

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, this is ^{rather} a big day in the political world.

~~The two most important candidates for the presidency are sharing the limelight.~~ Tonight at nine o'clock, the Republican campaign

will open officially when President Hoover receives the ^{official} ~~surprising~~ information that he is again the standard bearer of the G.O.P.

A good deal depends on his speech of acceptance and what he says

in it. You'll ~~hear it all, if you want to.~~ They ^{are going to} ~~will~~ clear the air for the president ^{tonight} and what he says will be broadcast to you

wherever you are.

~~Excuse~~ A prelude to these official proceedings

was staged this afternoon when President and Mrs. Hoover gave a

^{buffet} ~~birthday~~ lunch ^{con} on the lawn of the White House to some five hundred

guests. These included high officials, political leaders,

Congressmen, and foreign diplomats.

~~But the lion's share of the front page on this~~

~~afternoon's papers went to the President's rival, Governor~~ ^{the afternoon papers are also}

playing up that story from Albany.

Mayor Jimmie won the first round by obtaining permission to call witnesses. This makes it probable that the hearing will be considerably prolonged.

(When New York's mayor arrived in Albany, it looked more as if he had come on a triumphal procession rather than a journey to defend his official existence. Crowds cheered him in the streets. Some of them acclaiming him as the next governor of New York State.) Jimmy took the stand today while Mrs. Walker sat near to give him encouragement.

The hearing was adjourned at four-sixteen, and will be resumed tomorrow morning in time to liven up tomorrow's newspapers. The whole country is said to be watching these proceedings. A great deal depends politically on what Governor Roosevelt does. That's the opinion of all the experts.

BUSINESS

Here's another encouraging story about the ~~pro~~ prosperity outlook. It comes from the Automotive Daily News which is particularly interested in keeping its finger on the business pulse ^{of this entire continent.} ~~all over the country.~~ The Council of the Midwest Retail Merchants are holding a convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The concensus ^{the} of ^d business men gathered there is, that ~~the~~ prices of farm products and manufactured goods as well, have touched bottom. *And now we're on the way up.* ~~The upturn has begun. The present prospects, they say, are good for all crops with but few exceptions in certain spots. This condition together with an increase in farm products, including livestock, is the keynote for marked improvement. This, of course, means a more optimistic feeling in all lines of business.~~

One leading business man of the Middle West today declares that the events of the past few weeks have brought out a much better feeling on all sides. ^{I wonder how he guessed that.} Others report that business is more active and merchandise easier to sell.

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Then the same paper has a dispatch from Cincinnati which reports that credit conditions are improved, and that business men are already beginning to get better prices for their wares. A marked improvement is apparent in the sales of motor cars which have increased considerably in the past ^{fortnight,} ~~four months~~.

Then a telegram from Cleveland brings the news that sentiment among retailers throughout that entire Reserve Bank district has improved tremendously within the last two weeks. All dealers observe a marked improvement in the sentiment of customers.

RUSSIA

There's considerable excitement in both business and ~~political~~^{government} circles about the bonds which the Soviet government of Russia intends to try to float in this and other countries. As you probably saw in your morning paper, these are bonds bearing interest at ten per cent. And the Soviet Government will undertake to buy back the bonds any time without notice at their face value plus accrued interest in the currency of the country in which they were bought.

Well, the reason that business men and Uncle Sam's officials are so interested is the prospect aroused of increased trade relations with Russia. Officially Uncle Sam has no knowledge of this bond issue. At the same time an important member of the administration told a reporter ~~of~~^{for} the Hartford Times that an increase in international trade with Russia would be warmly welcomed by ~~the~~ ~~government.~~ *uncle Sam.*

GERMANY

Germany continues to provide news of importance, ~~to everybody~~. A dispatch to the Boston Traveler brings still further confirmation of the advice that Adolf Hitler will ~~be~~ definitely *be* offered a job as the next Chancellor. ~~of Germany.~~

President von Hindenburg has summoned Herr Hitler to an audience tomorrow. He will then formally tender him the post of Chancellor of the German Republic. It is expected, however, that Germany's president will tie four conditions to the offer. These ~~x~~ conditions are: first, that the constitution must be respected. Second, that the Fascist militia must not be employed as auxiliary police. Third, that there must be no equality between the ~~United States Militia~~ Fascist militia and the regular army. Fourth, there must be no party government relying on storm troops for support.

It is doubted whether Herr Hitler will accept these terms. All Germany is in a state of suspense over this audience.

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(Well, that monarchist rebellion in Spain seems to have turned into what theatrical people call one big flop. The Republican forces ^{have} gained the upper hand ^{everywhere today} ~~on all fronts.~~ The leader of the monarchist ^s who had occupied Seville, fled, and was on his way with a party of followers to the Portuguese border. The General and his party were captured by one lone policeman.

But while the revolt was squelched, it can hardly be said that Spain ~~was~~ ^{is} calm. As an aftermath to this abortive revolution Republican mobs went on the rampage in furious retaliation against the monarchists. They burned buildings and homes belonging to ^{members of} the Royalist party. They burned a newspaper plant and three fashionable clubs ^{and the city jail} in Seville. One civilian leader of the rebels committed suicide. Mobs rushed through the streets of Seville carrying Republican flags, ~~making~~ cheering the Republic and threatening all ~~the~~ monarchists ^{who} ~~that~~ came in their way.)

Another aristocratic club in Santander, which had been founded by King Alfonso, was stormed by a crowd. The captured

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Then I'm sure the lady fans will be interested to learn that John Gilbert is married again. The lady's name is Virginia Bruce, and she is his fourth bride. The wedding took place at fifteen minutes' notice in Mr. Gilbert's bungalow on the studio^{lot}/where he is working.

BASEBALL

There are rumors of another row, and a serious one, in baseball circles. My friends on the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph ~~have just wired me~~ ^{say} that Commissioner Landis, the ~~X~~ czar of the national sport, has arrived in Pittsburgh to investigate a story that members of the Chicago Cubs were betting on horse races. This is supposed to have occurred during the regime of Rogers Hornsby.

The Cubs are in Pittsburgh today playing the Pirates. ~~The Commissioner~~ ^{Czar Landis} refused to make any statement, but invited reporters to draw their own conclusions. He explained that the issue was not one of the morality of betting. But he pointed out, a ballplayer cannot keep his mind ^{and eye} on the ~~game~~ ^{ball} when he is worrying whether the ~~horse~~ ^{cause} he's bet on came in first or last.

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consider it an insult if they were accused of sex appeal. I know
my friend Ruth Bryan Owen wouldn't.
~~should be glad to have information on this.~~

SPOOKS

Well, I went to that spiritualist seance on the 82nd floor of the Empire State Building last night. But I'm sorry to have to tell you that I didn't see any spooks.

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The location was chosen because one of the latest ideas in spiritualist circles is that so much radio transmission throughout the country interferes with reception by mediums. An accompanying theory is that most of the static that you hear, if you do hear it, is some ~~xpmx~~ spirit trying to get through to communicate with a medium. ~~Also that when the medium goes into a trance and nothing important happens, that it is the radio which is interfering.~~ ~~Anyway, you get the general idea.~~ So they decided that by holding the seance on the 82nd floor of the ^{world's tallest} ~~Empire State~~ Building, that would be about as far away from the earth and from radio interference as possible.

It had been widely announced that the mediums would try to get in communication with the spirit of the late Thomas A. Edison. ~~This was interesting inasmuch as Mr. Edison was known to be about~~

~~as far removed from a believer in spiritualism as any man could~~
~~be.~~ The mediums, incidentally, were a diminutive white-haired
German gentleman who described himself as a former professor of
philosophy, ~~in a University in Europe,~~ and his wife, a large,
stout lady ~~with iron-grey hair,~~ who looks the picture of the
traditional German house frau. ~~Several other mediums telephoned~~
~~to various newspapers yesterday, giving the information that~~
~~conditions were favorable, and that they were sure the German lady,~~
~~and gentleman would deliver an authentic communication ^{from} on the~~
~~spirit of Mr. Edison.~~

What happened was that we sat for a long time in
semi-darkness, illumined only by one small red-shaded bulb. The
lady went into her trance. It lasted quite a while, and in the
semi-darkness she could be observed making gestures with her hands,
as though she were praying or making invocations to some body in the
heavens. At the signal from her husband the lights were turned

up and the lady arose with her eyes tight closed and a peculiar smile stretching across her face. She was asked whether she were Mr. Edison. She replied yes. A gentleman present who knew Mr.

Edison asked her if she could recall the last conversation that

took place between ~~this gentleman~~ ^{himself} and Mr. Edison. ~~The spirit of~~ ^{She replied}
~~Edison, ostensibly replying through the mouth of the lady medium,~~
yes, but was unable to make good.

~~said yes. For several minutes the questioner endeavored to get from the medium a coherent account of the conversation. This was not forthcoming.~~

As a matter of fact, nothing occurred that could not be explained by purely material, physical grounds. No table left the ~~floor~~ ^{floor} ~~ground~~ ^{ground} with all four of its legs. No raps were heard except those of an electrician who was doing some night work on the floor below. No coherent or intelligent words came from the mouth of the medium.

Practically all of those present, including my friend, Mr. Gobind Behari Lal, who is ~~scientific~~ science editor

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of the New York American, agree that, while the lady is probably sincere, she was in a state known among doctors as a catalytic ~~trance~~^{ep} trance, this being brought on by self-hypnotism.

(2) So I have to report that so far there are no spooks in the ~~Empire State Building~~ vicinity of Al Smith's offices.

STARS

There's going to be a fine show for you all tonight
after midnight, ^{a little after President Hoover's acceptance speech.} One nice part of it is that it will be free.—

~~This will be~~ a spectacular fireworks display in the heavens.

These fireworks will be supplied by a group of meteors known as
Perseid.
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The only fly in the ointment will be in case there are
too many clouds for you to see the show. The Perseids have been
visiting the earth every year in midsummer for the last eleven
hundred years. ~~A story in today's New York Times says that~~ The
reason why we haven't always seen them is that generally the moon
steals the act, ~~as they say in the show business.~~ This year, however,
the moon will sink below the horizon ^{at} ~~in this territory at~~
midnight. So if you stay awake long enough you ought to get a fine
spectacle. *But please don't blame me if the
sky is cloudy.*
~~The Perseids are undoubtedly the largest bunch of
troopers ever known. If you are interested in figures, they~~

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HAY FEVER

And now folks, one, two, three and all sneeze together. This item is dedicated to my wife who has sneezed all Summer.

For the first time, at any rate within my knowledge, there is an ~~something has been~~ ^{effort to relieve} organized ~~to help~~ [^] sufferers from hay fever.

I never heard before of any concerted action being undertaken on their behalf. A dispatch to the Rochester Times Union reports this news from Chicago.

An army of 8,000 men went to work today to try to save Chicago's hay fever victims from their annual attack of sniffles ~~and~~ ^{sneezes}. These men were hired by the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission.

They are to hunt through all the fields in Chicago and uproot all the ragweed they can find. Of course the ragweed is only one of the plants whose pollen brings about hay fever in those who are subject to it. At any rate, this is doing something. The jobless, who have been given this task, were carefully instructed how to recognize ragweed, when they see it. That's an example which other

cities might reasonably follow. And now once again all the folks in the cheering section, one, two, three and a great big sneeze, and ba-choo until tomorrow.