>hawk eyes.</sup> ~~Iowa boys.~~

There were disturbances in the coal fields of Illinois. One picket was killed and several wounded, in a clash between union and non-union miners. However, the sheriff reported that two mines were working with full crews in southern Illinois.

One middlewestern governor today announced his support of the farmers in their strike. ~~xx~~ This was Governor Floyd Olson, the Farmer-Labor chief executive of the State of Minnesota. Governor Olson suggested martial law as one means of raising farm prices. That is, providing other middlewestern governors agreed. To <sup>this</sup> ~~that~~ Olson added that he is willing to join in any plan, however arbitrary, which will raise prices of farm commodities.

## EUGENICS

Some hundred scientists are holding a congress in New York. It's called the Third International Congress of Eugenics, the highbrow word ~~for~~ for the science of breeding. The delegates came from all parts of the United States, from Canada, from South American and from Europe. Among the interesting facts the lads made public today is that we in the United States are <sup>going in for</sup> ~~becoming~~ <sup>marriage in a big way.</sup> ~~more and more a married population.~~ In 1890 only 54% of us men

were married. In 1930 there <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ 60% of us who had <sup>better halves.</sup> ~~mates.~~

<sup>at the Eugenic Congress</sup>  
The boys and girls <sup>^</sup> were somewhat concerned because one

of the most eminent of their number ran out on them. This was

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J. B. Haldane, one of the foremost scientists of Great Britain and <sup>^</sup>

a nephew of the late Viscount Haldane who was Chancellor of the

Exchequer and many other important things. Dr. Haldane refused

to subscribe to the notion that we should choose our mates on

scientific grounds instead of by the popular if erratic method of

falling in love. <sup>Eugenic.</sup> ~~The scientific method may~~ <sup>with each other.</sup> ~~This might~~ be a fine idea, says

Dr. Haldane, but it's a little too <sup>dull and unamusing a way</sup> ~~rigid~~ to be applied to human <sup>^</sup>

beings. It's not the scientific man's business, says Dr. Haldane,

to tell his fellow men what he should do <sup>and whom he should marry</sup>

"I don't think I know enough to lay down the law for other people," he added.

Coming from Dr. Haldane, the Eugenic boys and girls thought this was a mean stab in the back, worse than using a rolling pin. The rest of us are a bit astonished to meet a scientist who doesn't forget he's a human being.



BOYS

Here's a little <sup>item</sup> ~~item~~ that ought to interest the youngsters among the listeners. In Buffalo there's a gentleman named Edward Voetsch. Mr. Voetsch has rescued <sup>no less than</sup> twenty-one people from drowning in the river. Well, he has two young sons. And yesterday they showed themselves real chips off the old block. They achieved their first rescue by saving a young man who was on the verge of going under for the third time.

SAUERKRAUT

The land of Uncle Sam seems to be the country of strange contests. Out in Henderson, Minnesota, they have what seems to be one of the strangest. It is a contest in sauerkraut eating. A dispatch to the Hartford Times says that the <sup>champion</sup> ~~possessor of this title~~ is named John ~~Bredenes~~, <sup>B-r-e-d-e-m-e-s,</sup> I don't know how to pronounce it. ~~You'd better pronounce it yourselves.~~

The annual contest was held yesterday. In order to defend his title Mr. B-r-e-d-e-m-e-s ate a total of 14 pounds of sauerkraut, 6 pounds of frankforters, and 36 <sup>buns</sup>.

Well, this wasn't enough to enable him to retain his title. His neighbor who was the challenger, ate just as much. So the judges decided the contest on the <sup>basis of</sup> table manners. I don't know exactly what table manners are in eating sauerkraut. Maybe it depends on ~~xx~~ how much you can balance on the end of your knife, <sup>or how much you</sup> ~~At any rate it's time~~ <sup>keep out of your ears.</sup> ~~for me to go home and see what we have for dinner tonight, so I'll say~~

~~S-I-U-T~~

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And Wait a minute, here's a specific example of  
*and we don't want to overlook any of these.*  
prosperity that I almost overlooked. A few days ago I mentioned  
a town in Spain whose inhabitants had to pay no taxes. Not  
only do they have to pay no taxes but they get free medical  
attendance. Well, a correspondent writes <sup>in</sup> from Portage,  
Pennsylvania, telling me that we do not have to go abroad to  
look for a place where the people are not bothered with that  
dread disease known as taxes. This correspondent, Mr. Frank  
Beckley, tells me that there is a quaint little town, named  
Jennerstown, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. There the boro  
fathers have just announced that there will be no tax assessment  
levied against any citizen for the year 1932. They have sufficient  
funds to meet all their requirements.

Let me see, I wonder what the carfare is to  
Jennerstown, Pennsylvania? I think I'll load up with some of  
that celebrated Blue Sonoco and ~~xx~~ start right away, So,  
so long until tomorrow.