

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Washington is astir these days, ready for Monday -- the opening of the special session. The buzz of politics is becoming a roar along the Potomac.

I phoned the national capitol today and talked to Arthur DeTitta, Washington representative of Movietone. He told me that he had just come from the capitol, where Speaker Bankhead had made a declaration to the cameras and sound equipment. To the newsreels, the speaker related the official program for Congress. This he had just drawn up with the President, at luncheon at the White House. So here's a chance to listen in advance of the sound film.

The Speaker told the newsreels about four bills that will be placed before Congress. Which one will the law-makers get first? Why, the Farm Bill.

This -- while there's a new argument on the subject of crop control. Not surprising -- in view of the bumper crops that have been harvested, a huge production that threatens crop prices.

Here's the latest:- New England potatoes seven percent above last year's; apples seventy-nine percent greater -- the year

of the Big Apple.

Southern Senators come forward today demanding -- compulsory control of crops. Yes, cotton in the south has been bumper! So the senators from way down south in Dixie are saying that voluntary crop control doesn't work -- the farmers must be made to curtail farm production. To this an amicable reply is made by Senators Pope of Idaho and McGillof Kansas. They're co-authors of the new Farm Bill, which calls for voluntary crop control. The co-authors say -- all right, if the southern senators want it compulsory for cotton, it's okay with them. They're willing to see it put in the bill. But those two senators from the west add that the wheat and corn farmers are not infavor of compulsion. They want it voluntary.

So there's agricultural battle on among the law-makers, which adds to the doubt -- whether the Farm Bill can be made ready in time to take first place on the congressional program -- as Speaker Bankhead today said it would.

The speaker went on to tell the newsreels that second on the program will be the Wages and Hour Bill -- about which there is plenty of strife and disse<sup>n</sup>sion.

Third -- government reorganization -- which faces bitter Republican opposition. I know that Ex-President Hoover considers it a major issue -- he told me so. The former President is making a radio speech at Syracuse University tonight, and may have something to say about it.

Fourth on the program, said Speaker Bankhead, is the bill for the establishment of regional agencies throughout the country to advise the government on public works.

I asked Arthur De Titta of Movietone whether Mr. Bankhead had said anything to the newsreels about the drive to amend those taxes on undistributed profits, about which business men complain so much. Arthur told me that the speaker said he didn't wish to discuss the subject just now.

From the White House comes word that President Roosevelt has still another item to add to the congressional schedule -- housing. The President has been consulting industrial leaders about a program of home building to check the recent business decline.

Talking about housing, here's one from St. Louis. A steam shovel was digging into a vacant lot to get a few truckloads of

dirt. Suddenly, as the great shovel gouged deep, a trap door opened nearby and a man emerged from out of the earth. "Hey, this is my home," he shouted. "You can't dig me out like that!"

And indeed they were digging him out like a mole. A modern cave dweller. He has been living a subterranean life for eight years, -- in the underground remains of a long demolished brewery. Had a few beers there once and feel asleep like Rip Van Winkle -- maybe.

The steam shovel foreman phoned his boss and said -- "We can get enough dirt from the other end of the lot without excavating the fellow in the catacombs. How about it, chief?"

The boss said "Okay". So they took the steam shovel to the other side of the lot, and tonight the St. Louis cave dweller is still hibernating.

All of which might provide some inspiration for the housing moguls in Washington.

The governmental news goes on to a tempest in a teapot -- a newspaper tempest and the White House is the teapot. I shrink from giving the impression that the President and the First Lady are on opposite sides of a controversy, although that's frequently

the case between husband and wife, in your home and mine, but not of course in the White House. Sad to relate, however, the President has accepted honorary membership in the American Press Society. And Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the Newspaper Guild -- as a newspaper woman, a columnist.

Now consider this -- the American newspaper Guild asks the President to withdraw from the American Newspaper Society -- and asks the same of Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes who likewise accepted an honorary membership. The Guild declares that the American Press Society is quote:--"regarded by the rank and file of working newspaper man and woman as an employer-dominated organization." End quote. Behind that remonstrance to the President is the Guild membership, of which the First Lady is one -- and of which Heywood Broun is six!

Today in the White House, Mr. Roosevelt said "No." He read a section of the constitution of the press society which declares that journalism "is an honorable profession bearing the nature of a public trust." He said that sounded pretty good to him, and that's why he accepted the honorary membership. And so the chief magistrate turns down the demand backed by the Newspaper

Guild membership, of which the First Lady is one. Now that, in your home and mine, might lead to a hot breakfast day argument, but not in the White House. Let's hope not.

Just to complete the governmental news this evening -- there was a fire in the capitol. Time was when the British Redcoats burned the capitol in Washington, but today it wasn't so bad. A waste paper basket caught fire in a basement room, and the next thing you knew there was a pouring cloud of smoke. It wasn't much, but a dozen fire engines came roaring, with ponderous equipment to extinguish the waste-basket, and save the great golden dome from crashing to ruins.

L.T.:- King Football comes up for discussion by Ed Thorgersen -- with accent on tomorrow's leading games -- so tell us Thorgy about the headliners -- and which way does the wind blow?

THOR:- Along the eastern seaboard Lowell, it looks like rain -- and if it does be prepared for some of the greatest upsets of the year. I've just been on the phone with the U.S. Weather Bureau and Dr. Kimball's office tells me that the outlook for tomorrow is Rain and Warmer. So that Yankee stadium classic will probably be a WOW. For consider the facts leading up to the clash. Army, beaten by Yale and lucky to come back alive after a single point verdict against Harvard, in its two most important games of the year so far, comes to grips with a battle-scarred Notre Dame team, with victories over Navy and Minnesota -- then a crushing defeat by Pittsburgh. There's another angle. It's Gar Davidson's last year as Army coach. And the Army hasn't beaten the Irishin six years. So an Army victory would be a swell farewell present to hand Gar Davidson wouldn't it? Notre Dame, on the other hand, needs this victory to recover some of its lost gridiron glory. Add to this spicy situation the breaks that invariably occur

during a rainy game -- I mean fumbles, booting a soggy ball, slippery line play etc. And you find your forecast of such a game not worth a plugged nickel. Army's sweeping end play should prove to be a great factor in gaining yardage along the ground -- while an aerial attack such as Notre Dame usually uncovers against the Cadets will very likely suffer because of slippery ball-handling. So in a game that may possibly turn my hair white -- I favor the Army to score its first triumph over Notre Dame in six years.

At Hanover New Hampshire -- also on a rainy field, I like the great rolling power of that Big Red Cornell line against the more inexperienced Dartmouth forward wall. If Cornell's fast charging ends Brud Hollandaand Spang can break up that Dartmouth trick stuff -- and I think they will, Cornell is set to hand the Dartmouth Indian his first defeat of the year.

Not so with the other undefeated New England eleven. I mean, of course, the Bulldogs of Eli Yale. Against Cornell's superior line they proved what they could do on a soggy field. Against Princeton tomorrow Yale will splash all over the Yale



Bowl on a muddy scoring spree. Pittsburgh, likewise engages Nebraska on what will probably be another muddy field. But Pitt has the power of an avalanche plus a bevy of dynamos including Goldberg, Patrick and Stebbins. Nebraska, on the other hand, having been held to a 13-13 tie against Kansas last week will have a busy afternoon trying to quell the vicious thrusts of a blood-thirsty Pittsburgh Panther. So it's Pittsburgh giving Coach Jock Sutherland his One hundred and First Panther victory. And now let's get out of this stormy weather.

At Minneapolis, the Northwestern Wildcat and Minnesota Gopher engage in a do-or-die tussle, bringing shades of last year when Northwestern handed Minnesota its first defeat in three years. Tomorrow, the Gopher will try to atone for that stunning setback -- and having lost to Notre Dame and Nebraska -- and therefore out of national championship contention, will try to salvage at least a Big Ten Conference crown out of a rather disappointing year. So after faltering twice this season, the Minnesota Juggernaut tomorrow will go rolling along. Ohio state -- thrown for a loss last week by Indiana will try to reaffirm its

claim to Big Ten leadership against Illinois. Chances are that it will.

Turning South, we come upon Alabama's Crimson Tide -- the only undefeated and UNTIED eleven of national calibre remaining in the thinning ranks of titel contenders. Against George Tech tomorrow, the same Georgia Tech that eliminated Vanderbilt from the select group -- and came within a point of doing it against Duke -- Alabama is in for a stiff afternoon -- but with one of the fastest lines in football history to defend its blue-ribbon honor, Alabama should win.

Those Baylor Bears of Texas let me down last week -- but against the Mustangs of Southern Methodist tomorrow -- I expect them to come through. So will California against Oregon -- so will Washington's Huskies against U.C.L.A.

And now for our batting average to date: Out of forty-eight major game selections -- we score thirty-one predictions correct and seventeen losses including five ties -- giving us a batting average of .646. So be <sup>of</sup> good cheer, Lowell, tomorrow we probably die.

FOREIGN

There seems to be little ~~to~~ substantiate <sup>it in</sup> the diplomatic headline that flashed today - "Japan is willing to have the United States play the peace-maker in the Far Eastern War." (Tokyo has definitely refused to join the Nine Power parley,)

has rejected the second invitation. And the supposition was that, having turned down the nine powers, Japan would listen to peace suggestions by the United States. This was inferred from a statement made by an official Japanese spokesman.

Later in the day, the spokesman denied the rather sensational implication. "I merely told the press," said he, "that the United States has two very able ambassadors in China and Japan who could look after American interests in the ordinary manner." He didn't mean an invitation for our ambassadors in the Far East to try mediation between Japan and China - as had been supposed. ~~But~~ He merely suggested they could take care of American interests without any Nine Power combination.

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So that's a denial from the Japanese side, and the American delegate to the Brussels Conference put a further quietus on the rumor by saying that the United States will continue to work for Far Eastern peace in concert with the other powers - not alone.

Meanwhile, there are reports that the Japanese, after

their Shanghai victory, are thinking about Russia. An important military element in Tokyo is said to feel that Japan has virtually disposed of China and should now take a crack at the Soviets. The Mikado's war machine is mobilized and ready to go in high gear. So, why not take advantage of that to settle accounts with the Red army, seize Vladivostok and eastern Siberia? They say that's a proposition being debated pro and con in Tokyo.

SOVIET

( News men in Europe were busy all day trying to check up the latest sensational story of the blood purge in Russia. Three of the most prominent Soviet diplomats are rumored to be under arrest as enemies of the Stalin regime ) - Yurenev, who ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> Ambassador to Germany; Karski, ~~who is~~ Ambassador to Turkey; and Davtian, ~~who~~ ~~is~~ Ambassador to Poland. These three leading lights of Red statecraft are somewhere ~~away~~ <sup>off</sup> in the shadow<sup>s</sup> - perhaps facing trial and execution as have so many other great notables of Bolshevism. Certain it is - they have disappeared.

The news men in Berlin queried ~~of~~ the Soviet Embassy there and were told that Ambassador Yurenev returned to Russia on a vacation during the summer. Since then his diplomatic comrades in Berlin have heard not a word from him. At Warsaw the word is a shade less vague. The Soviet Embassy there refused to comment on the disappearance of Ambassador Davtian. Asked whether he was under arrest in Russia, the reply was that it is very possible. Those are exact quotes, "very possible."

In Moscow, Stalin's government says nothing. It never does until it is good and ready, <sup>when</sup> ~~and~~ prominent officials are consigned to trial <sup>and</sup> ~~in~~ the firing squad.

KIDNAP

Plane: —

Air disaster in Germany.  
A Luft Hansa plane crashed.  
Ten killed.

A curious story was revealed today concerning the kidnapping of Dr. Thomas I. Seder an aged former minister and one-time superintendent of the West Virginia Anti-Saloon League. The Department of Justice announces today the arrest of a man named Booth, who is said to have confessed and implicated two others. Booth rented an apartment from Dr. Seder and was introduced by the ~~xxxxx~~ doctor to a neighboring merchant. The merchant <sup>they say</sup> cashed a fifty dollar check for Booth which was returned N.G. Whereupon Booth went to Dr. Seder and offered him a sixty dollar check to cover the bad <sup>one</sup> ~~check~~. With this <sup>so the story goes,</sup> pretext, he induced the 79 year old minister to accompany him in a car. ~~xx~~ Thus he abducted Dr. Seder with the aid of two other men, took him deep into an abandoned coal mine ~~xxx~~ in West Virginia. A fifty thousand dollar ransom was demanded of the doctor's relatives. The aged man was kept a subterranean captive for ten days, and was rescued in a condition of collapse only when several farmers heard his faint cries for help.

HOLM

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What in all the world could be more wonderful than a wife?  
I can hear all you married men sigh, "Nothing, nothing at all!"  
So all you husbands will feel a heart tug of sympathy with  
Billy Rose of Broadway, producer of girl shows, lots of girls,  
lots to show - he yearns only for a wife, a real wifie of household  
and fireside. So Billy Rose, the home lover, announced today  
that he's going to marry - Eleanor Holm. And she'll be just ~~the~~<sup>a</sup>  
wife ~~taxi~~ for him. She'll give up her career, all that fame -  
winning backstroke championships, drinking the bubbling champagne  
on the way to the Olympic Games, banished<sup>ment</sup> from the Olympic team,  
oodles of headline publicity, and stardom in Hollywood as ~~the~~  
jungle mate of Tarzan. Eleanor will renounce all that and retire  
to domestic life - just a wife, just a helpmate, making hubby  
comfortable, sitting with him at the fireside - for a fireside chat.  
Home loving? <sup>Her very name</sup> ~~Why, her name~~ is Holm!

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That's what Billy Rose said today, and Eleanor Holm  
echoed: "Yes, I will," just as soulfully as she'll say it at  
her wedding to Billy Rose.

All these rosey and homelike beatitudes will have to be preceded by a round of divorces. Eleanor will have to be severed from her present husband, Art Jarrett, the band leader. Billy's severance is even more imposing. He'll have to be legally parted from Fannie Brice - Fannie of rollicking comedy who has given laughs to Broadway for years. Billy Rose says she's a wonderful girl, but she had <sup>her</sup> a career and couldn't be just a wife to him. Fannie is brilliant, says Billy, but he adds, "You can't live with an electric light."

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And so ~~They~~ they're engaged to be wedded, Billy and Eleanor, so let the wedding music ring out. Let the ~~electricity~~ <sup>organ</sup> play the "The Last Rose of Summer" ~~while the violins play~~ <sup>and</sup> "Home, Sweet Home," and -- SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

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