

~~BOOK~~

Good Evening, Everybody:

John Bull is going to cancel his trade agreement with the Soviet Government of Russia. This announcement was made to the ^{House of Commons} ~~British Parliament~~ today.

A dispatch to the Toronto Star says that Parliament reassembled to ratify the trade agreements made in Ottawa last summer, agreements which will put the ^{British} Empire in the position of presenting a united trade front against the rest of the world.

The abrogation of the trade treaty with Russia was made inevitable by the ^{Ottawa} agreements with Canada.

FOLLOW LONDON

By the way The Houses of Parliament ^{today} held the first meeting of this session under strong police guards. Plans had been made for a ^{parade} ~~party~~ of the unemployed to march on parliament and submit a petition. This ^{parade} ~~party~~ was to be recruited from all parts of London demanding more aid for the jobless.

There's a law in England prohibiting such demonstrations within a mile of the House of Commons. Police patrols in the suburbs were working hard to persuade marchers to disperse and prevent the smaller mobs in various parts of London from uniting to form one big parade.

Despite these efforts there were several clashes between demonstrators and the mounted bobbies.

POLAND

Poland is looking for a strong man to take on the job of Dictator. So announces a dispatch to the New York Evening Post. The veteran Marshall Pilsudski is old ^{and weary.} ~~and~~ Reports from Warsaw indicate that he cannot live much longer. So Polish patriots are looking for another Pilsudski.

The ^{aged} ~~old~~ Field Marshall who has run the country with an iron hand so far, ~~for~~ is spending more and more of his time each year in retirement. His Ministers and intimate associates ~~do not~~ ^{not} see him for weeks and months at a time.

One remarkable fact that has been observed in the last few months is the change in the attitude of Germany toward Pilsudski. The old Field Marshall used to be described in the German Press as a monster and as Germany's ^{arch} ~~worst~~ enemy. Today politicians in Berlin claim ^{that} ~~that~~ in reality Pilsudski has been the strongest factor in maintaining peace between Germany and Poland. He has built up one of the most efficient armies in Europe. At the same time he has rigidly held down any war propaganda or disturbance on the frontier between ~~Germany~~ Poland and Germany.

HAAG

A picturesque celebration is going on in lower Austria. The town of Haag is commemorating its 900th anniversary. It was founded by the German Emperor, Henry II ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the Eleventh Century.

The town of Haag has one of the most ^{beautiful} ~~picturesque~~ churches in Europe. It was consecrated in 1032.

MORGAN

One of the interesting features on the air tonight will be a talk by Thomas Morgan, manager of the United Press ~~New~~ Bureau in Italy. Mr. Morgan will talk over this network at half past ten tonight, relating many interesting things about his contacts with Premier Mussolini. He will also describe his visits to the vast land reclamation projects which the Duce has undertaken in Italy.

Incidentally Mr. Morgan reports that Italy has suffered less from the depression than most other countries *and recovered quicker.* It is interesting to observe that this same report has been made by H. R. Knickerbocker in his survey of Europe for the New York Evening Post. Mr. Morgan attributes the success of Italy to the coordination of industrial, agriculture *and* financial activities. He'll tell you all about it tonight.

COMET

The continent of North America is going to have an interesting visitor next month. That is a comet, Tempel's comet.

A dispatch to the New York Sun quotes a famous British astronomer, a former president of the Royal Astronomical Society, as believing that astronomers in the United States will obtain the clearest view of this comet. It was last seen in 1866. It's due to visit us again sometime between November 1st and November 17th. With its arrival you may expect to see a brilliant display of meteors. These would be at their best about November 17th.

LABOR

It's ~~is~~ good to know that child labor is decreasing in the United States. This is reported from Washington today by Uncle Sam's census bureau. In 1930 ^{only} fifteen out of every hundred American boys and eight out of every hundred American girls between the ages of ten and seventeen were at work instead of going to school. ^{12 years ago} ~~In 1920~~ twenty-two boys and twelve girls out of every hundred were at work.

EXPLORERS

Last night I attended ~~one of the~~^{an} most interesting functions ~~of the year~~ -- the opening of the new Explorers Club. The men who travel to the far corners of the earth have just opened up new quarters on the west side of Central Park, ~~in the latest of the skyscraper apartment hotels -- the Majestic.~~ Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews presided and only members attended, 175 of them, including such well known names as Stefansson of the Arctic, Dean Smith and Russell Owen from the Antarctic, Wilkins, who has been everywhere, ~~Dellenbaugh, last survivor of the first expedition through the canyons of the Colorado River, Dr. Isaiah Bowman of the American Geographical Society,~~ and ~~all the others,~~^{other} men who have spent years along the golden road to Samarkand, and where strange ~~trails~~ trails go down. ~~Burton Holmes was in from his last jaunt around the world.~~^{dropped in, just back from} The ~~next~~^{stet} guest of honor for the evening was Captain Bob Bartlett, who gave a dramatic account of his expedition this summer to the top of Greenland where he erected a striking monument in memory of Peary. Before Captain Bob spoke a ~~phnograph~~^o was turned on. From it came the voice of Admiral Peary telling why men go to the Far North.

Harry Franck.
after opening
of new
Explorers Club.
Traveler.
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Among the old friends I encountered there was Harry Frank^c, the man who has written so many travel books, ~~yes~~, the same Harry Frank^c who first became known ~~immediately~~ after he left college when he made that Vagabond Journey Around the World and wrote a book about it. He has another book out, today. The title of it is

My radio news chats have been so full of what has been going on in the British Isles that I asked Harry Frank^c to drop in tonight and give us a little first-hand information. How about it, Harry? What change do you see coming over the British Isles these days?

FOR HARRY FRANCK

Since 1900 I have often been in England; but this time I lived there for sixteen months, sending my children to English schools, lecturing to English and Scotch audiences, living with the perpetual tramps who crawl incessantly up and down English highways from one workhouse to another, visiting almost every back-alley and sea-lashed island in the British Isles.

And to me the changes from the England of before the war seem to be symbolized by her money. Paper banknotes now, instead of the solid gold sovereigns in use before 1914. It isn't simply that she is off the gold standard. It is a feeling that runs through all classes, that their money, their position in the world is no longer solid and secure beyond any question. They are definitely resigned to a lower standard of living, at least as far as any one now alive is concerned. And as they rather enjoy looking at the dark side of life, they are more cheerful about this lowering of their former privileges than we are about our really much better situation. And being a conservative, slow-moving people, they do not expect the good old times to come back over-

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night by some simple twist of the governmental wrist.

But in the good old British fashion they will, in due time,
muddle through.

ROOSEVELT

Governor Roosevelt of New York left Albany today on his second campaign trip. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post announces that he is going directly into the territory which President Hoover has visited twice in the last two weeks.

In the course of this trip Mr. Roosevelt is expected to do what Al Smith and many others have been demanding for some time. That is, ~~to~~ state clearly his position on the troublesome bonus question. Mr. Roosevelt's tour will cover some three thousand miles, in the crucial Middle Western states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Tonight he will speak in Buffalo and from there he will go to Pittsburgh. The tour will probably wind up in ^{Baltimore.} ~~Buffalo.~~

President Hoover's next ^{by} speech will be in Detroit ~~this~~ coming Saturday night.

POLITICAL MAP

I ran across an interesting bit of illumination today on the subject of the national election, ~~it is~~ a map showing graphically the political habits of the voters in the counties throughout the country. ²~~This~~ map is printed in this month's issue of the Geographical Review, the organ of the American Geographical Society. It shows the eastern half of the country as a regular checker board, of black and white, sharply contrasted -- while the West is something of an even monotone grey.

Black means a county that has gone Democratic in every election since 1876. White is just the opposite, consistently Republican. Various tones of grey indicate that the counties vary from Democratic to Republican. Counties in the East tend to stick pretty consecutively to the same thing, Republican or Democratic. But in the West they are a lot more fickle and swing back and forth.

That map shows ^{just}~~very graphically~~ why the western states are such exceedingly debatable ground this year.

TELEPHONES

Here's a front page item that many people consider quite encouraging. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company announces that it has completed plans for spending no less than thirty-five million dollars throughout the United States. This work will be done in the next twelve months. The money will be spent on improvements of the various plants.

FEATHERS

Airplanes are going one more step towards the imitation of birds. They're going to wear feathers. According to a story in the New ~~York~~ York Sun that's the newest thing in aviation.

Aircraft designers are ~~exp~~ now experimenting with the use of feathers in the actual construction of the mechanical birds. But the planes won't wear them on the outside as the birds do, but inside. The feathers will be used to make air transports sound proof. The idea on which they are experimenting is putting layers of feathers

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RETAKE

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DIAMONDS

It will be interesting to some people to learn that the price of diamonds has gone up. A dispatch to the Baltimore Sun quotes a survey of the National Geographic Society to this effect. The reason is partly because many people are putting their cash into diamonds. Also because others are hoarding the precious stones.

Incidentally, it is estimated that if all the diamonds in the United States were divided equally, each family would own between \$150 and \$200 worth.

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BEAUTY

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They are having a beauty show at the Grand Central Palace in New York. And what sights you can see there. One of the latest wrinkles is a dye for ^{the} little woman's eye lashes. There's also a dye which stripes ^{her} hair with all the colors of the rainbow. A hairdressing virtuoso exhibits two new kinds of haircut. One of these is known as the Hoover bob. This is supposed to be for fair ladies whose ~~faces~~ ^{faces} are too wide. The hair is pressed tight to the face. Then there is the Roosevelt bob. This is for women with faces that are politely described as slender.

All these devices are declared by their authors to help ~~ex~~ women be more beautiful. ^{But why gild the lily.} ~~I'll have to take their word for it.~~

PETTICOAT

Here's another little bit that may interest the fair sex. Petticoats, flannel petticoats, are going to be the thing once more this winter. You don't have to take my word for it. I got this out of the Woman's Page of the New York World Telegram.

In preceding winters pretty girls when going to a football game with the idea of following it with a tea dance, used to dress for the tea instead of the game. This winter we are informed they will dress for the game.

I take it from this that the thing to do is to rush up into the attic and see ^{what} ~~how much~~ the moths have left of ^{the} red flannel petticoats that grandma used to wear.

~~My friends~~ Dr. ~~W.~~ Reid Blair ^{gave} ~~xxxx~~ a party today.

And I'm ^{so} sorry to have to relate that the guests showed themselves exceedingly unappreciative. Dr. Blair, ^{by the way,} is director of the big ^{New} York zoo in the Bronx, ~~New York~~.

A Norwegian whaler recently called on Dr. Blair and sold him the idea that whale meat would be a good substitute for beef to feed to the meat-eating animals in the zoo. It takes 250 pounds of raw meat a day to satisfy the tigers, the lions and other animals that eat ^{fish.} ~~meat~~. So, as the Norwegian gentleman told Dr. Blair he could save ~~xx~~ from four to six cents a pound by buying frozen whale meat, Dr. Blair thought he'd make the experiment. And that was the party. There was much excitement in the zoo. At the customary feeding time ~~xxxx~~ almost the entire staff of the park went along to ~~xx~~ watch the ^{feast.} ~~party~~. The whale meat was tossed into the cages. The magnificent old nubian lion, Sultan II, prowled slowly over to the meat and sniffed. Then he shook his great mane, sniffed ^{again} and roared angrily. With fire in his eye he glared at Dr. Blair. Then he took another look at the meat. Then he turned his back contemptuously

on the meat and Dr. Blair and his staff, ^{coughed haughtily} ~~barked~~ once more and curled himself up on his shelf in his den and went to sleep.

In the adjoining cages the leopards, tigers and panthers were just as contemptuous as Sultan. ^{Then Dr. Blair} ~~They~~ tried the meat on the bears. The bears decided the only thing to do with that whale flesh was to pretend it was a football.

So Dr. Blair's experiment received what may be accurately described as the Bronx cheer.

And before somebody gives me a Bronx cheer I'd better say
s-l-u-t-m.