

Waldorf

Good Evening, Everybody:

<sup>An</sup> ~~quite~~ unusual document was made public today in Washington. It is (a joint statement by President Roosevelt and ~~Prime~~ Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain. It was made public just before the British Premier left Washington this afternoon) for New York. It is short, sharp, and terse, and <sup>gives</sup> ~~tells~~ the world the result of the conversations between the leaders of the two <sup>great English-speaking</sup> ~~countries~~ <sup>speaking nations.</sup>

The most important part of it is that (the President and the Prime Minister have agreed that steps must be taken to re-establish an international standard of money. This, they say, must be done at the earliest date possible. The two <sup>governments</sup> ~~countries~~ are also in accord on the necessity of concerted action on the part of all countries to raise prices of commodities.) This, of course, will be the principal object of the world economic conference to take place at London in June.

The joint statement re-emphasizes the fact that the discussions between the President and the Prime Minister were not supposed to bring about definite agreements. Those must be left to the <sup>London-World</sup> conferences.

Among other things, the President and the Prime Minister said: "There should be a constructive effort to moderate the network of x restrictions of all sorts by which commerce is at present hampered, restrictions such as excessive tariffs, quotas, exchange and so forth." And it ~~also says~~ <sup>adds</sup>: "Central banks should by concerted action provide an adequate expansion of credit."

In conclusion the two leaders declare that they x found themselves in accord x on the question of unity of purpose and method.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said goodbye to Mr. Roosevelt at noon today and left for New York. He and his daughter and his <sup>(sister)</sup> ~~advisors~~ advisors will sail home tonight on the Berengaria.

(As soon as Mr. MacDonald left Washington the President resumed his conversations with former Prime Minister Herriot of France, "likewise with Prime Minister Bennett of Canada.")

FOLLOW INTRODUCTION

After he left the White House Mr. Ramsay MacDonald told reporters that his visit with the President had been fruitful beyond all expectations. In fact, he indicated, it means a new era in international relations. In his own words, said Prime Minister MacDonald: "We stand elbow to elbow." *Not fist to fist as once upon a time.*

~~Later in the afternoon there were indications of~~

The British Prime Minister will be the principal speaker tonight at a dinner given in his honor <sup>in the magnificent ball room at the Waldorf</sup> by the Pilgrims of the United States, the well known Hands-Across-the-Sea organization. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech will be broadcast over <sup>the N.B.C.</sup> ~~the~~ network.

Later in the afternoon there were indications of a moratorium on war debts <sup>i.e.</sup> pending the ~~world~~ <sup>world</sup> economic conference. An important report from Paris <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ that ~~R~~ the French government is prepared to ask the French Parliament to authorize payment of the instalment due Uncle Sam last December, if this moratorium can be put into effect.



GLASS

~~The~~ Another side of the ~~picture~~ Washington picture is that President Roosevelt's ~~administration~~<sup>program</sup> received a considerable set-back today, one of the few that it has encountered. This was the defection of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, the man who was President Roosevelt's first choice for Secretary of the Treasury.

Rumors of this have been current for some time. Today Senator Glass announced publicly that he will oppose <sup>the</sup> President ~~Roosevelt's~~

inflation plan, also the farm bill. <sup>By Tove that may be serious,</sup> Carter Glass is known as an inflexible "sound money" man.



BONUS

Another monkey wrench thrown into the Democratic machinery was threatened by Senator Robinson, the Republican Senator Robinson of Indiana. It is no less than a revival of that political bogey, the cash bonus to veterans. The Indiana Republican Senator introduced it as an amendment ~~into~~ the administration's inflation measure. He proposed to order the President to issue enough fiat money to pay the veterans what they ask.

~~This proposal, of course, would completely nullify, in fact, it would offset three times over all the economies which Mr. Roosevelt's program has effected.~~

DOLLAR

Uncle Sam's dollar went up today in the markets of Europe, but Uncle Sam himself had nothing whatsoever to do with this rise. ~~It's~~ It's the result of an agreement between John Bull and France. This ~~was~~ though described as tentative, is an agreement to protect the currencies of those two countries against the effects of a depreciated dollar.

This is described in financial circles as a peculiar situation. France is on the gold standard and determined to stay there. England is off, ~~and~~ determined to stay off. Nevertheless, between them they are cooperating in an effort to keep the value of the dollar as high up as though Uncle Sam also were still clinging to gold.

This agreement acquired additional importance in view of the ~~fact~~ fear which is entertained in London, fear of a currency war between Uncle Sam and John Bull. Of course, it is hoped that the conversations in Washington between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald will make any such currency—depreciation—  
-war impossible.

GENEVA

Reports from Geneva indicate that something <sup>important</sup> in the way  
of disarmament may be pending <sup>after all,</sup> This was indicated in a speech  
made to the Disarmament Conference by Norman H. Davis, Uncle Sam's  
delegate to the Conference. The gist of this speech was that if  
the European powers show a real indication of wanting to cut their  
armament, Uncle Sam will meet them more than half way.

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ROSS

Another woman politician is to get an important job in the Federal government. It was announced today in Washington that President Roosevelt is about to name Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the Mint. Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross was once governor of Wyoming. It will be the first time in American history that any woman has been appointed to such an important post.

BERLIN

Chancellor Hitler's Nazis are certainly determined that no German shall read any books that are not good for him. (The latest move announced by the Hitlerites is one to purify the public libraries of Berlin and other large cities. A literary housecleaning board has been appointed. This board will draw up a black list.

All books on this black list will be removed from the shelves of the public libraries. Some of them will be burned, others will merely be put in storage) where they will not be available to the eyes of the curious.

But the house cleaning board will not be content with burning books which it considers naughty. It will replace them by a list of tomes which it considers fit for all good little Nazis to read. This list will be headed by the autobiography of the Chancellor, ~~das~~ Schoener Adolf himself. It is entitled: "My struggle." Other favorites on the list will be those written by other prominent Nazis.



Looking over this German index of prohibited books one comes to the conclusion that it consists for the most part of all the books written in German within the last twenty-five years that have the slightest claim to intelligence.



DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

This week in Ottawa, Canada, an interesting event is taking place. At the Little Theatre in Ottawa, each night, they are holding the largest amateur dramatic competition ever held in ~~North America~~ <sup>the Dominion</sup>. The Earl of Bessborough, Governor General of Canada, is reported to be responsible for this.

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During the past few weeks, more than one hundred plays have been given in different parts of Canada, from coast to coast, in ~~the~~ elimination contest. This week, at the Little Theatre in Ottawa, twenty-four dramatic teams (there's a new term, "dramatic ~~tax~~ teams"), comprising one hundred and fifty persons, are taking part in the finals, putting on plays, both grave and gay, plays by Shakespeare, Moliere, Shaw, Barrie, Eugene O'Neill, and ~~by~~ Canadian authors too.

~~A most unusual idea~~ How would you like to be the judges, obliged to sit through the twenty-four plays this week?

CHICAGO

The school teachers of Chicago put on another act today.

Some three thousand of them stormed the offices of a prominent Chicago bank, shouting "Pay your taxes!"

A young riot developed out of this, several lady teachers fainted, but others seem to have been rough customers, <sup>— perhaps gymnasium teachers.</sup> Quite a number of cops came out of the scrap with torn uniforms and a good many of them lost their caps. Can it be possible that some of those decorous lady teachers swiped the rough policemen's caps?

The object of the demonstration was indicated by the cry: "Pay your taxes!" The bank which the teachers raided controls a good deal of real estate on which ~~the~~ taxes are <sup>in default — unpaid.</sup> ~~delinquent~~ And it is because the taxes are delinquent that the teachers haven't been getting their pay. So they are taking what might be called direct action. — <sup>including the</sup> swiping of policeman's caps.



## POULTRY

The Federal authorities today took a hand in the hunt for the head of the racket that infests the live poultry industry in New York. Mr. Joseph Weiner, who is declared by the District Attorney of ~~East~~ Bronx County, New York, to be the chief in this racket, has disappeared, as have several of his, what you might call, lieutenants.

This afternoon it became known that not only the police would like to see Mr. Weiner, but also Uncle Sam. The authorities of the Internal Revenue say they have come to the conclusion that Mr. Weiner failed to declare an income of eight hundred and four thousand dollars in the years 1931 and 1932.

By the same token I have a telegram from the President of the Dressed Poultry and Game Association of New York. This organization wants to remind me and wants me to remind you that the Dressed Poultry Industry has no relation ~~whatever~~ to the Live Poultry trade. The business which is under investigation by the District Attorney of the Bronx, is the Live Poultry trade. Just to make it definite, the Dressed Poultry trade has no connection with the other.



## MOTORS

News from Detroit and other automobile manufacturing centers carries the information that the upward trend in sales continues to grow stronger. A dispatch to the Automotive Daily News declares that "factory executives believe the revival of the automobile business is the real McCoy that recent gains are not temporary, that the market will hold."

This, together with the statement of Secretary of the Treasury Woodin that the depression is over, has led in turn to a marked increase in production. And that means the buying of more steel and that means a lot of other things which may in turn prove good for all of us.

Here is an encouraging news item from Cincinnati.

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It seems to me we are constantly receiving good news from Cincinnati. This comes from the Crosley Radio Corporation, with which is associated that world-famous, high-powered station WLW. The news item is to the effect that they are swamped with orders -- that sounds good, to hear that anybody is swamped with orders -- swamped with orders for their Shelvador electric refrigerator. These are pouring in from distributors and dealers in the U. S. <sup>a.</sup> and Canada, forcing them to put on hundreds more men. In fact, in the Crosley Refrigerator division employment has increased more than one hundred per cent, and they are working two shifts day and night.



## BASEBALL

There <sup>has</sup> been a good deal of complaint that there was too much fraternizing on the baseball diamond, that ball games have become a love feast instead of the scrappy exhibitions exemplified in the erstwhile performance<sup>s</sup> of John McGraw and Ty Cobb. Well, that game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators yesterday seems to indicate, as one writer puts it, that "scrappy days are here again." <sup>It</sup> Three ball players <sup>today were</sup> ~~are under definite~~ suspension <sup>led indefinitely</sup> by the President of the American League. They are Ben Chapman, ~~the~~ base stealing sprinter of the Yankees, and Buddie Meyer and Earl Whitehill of the Senators. Another Yankee, Dixie Walker, was involved in the mix-up, but he didn't get a suspension because he went to protect Ben Chapman from a crowd of turbulent Washington fans who were mauling Babe Ruth's playmate.

The President of the American League is on his way to Philadelphia to question the umpires and get a complete story of the fracas so as to arrive at a final decision in the case.

At any rate, this episode ought to satisfy those who



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have been saying that one way to bring baseball back as a going concern was to cut out the chattiness between players of rival teams and restore the old time John McGraw-Ty Cobb fighting spirit.

Of course, there are several accounts of <sup>yesterday</sup> the rumpus <sup>in Washington</sup> that are coming out today.

So far as can be learned, Ben Chapman was sliding into second, ~~base,~~

feet first, and in ~~it~~ so doing, knocked the <sup>pina</sup> ~~feet~~ from under Buddie

Meyer, the Senators' second baseman. The Washington team claim

that Chapman deliberately spiked Buddie Meyer. The Yankees, on the

other hand, assert that while Chapman was on the ground, <sup>- sliding,</sup> Meyer

picked himself up and deliberately kicked Chapman. At any rate, Earl

Whitehill, the pitcher, got into the row. A crowd of Washington fans

swarmed on to the ground and were starting to manhandle Ben Chapman,

and it took a squad of ~~special~~ police to restore peace. One up-shot

of the occasion was that the Yankees walloped the Senators by the

amazing score of sixteen to nothing.

It seems no doubt that there is now definitely bad

blood between Babe Ruth's playmates and the Washington team. You

will recall that last year Bill Dickey, the Yankee catcher, took a punch at Carl Reynolds, the Washington outfielder, broke his jaw, and took a thousand dollar fine and a long suspension for it.

You'll find lots of interesting details about this <sup>melee</sup> on the sporting pages of this evening's papers. For one thing, after the scrap ~~was~~ one of the Washington cops found himself minus a badge. It was in the possession of one of the pugilistic ball players. Then there were half a dozen pitched battles in the bleachers where some New York fans were sitting <sup>— fans</sup> who were indiscreet enough to proclaim themselves New York <sup>era,</sup> ~~fans~~, and you can imagine what happened then.

Well, all these things help to make baseball lively.



SUNOCO ENDING

You would be amazed at the number of Tall Stories I receive from Canada. Or maybe you wouldn't. After all Canada is a paradise for hunters and fishermen.

Tom Murtha writes me from Wiarton, Ontario, that up there where he lives "at the end of Steel on Georgian Bay," they are using Blue Sunoco. <sup>Says Tom, "up here</sup> ~~"Why," says Tom, "up here~~ instead of using sulphur and molasses for a spring tonic we use Blue Sunoco. ~~And, when my old flivver gets a~~

~~dose of it, the <sup>she</sup> machine goes bounding around like a flea."~~

*"At the time of the Spring thaw when the ice*  
Then he adds: ~~One of my neighbors spilt a can of~~

Blue Sunoco through the ice. A little later he heard a <sup>strange</sup> noise coming from the creek and went down to investigate, and what do you think he saw? He saw a lot of frogs on the shore-line, pushing against the ice, trying to push blocks of ice down the river and calling - 'Yo-heave! ~~Yo-heave!~~'"

*Well I'll echo that frog refrain*  
~~And, now Jimmy, it's time for you to put your back and say yo-heave~~  
~~to that little speech of yours and say "Yo heave" while I~~

say SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

*points to frog-ur,*



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