

Good Evening, Everybody:

All of Cape Cod today is, <sup>well, just about</sup> ~~about~~ in a state of siege as the result of the kidnapping of that ten year old girl. In fact, all the roads ~~on~~ the Massachusetts peninsula are blackaded. Every road leading out of Cape Cod is barred by state troopers who are examining every car that goes by, searching for little Margaret McMath.

A telephone message to N.B.C. from the Massachusetts State Police headquarters, brings the information that the police are standing by and making every effort to enable Mr. McMath, the child's father, to get in touch with the abductors.

<sup>Neil a rich</sup> ~~Mr.~~ <sup>retired steel manufacturer,</sup> ~~McMath~~ has announced that he will pay the

kidnappers any sum within his power for the return of his ten year old daughter.

What is more, the U. S. Coast Guard has the Massachusetts

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coast blockaded and is watching every boat that puts out from every harbor.

Additional state troopers have been called out to add to the already large detail that is scouring the country for information as to the whereabouts of the child. Lieutenant James Hughes, in charge of operations, said the police would do everything in their power to accede to the wishes of the child's parents to get her back ~~unharmed~~ by peaceful negotiations, <sup>to get her back unharmed.</sup> In other words, Mr. McMath, who used to live in Detroit ~~and is a rich manufacturer,~~ ~~will pay anything he can afford,~~ and promises the kidnapers immunity from prosecution so far as he's concerned.

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The way the trick was done was, first of all a fake telephone call which led the little girl's teacher to send her home <sup>yesterday</sup> before school was over. <sup>At the door she as he started for</sup> ~~On the way to her home in~~ Harwichport, Mass., she was picked up by 3 men, one of them in a chauffeur's uniform, another a large black negro. Then they vanished.



FARM STRIKE

Iowa is still in a state of, not exactly turmoil, but at any rate feverish excitement. Thousands of the farmers of the state flocked into Des Moines <sup>today</sup> and filled the pavillion at the State Fair grounds. They <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>and still are</sup> holding a meeting to discuss whether they shall call a national farm strike.

A telephone message from the office of Governor Clyde Herring to the N.B.C. brought the information that the proceedings were perfectly orderly and peaceful. No vote on the strike is expected until tomorrow.

Meanwhile at Dennison, Iowa, a military court of inquiry under Major General Tingley of the National Guard is busy preparing evidence for the civil courts in that case of the

outrage committed on Judge Bradley. General Tingley <sup>told us over the</sup> ~~told that~~ <sup>a</sup> <sup>distance telephone that</sup> <sup>and eighteen more are wanted.</sup> a hundred and twenty-six farmers are now under arrest. He prophesied

that all his troops, consisting altogether of some three hundred

men, will be removed from Dennison by the end of the week. And he

added: ~~THE~~ "We'll be out of here as soon as the civil <sup>authorities</sup> ~~courts~~ can take charge again."

INFLATION

Well, inflation is with us. The amendment to the Farm Relief Bill providing for the swelling of the currency in accordance with the desires of President Roosevelt, was adopted by the House of Representatives early this afternoon. ) It went over <sup>by the</sup> ~~as a strict~~

~~party measure~~ <sup>huge</sup> vote of 307 to 86. *I obtained this information direct from the Capitol.*

The status of the Farm Relief Bill now is that the eighty-four amendments adopted by the Senate will be considered by a Conference Committee of Senators and Representatives. As soon as this Committee has ironed out the differences between the Senate and House, it will ~~pass and~~ <sup>be passed and then</sup> go to the President for signature.

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MUSCLE SHOALS

(Another important part of President Roosevelt's program went through today. The measure creating the Tennessee Valley authority, commonly known as the Muscle Shoals bill, <sup>it</sup> was passed by the Senate in a vote of 62 to 20. This is the most formidable government undertaking ever ~~established~~ <sup>launched</sup> in the history of the United States.)

A similar bill has already passed the House.

There are certain differences, amendments, and so forth, <sup>that is,</sup> between what the Senators passed and what the Representatives put through. A conference committee of both Chambers of Congress will meet <sup>at</sup> once and ~~iron out~~ <sup>smooth over</sup> these difficulties. When that is done the measure will be ready for the President's signature and the great Tennessee Valley Authority will be an accomplished fact.

ROOSEVELT

The whole country is awaiting the speech of <sup>the</sup> President  
~~Roosevelt~~ tomorrow night before the Chamber of Commerce of the  
United States. It is unofficially announced that <sup>Mr. R.</sup> ~~the President~~  
will discuss government control of industry. A report from the  
Washington Bureau of the Wall Street Journal declares that he  
will <sup>consider</sup> ~~discuss~~ it from a philosophic rather than a pragmatic and  
definite point of view. In other words, he will not commit  
himself, or give details of the plans he has in mind.

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WHEAT

Henry Morgenthau, Sr., former ambassador to Turkey,  
whom <sup>the</sup> President ~~Roosevelt~~ appointed as one of the American  
~~the~~ <sup>great</sup> delegates to the Wheat Conference, sailed from New York  
early today. The conference takes place in Geneva on May 10.  
The other two delegates, George Haas, the economist of the  
Farm Board, and Frederick Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis  
Tribune, although notified of their appointments ~~only~~ as late  
as yesterday morning, succeeded in catching <sup>same</sup> the steamer — ~~the~~  
~~fourteen hours later.~~ *Bemen.*



GOLD

Holders of Uncle Sam's government bonds who reside in Europe are out of luck if they expect interest to be paid in gold.

It was announced in Washington today that no exports of gold for such purpose will be permitted. ~~No~~ Interest is not being paid in gold within the U. S. A. and no exception will be made in favor of foreign holders of American government bonds. Keen indignation is being expressed on this subject in European papers, especially those in London. But it is pointed out that such a departure has been pronounced perfectly legal by British Courts.

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FRANCE

Here's some news for exporters. It was learned today that France is preparing to slap a surtax of fifteen per cent on American goods. This surtax is already in effect on things manufactured in Great Britain and Japan. The move to tax American goods also is being made, say the French, in order to protect themselves against any further depreciation in the value of the dollar.

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Signor Guido (Jung, Italy's ~~Min~~ Minister of  
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Finance, visited the White House today and had a preliminary conference with President Roosevelt. Senator *Key* Pitman of Nevada, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, the Italian Ambassador, and Assistant Secretary of State Raymond Moley were also present. They were discussing stabilization of international exchange, trade relations, disarmament, debts, tariffs, and so forth.

## MOVIES

It seems some folks are trying to put the movies on the pan again. Representative Sirovich of New York has a bill before the House to investigate the film industry, especially its financial workings. An attempt was made to bring it to a vote today but it was sidetracked.

Dr. Sirovich, however, has not given up. He indicated that he will try to bring it to a vote later in the week.



McKee

There's a good deal of comment and excitement <sup>in N.Y.</sup> today because Joe McKee, President of the Board of Aldermen and the white hope of the folks opposed to Tammany, has announced his complete retirement from politics. ~~Judge~~ Joe McKee will go into business as President of a Title Guarantee and Trust Company.

Mr. McKee attracted attention not only in New York, but all over the country during his short term as acting mayor ~~of~~ ~~New York~~ after the resignation of Jimmie Walker. He started to make some real cuts in the city budget, cuts which sorely wounded the feelings of the Tammany faithful. The aforesaid faithful got together and squelched Mr. McKee.

The anti-Tammany folk had hoped to run <sup>Judge</sup> ~~Mr.~~ McKee for Mayor in the next municipal election. <sup>His</sup> ~~Mr. McKee's~~ retirement leaves them for the time being without a candidate, and leaves the Tammany hosts chuckling broadly.

FREDERICK PALMER

You may not have seen his name often of late, but there was a time when you saw it in your daily newspaper every day. ~~His name~~<sup>It</sup> was a household word. He is the Dean of American war correspondents. I encountered him on Fifth Avenue today. His name is Colonel Frederick Palmer.

Millions of Americans, year after year, followed the dispatches of Frederick Palmer. Millions followed him from one war to another. I asked him what he was up to now and he told me that he was busy writing his memoirs, the story of his personal experiences in teh wars, commencing with the Gr<sup>a</sup>co-Turkish war ~~a~~way back in 1897, before I'd even started to go to school.

The story of some of Colonel Palmer's experiences have been running in that lively publication, the American Legion Monthly. His book will be published next autumn, ~~by~~<sup>perhaps,</sup> Bobbs-Merrill. I thought some of you might be interested in hearing about Frederick Palmer because, to millions of Americans,

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he was almost a member of the family at one time, so  
closely did the people of this continent follow his  
colorful dispatches.



McWHITE

Washington correspondents are telling an interesting yarn about his Excellency Michael McWhite, Minister from the Irish Free State, to the U.S.A. Incidentally, his <sup>Irish</sup> Excellency had the misfortune to be indisposed while Prime Minister Ramsay McDonald of Great Britain was visiting in Washington. As soon as the Prime Minister left, his Excellency recovered.

Well, they say that Mr. McWhite recently went to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for some celebration or other. While he was being escorted around the town by the Mayor he was shown the Rappahannock River. And the Mayor said:- "Here, Mr. McWhite, is the spot where George Washington once threw a dollar across the Rappahannock."

~~His~~ Irish excellency's comment on this was:- "Well, that doesn't seem so wonderful for a man who once threw a sovereign across the Atlantic." *And that's a poke at old King George the Third.*

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a day old.

## BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Anybody who has a car and the leisure for a long trip and who likes beautiful scenes, is invited to Winchester, Virginia, this week. ~~For~~ The tenth Annual Apple Blossom<sup>Festival</sup> of the Shenandoah Valley begins today at Winchester. It only lasts two days.

This is the week when more than twelve-million apple trees in the valleys of the Shenandoah, Ches<sup>a</sup>apeake and Potomac ~~will~~ burst into blossom. The territory begins around Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; and extends down through Ches<sup>a</sup>apeake Valley, through Maryland, ~~East and~~ <sup>the eastern part of</sup> West Virginia and as far as <sup>into Virginia</sup> Roanoke.

In the vicinity of Winchester alone there are a million apple trees in full bloom.

An interesting ceremony will take place today.

Among the potentates present at the Festival will be the Secretary of ~~the~~ War, George Dern. He will place the crown on the head of

the Queen of the Festival - the Queen of the Festival is

<sup>Francoise</sup> Francoise May, daughter of the Belgian ambassador.

PAY CUT

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It's nice to be able to laugh when you have had a cut in salary. This is what happened to a man in Holton, Kansas.

He works for the Government and he just received notice from Uncle Sam that fifteen percent is to be deducted from his salary as Weather Observer ~~in Holton~~.

Well, the joke <sup>is</sup> in that is, that you can't cut fifteen per cent from nothing. The Holton Weather Observer is one of more than six-thousand who make weather reports every day for Uncle Sam for nothing, that is, just for the sheer love of the work.

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SHAMROCK

Here's the latest in the tariff war which is still being waged between John Bull and his troublesome neighbor, Ireland. The British Government, which has imposed heavy duties on goods from the Irish Free State has added the shamrock to its list.

As ~~one~~<sup>a</sup> commentator observed, one line of that famous song "They are hanging men and women for the wearing of the green" can now be changed to: "They are taxing men and women for the wearing of the green."

However, there is one joker to this, ~~for~~<sup>on</sup> the North of Ireland <sup>^</sup> shamrocks coming from Ulster there ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> no tax, <sub>^</sub>

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CATS

There was a jail delivery at the Illinois Penitentiary at Joliet and probably the most remarkable jail delivery that ever took place anywhere. All the prisoners let out were life prisoners and everyone returned of his or her own accord, and not only that but friends with them.

The life prisoners in question were cats. There were so many of the feline pets in the penitentiary that the warden decided to clear them out. So, the prisoners collected as many as they could get - enough to fill a box car.

The box car was taken some distance ~~down the~~ away from Joliet and the cats dumped on the countryside.

They all returned in time for the next meal. They not only returned but half as many more came with them. The result is, according to a <sup>telephone message direct to us here at the N.B.C.</sup> ~~dispatch to the N.B.C. Station in Chicago,~~ that the cat population of Joliet Penitentiary is now larger than ever.

BLARNEY STONE

Travelers who expect to visit Ireland this summer are hereby warned that they will kiss the Blarney Stone at their own risk. And the risk is no light one. For the Blarney Stone is high up in the air. It is a large projection below the parapet on the tower of the ruined Blarney Castle in Cork County.

In order to kiss the Blarney Stone you have to lie face downward on the tip of the Tower and ~~have~~<sup>with</sup> somebody holding your ankles, lean over a chasm at least fifty feet deep.

Well, a young American tried this dangerous feat without the assistance of anybody to hold his ankles. Consequently he fell fifty feet to the ground and was killed. His heirs sued the owners of the historical Blarney Castle. But they had no luck. The judge trying the case threw it out of the Court, declaring that the owner of the Castle was not responsible for damages. ~~So there's your~~ So there's your

warning. Well, I've been in Ireland a number of times - but I never kissed the Blarney Stone. <sup>for</sup> M.Y. Law Journal and e-l-u-t-m.