

Good Evening, Everybody:-

A year's work for two million men. That's the news tonight. (Uncle Sam got all set today to turn loose a flood of billions of dollars -- to help feed the hungry, create work for the jobless, and inject new life into business. President Hoover's signed the two billion dollar relief bill passed by Congress. And this launches Uncle Sam in a campaign against hard times -- a campaign on a scale such as has never been seen before in the history of the world.)

In general, here is the way it will be done:- The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will administer one billion eight hundred million dollars. This body is expected to begin granting emergency relief loans to the states at once. That is, the entire program will be in full swing within a few weeks.

Then there is another vast fund of one and a half billion dollars to be loaned to states, cities, counties, and so on, for the building of bridges, tunnels, waterworks, and other public

projects which will bring in revenue. For Highway Construction and other Federal works the sum of three hundred and twenty-two million dollars has been provided.

Federal authorities estimate that the construction proposed will provide a year's work for about two million men.

Various states have put in their applications for loans amounting to three hundred and thirty-seven million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. All of which sounds like better times.

OTTAWA

The Imperial Conference of the British Empire at Ottawa took on a new note today. Spokesmen of the empire are now saying that they do not aim to isolate the British commonwealth in its trade from the rest of the world. Complete recovery, they ^{argue} ~~say~~, is beyond the power of any single nation or group of nations however rich or populous. Therefore they will urge that this imperial conference be followed by an economic conference to take in the entire world, a conference with Uncle Sam and all the other great powers in attendance. ^{TP} The hope is to put an end ~~to~~ what they call the paralyzing blight of prohibitive tariffs and the chaos in international money affairs. ^{TP} On the other hand a dispatch to the New York Sun represents that American trade with ~~Canada~~ Canada and other parts of the British Empire will not suffer any ~~very~~ severe additional hardships as a result of the Ottawa conference. When the statements on the tariff bargains ^{between} ~~made~~ the Dominions are analyzed it does not appear that any considerable volume of American trade will be definitely ~~d~~iverted.

TENNIS

The Davis Cup Tennis Tournament opened in Paris today.

And ~~among~~ⁱⁿ the first matches ~~the United States~~^{the U.S.A. got} earned an even break with Germany. On the ~~one hand~~ Ellsworth Vines of California defeated ~~the General~~^{Daniel} Prenn of Germany; Three sets to one. On the other hand there was a ~~decided~~ surprise when Frank Shields of New York was ~~beaten~~^{trimmed} three sets to one, by the young Baron Von ~~Kranz~~^{Vranitzky}. The young German Baron is only twenty-one years old, and Shields is far more ~~expert~~^{experienced}. But according to reports the German played like a veteran.

OIL

There's an important conference going on today in Colorado Springs. Thirty of the men who lead the oil industry of this country are gathered for the annual meeting of the directors of the American Petroleum Institute.

The Executive Vice-President of the Institute points out that taxes on oil, and oil products, particularly gasoline, now amount to more than ten per cent of all taxes collected by various divisions of our government, Federal and State. He throws out the warning th t there is danger of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. He believes the increase in taxes is leading to a decline in the use of motor vehicles.

GERMANY

The famous iron hand of militaristic pre-war Germany ruled ^S that Republic today. ~~So says~~ A dispatch to the Detroit News, ^{makes this emphatic,} A curious turn ~~is~~ indicated in the day's news is that in the shake-up Chancellor Von Papen who started all this, or at any rate who was ~~at~~ the nominal head of it all, may lose his job. (It is believed possible that General Von Schleicher, ^K at present the Defense Minister of Germany, will succeed Von Papen as Chancellor. ^{a strong} And the general is ^{Hitlerite.})

Politicians see in the swift death of the Prussian cabinet and in the declaration of martial law, a plan to remodel the Federal Cabinet of Germany. This, it is expected, will be done soon after the general election of July 31st.

In showing their iron hand, the militarist government instantly ordered the arrest of the Chief of Police ^{of} Berlin. [^] Apparently he is ^{suspected} ~~under suspicion~~ of trying to organize dissatisfaction among the police of Prussia.

There is no doubt, ^{adds} ~~says~~ the story, of the part which [^]

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General Von Schleicher played in the swift movement which ended states-rights in Prussia. The fact is that this swift turn of affairs has practically nullified the effects of the ¹⁹¹⁸ German ~~revolution~~ revolution.

It is predicted that after the election ~~the~~ Handsome Adolf and his merry men will take a more open part in the government. The sweeping into power of the militarists has been done with the consent and approval ^{and plotting of Hitler,} of the Handsome Adolf. But so far he has ~~no~~ ^{at least} hand in the government ~~so far as~~ ^{so far as} outwardly ~~appearances are concerned.~~ appearances are concerned.

One result of this brandishing of the ^{mailed} ~~male~~ fist is that many liberals are leaving Berlin, especially Liberal writers. Such authors as ~~Emil Ludwig~~ ^{Emil Ludwig}, Remarque, author of All Quiet on the Western Front, and Vicki ⁱ Baum, have in the last few years been quite open in their satires of the ruling classes of the Kaiser's days. All of them appear to be going into voluntary exile in Switzerland, ^{and elsewhere.} They are making it voluntary

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in order to escape ^{the} possible ^{ty of} more drastic treatment from the government if they stay. Vicki Baum has decided to become an American citizen. Militarist newspapers in Berlin are being rude enough to say - Good riddance! ^{Reise mit ihm!} ~~and~~ Don't come back!

A dispatch in the New York Evening Post tonight describes the reactions in France. Paris had expected the Von Papen government to take ^{summary procedure} ~~some reaction~~ against the Prussian Socialists. But all France is astounded by the brusqueness, the sweeping and ruthless character of the German Government's steps. France is quite anxious over these events. They are afraid of clashes on several German frontiers, particularly the Polish border. Some Frenchmen are even afraid that German troops may enter the Rhineland zone which was demilitarized and where no troops are supposed to be quartered. French financiers are worried and the newspapers who express the voice of the French radical socialists are intensely alarmed.

BOLIVIA

The entire Republic of Bolivia is in a state of siege today. Throughout the country there is a loud popular demand for out-and-out war against Paraguay. Hundreds of young men are offering themselves for military service.

Paraguay, on the other hand, is comparatively calm. But even there, many people are shouting for war.

PEACE

It seems ~~that~~ there's nothing ^{starts a row so quickly} ~~so productive of quarreling~~ as a peace conference. The ~~men~~ boys who assembled at Geneva in the Halls of Peace, almost came to blows today. While actual fisticuffs were narrowly prevented, there ^{is} still a lot of bitter feeling.

The row occurred between the French and Italian delegates to a meeting of the Interparliamentary Union. This is being held in a hall adjoining the World ~~is~~ Arms Conference. The French and Italian lads exchanged insults and the meeting broke up in ^{hubbub.} ~~disorder.~~

The ^{uproar} ~~row~~ began when a French Socialist delegate insulted the Fascist Government. An Italian deputy immediately plunged into a spirited defense of ~~Premier~~ Mussolini.

The Italians demanded an apology. The French ~~man~~ ^{delegate} said he would never apologize.

Meanwhile Germany threw a mild bombshell into the Arms Conference. Germany, says the ^{Berlin} Militarist Cabinet, will not take part in the Conference unless she ^{is granted} ~~has~~ equality of rights. This stand may postpone indefinitely the re-assembling of the ^{Arms} Conference.

BONUS

The eviction of the B.E.F. from Washington is ^{supposed} to begin today. *But they haven't got very far with it.*

(The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have given the veterans until midnight ^{tonight} to evacuate the dilapidated government buildings in which eighteen hundred ^m of the ~~veterans~~ have been billeted. These buildings are to be torn down to make way for new government structures.) Rolling kitchens, tents, and other equipment lent by the National Guard, are to be returned by August 1st. Parks and other Federal property on which the Bonus camps are located must be cleared by August 4th.

The eviction, says the Chief of Police, will be completed without any invasion of the legal rights of the boys.

On the other hand, ~~say~~ the leaders of the Bonus army ^{declare} that the authorities will have to find new quarters for the ^m veterans. The boys say ~~that~~ they did not ask the Commissioner's permission to come, and are not asking their permission to stay.

Quite a number of Bonus marchers have taken advantage of the government's money to return home. But a lot of them are declaring their intention of staying indefinitely.

ROOSEVELT

The nomination of Franklin Delano Roosevelt for the Presidency of the United States has brought considerable disturbance to one other member of the Roosevelt family. And that is Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the great Colonel, the famous T.R.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has been up to her ears in work reading a deluge of letters and telegrams. Practically all ~~xxxx~~ of these are congratulating her on the nomination of her husband at the Democratic National Convention. Judging from Mrs. Roosevelt's mail, thousands of Americans believe the Democratic nominee of today is

^{-same}
the Roosevelt who was President from 1901 to 1909, and over this she is not deluged - lighted.

"Governor Roosevelt is only a distant~~to~~ cousin of my husband," says Mrs. ^{Theodore} Roosevelt. ~~What~~ "As for me," she adds, "I'm going to vote for President Hoover."

BABY

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had the youngest lawbreaker in the world as a visitor within its gates today. The Pittsburgh police arrested William Wilson, Jr. of Urbana, Illinois. Billie is three years old.

Billie is charged with ignoring traffic lights, driving without a license, reckless driving. The police say that Billie tied up the downtown traffic of Pittsburgh at its busiest corner this afternoon. He was riding a tricycle.

Billie and his parents were making a motor tour to New York. Father Wilson got a puncture and stopped to change a tire on his car. Billie, while his parents weren't looking, lifted his tricycle out of the car, and started on a tour of his own; With results that gummed up the busiest street of Pittsburgh. ~~The police rescued him just as the tiny fellow was surrounded by a thick throng of trucks, busses, ^{and} cars, and every kind of vehicle that towered over him like so many mountains.~~

Billie is beginning early. I wonder what he'll do when he gets to New York.

Richard Purdy of Jackson, Ohio, writes me that it's awfully hot out his way. He says he thinks it might help a bit if I'd tell a story about polar bears or icebergs. I'm sorry, but I haven't an iceberg yarn up my sleeve this evening. ^{However} ~~but~~ here's a Tall Story ~~about that I've just heard.~~ ^{not} ~~Instead of~~ from the Arctic ~~it comes~~ ^{but} from the Equator. ^π Martin Johnson, the famous African traveler, tells it. Martin says that on his last safari across Africa he carried quite a large supply of bottled beer. Martin says that he and his dainty wife, ~~Ess~~, the little lady who ~~is such a crack shot, and who has such a bewitching smile~~ ^{bewitches the animals with her smile --} -- don't drink beer. He said the natives in Central Africa would work for them and bring them food and all sorts of things in exchange for empty beer bottles. So, Mr. Martin Johnson ^{adds,} ~~says,~~ "Therefore, we carried a large supply of beer." Surely that Tall Story entitles Martin to high and lofty distinction as the Grand Giraffe of the African chapter of the Tall Story Club.

I don't believe I've ever mentioned ~~it~~ ^a film over the radio. But last night I attended the World Premiere of CONGORILLA, the new ^{one} ~~film~~ brought back by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson. It represents

three years' work in Africa. It is far and away the most remarkable thing of its kind I've seen. It deserves special praise because it isn't one-half genuine and one-half hocus pocus. Both pictures and sound were made in Africa. You even hear the pygmies talking and arguing and singing in their own language. You hear the gorillas drumming with their fists on their huge chests. The audience last night was made up of travelers, film people, critics, -- about as blase as any audience could be. But so tremendously did they enjoy the film that you couldn't hear a sound from the audience. In fact, the people were watching it so closely that they didn't want to break into applause for fear of losing something.

ELEPHANTS

Memphis, Tenn., was very much exercised today about the behavior of two damsels, Alice and Florence. In fact, Alice and Florence almost created a riot in Memphis. Nine policemen chased Alice and Florence. Each wants a medal for doing so.

Perhaps this is the moment for me to say that Alice and Florence are heavyweights -- in fact, a couple of elephants. They crashed out of the ring where thousands of Memphis children were watching a circus. As the elephant ladies started cavorting over the lot, folks ran screaming in every direction. Then the nine valiant policemen arrived. One of them, a bald-headed patrolman, claimed that his polished dome was severely smacked by the trunk of either Alice or Florence.

Eventually the City Park Superintendent and a couple of keepers ~~who~~ rounded up the elephants. The Superintendent had a hard time persuading the policemen to throw away their pitchforks and shotguns which they were flourishing at Alice and Florence.

Alice and Florence, said the keepers, are really good girls, just a bit playful, out for a little fun. And now I'm off for the farm and a little fun, and SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

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GRONAU

One of the most important airplane flights of the year, if not the most important, is that ^{now in progress under the command} ~~which is now being done by~~ Captain Wolfgang von Gronau. Though he is coming from Germany to Canada ^{and} the United States, this cannot be called ^{just} a transatlantic flight. ~~Captain von Gronau is not going to fly across the Atlantic.~~

^{Captain von Gronau's journey} ~~His flight~~ is important for ^{these} ~~this~~ reason. It is not a stunt. He is not trying to break any records. He's not looking for any advertising. His flight is described as a mapping tour. He is making a survey of the proposed mail and passenger route through the air around the top of the globe. Many navigators believe that this will be the most practical and economical route to link Central Europe with the ^{Canada, the} United States, ~~Canada,~~ Alaska, and even the countries in the Far East.

Captain von Gronau took off today from a point in Southwestern Greenland ^{where he had arrived this morning from Iceland. He's} ~~His immediate objective is Labrador. From~~ ^{probably flying over Labrador now, bound for} Labrador he will go to Chicago, perhaps stopping at ^{Montreal and Chicago.}

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After ~~arriving in Chicago,~~ The German flier and his companions will rest a few days and then aim for ~~Asia~~ ~~and~~ Asia, following the route through ^{Canada and} Alaska taken by Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh last year, ~~But before taking off for~~ ~~Asia, the Germans will visit several cities in the United States,~~ the first of which will be Detroit. Captain von Gronau will go ^{then} ~~back~~ to Germany by way of Tokio and Siberia.