

Good Evening, Everybody:-

(The big question of the day from the rock-ribbed coast of Maine to the ~~sunny~~ ^{sunny} shores of California is "Who socked Huey Long?"

That incident on Saturday night at the Sands Point Bath Club on Long Island is engaging the attention of the entire country. The Louisiana Senator himself says that he was ganged, as he puts it, by four men, in the washroom of the club.) He further ~~says~~ ^{states} that he has often been warned that numerous people in New York had designs upon his person, even his life.

The well-known Kingfish takes the incident with prodigious seriousness and seems to be blandly and comfortably unconscious that the entire nation is laughing itself to death.

The reticence ~~of~~ ^{concerning} the identity of the man ~~that~~ ^{who} did the socking is somewhat difficult to understand. I asked some friends of mine who were present at the function in the club

whether they were responsible. Each one replied in almost identical words: "No, I didn't, but if I did you may be sure I would boast about it." There is even talk of erecting a statue to the man who hit Huey Long.

And There are ~~ever~~ unkind people who point to the fact that Huey has been out of the limelight for several weeks and that he may have ^{socked} ~~asked~~ himself for the publicity. This, of course, is ~~a~~ vehemently denied by the ^{Kingfish} ~~Senator~~, ~~himself~~.

Some of the people who were present are saying quite freely that the behaviour of the ^{Bayou statesman} ~~Louisiana Senator~~ was somewhat irritating to several people.

In the U. S. Senate they have been accustomed to his antics, so that when he keeps bobbing in and out of the Senate chamber as though he had a bad attack of ~~ants~~ in the pants, they pay no attention to him. In fact paying no attention to Huey was a popular pastime in Washington last summer.

But evidently it was not considered such a suitable pastime at the Sands Point Bath Club. In addition to bobbing up and down at the ~~this~~ table at which he was a guest, bobbing in

and out of the room where the entertainment was being given, Huey was being rather free with his advice so they say. It is also alleged that he snatched a plate of food away from one of the ladies at the table, telling her that she was fat enough already and that he'd eat it for her.

(A story I got from one reliable source is that Huey walked into the washroom and shoved someone. The man he pushed promptly swung on the Senatorial eye.) One version has it that the socker was a Long Island police official. But, gossip centers on a person described as a "well known architect about forty years old." This sounds a bit mythical because all the well known architects I know, if they had socked Huey Long, would have now be boasting about it rather than pretending they hadn't. I asked Eugene de Rosa, an eminent New York architect whether he was the architect who did it. Gene de Rose replied that as a matter of fact he was at Sands Point that day but, "No, he's exceedingly sorry, and wishes to make a formal public apology because he is not the architect who hit the Senator.

(The Kingfish's version is that when he went to the washroom he suddenly felt a blow on the back of his head and turning around saw four men, one of them with a knife. He

managed to fight off the gang and duck. Then he called a taxi and went straight back to his doctor in New York. At any rate Huey has given the country one more laugh.)

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ACCIDENT

The first serious accident they have had on a western railroad in a long while occurred early this morning in New Mexico. The Golden State Limited of the Southern Pacific went off the rails five miles east of Tucumcari, New Mexico. It was all because of a cloudburst. A sudden heavy downpour sent a wall of water rushing down the bed of Blue Water Creek in that region, a creek that is usually dry. The sudden freshet weakened the under-structure of a small bridge. According to accounts given by officials of the Southern Pacific the train had stopped, the conductor had inspected the bridge and decided it was safe. So he gave the engineer the highball, as they say, and the train started across the creek. As it did so the bridge gave way, the engine and one baggage car was catapulted into the rushing waters, and the first chair car followed. Only four of the ten cars in the train stayed on the track. Six people are known to be dead, some twenty are injured, and one is missing. It is believed that the passengers who died were in the chair car that plunged into the creek, and, that they were drowned. The South Pacific official inform me this is their first accident in 13 years during which time they have carried 490 million passengers.

OIL

One of the important affairs of today was an announcement from the Summer White House that Harold Ickes, (Secretary of the Interior, has been appointed the czar of the oil industry in the U.S.A. President Roosevelt gave out the information from Hyde Park that Mr. Ickes himself will administer the oil code recently drawn up under the National Recovery Act.)

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There ~~are~~ ^{are} fourteen others to be named in this connection. The oil industry is to be supervised by a committee of fifteen representing not only the Department of the Interior but the Bureau of Mines and the oil industry in general. The other fourteen members will be named shortly. Mr. Ickes has sent to the President a list of fifty or sixty names to choose from. As the oil code goes into effect September 2nd, these nominations will have to be made within the next few days.

FLOOD

Secretary Ickes appears in today's news also in another capacity. He announces that he has allotted thirty-seven million dollars to the War Department for flood control work in the Memphis, Vicksburg and New Orleans districts. It is said that this will furnish employment for no less than thirty-four thousand men.

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A.A.A.

The first legal attack on President Roosevelt's program was an attempt to have the A.A.A. - Agriculture Adjustment Act - declared unconstitutional. The test came up in this way:-
A Chicago dairy made a play for an injunction to restrain the Secretary of Agriculture from enforcing an agreement requiring all Chicago retailers to sell milk for ten cents a quart.

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The case came up in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and the court refused the injunction, declaring that the act is constitutional. Thus Uncle Sam has won the first round in that battle.

Honorable Grover
Whalen.

Head, NRA
forces in New York.

Aug. 29, 1933.

INTRO TO GROVER WHALEN

Tonight our guest speaker ^{in behalf of the National Recovery Act} is an extra-special

surprise. The Honorable Grover Whalen, ex-Commissioner of Police in New York City, and head of the NRA forces in New

York, is in the studio with me ^{to tell you some intimate details about our} I don't need to describe

Grover Whalen. Everybody knows who he is, and most of you

have probably already heard ^{his mellifluous} ~~his~~ on the air.

Mr. Whalen, tell ~~me~~ us something about the NRA

drive in New York.

friend W.A.

There's one thing, Mr. Thomas, that everybody wants to know these days. That is, is the N.R.A. getting results?

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I could cite scores of results from the mass that come to my desk every day. There are cold facts and figures galore, but one report that touched me deeply, told the simple story that the children, the babies of long unemployed parents, are on their way back to health, once more through a regular milk supply.

A large dairy, the Sheffield Farms Dairies, told me that their several thousand "route-salesmen" have been ~~tracing~~ tracing the increasingly tragic story of the depression through dwindling orders. It was a sad chapter whenever a family was obliged to cut its order from a quart to a pint of milk per day. When an order was cancelled, it spelled tragedy. Perhaps no other firm could read so plainly the drama of the depression.

For three years those thousands of milk salesmen have seen such signs, not only in the tenement districts but

along Park Avenue and in the thriving suburbs. First came the decreased orders, then the removal of customers to cheaper homes, and then -- all too frequently -- the orders ceased. That meant that children were going without milk entirely.

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Then, a few weeks ago, began the happy ending to this dreadful tale. The N.R.A. began giving ~~back~~ back jobs to the jobless. Money came back into the homes again, and one of the first needs -- the need of children for milk -- began to be filled.

This firm reported^S~~X~~ to me that their wagons are leaving at Dawn each day with heavier and heavier loads of milk. Drivers are leaving pints and ~~quart~~ quarts in ~~places~~ places where only a few months ago they left none.

We are reducing this good news to facts and figures, but, in the meantime, could anything be more eloquent of the work the N.R.A. is already doing? And we have only begun the fight to put it into operation unanimously.

CHANNEL

Well, Mr. Whalen, that is grand, stimulating news, I'm delighted that you were able to come up here and tell us about it! Oh, by the way you are interested in the ladies, Mr. Whalen, and here's another woman has swum the English Channel. I learn from a wireless report that the lady's name is Miss Sunny Lowry. Sunny is twenty-two years old, she lives in smoky Manchester, England; and she made the distance from Cape Gris Nex, France, to the English shore, in fifteen hours, forty-five minutes. This is the first time the channel has been crossed since 1930. Incidentally, those waters seem to be full of swimmers today -- right now! Our friend Zimmy, the legless champ from California, took another whack at it today but got a stomach cramp and gave it up after 13 hours in the water. Furthermore, a man and a woman who have already done the trick once are trying to do it again.

N.B.C.

(Uncle Sam won the first round in his attempt to bring Samuel Insull home. A wireless from Athens by way of London brings word that the Court of Appeals of Greece has approved the application of the American Legation for the formal arrest of the Chicago Utilities king.) Mr. Insull told the court he was a native of England, had been naturalized in America, but that he now wants to become a Greek citizen.

Uncle Sam has other ideas about that.

The State of Illinois would like to make him a non-paying guest at Toliet behind those high grey walls,

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Chancellor Hitler of Germany seems to be having a tough time repressing the blackguardism of his more zealous followers. That is, assuming he wants to. On top of the kidnapping of a Czecho-Slovakian engineer from Swiss territory comes the news of another outrage ~~on~~ the Belgian frontier. A group of Brown Shirt ~~kn~~ ruffians crossed the boundary into Belgium, created a disturbance, and started a fight in which a Belgian gendarme was injured. The Hitlerite toughs were arrested.

Simultaneously we hear that some of their pals kidnapped an Austrian frontier guard near Innsbruck.

Word comes from Vienna that the Austrian government is preparing to enroll an army of ten thousand to combat the Nazis. On the other hand the Hitlerites report that thirteen thousand exiled Austrians have joined what is called an Austrian Legion in Germany.

BREMEN

Another bit of news from ^{the turbulent Fatherland} ~~Germany~~ is that a terrific

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fire has broken out on the docks at Bremen where some of the

crack Trans-Atlantic liners ^{tie up,} ~~docks~~. Four thousand bales of cotton
are blazing on the piers and the flames appear to be gaining.

The Fire Department at Bremen is making a desperate effort to

~~to~~ save twenty thousand other bales which are stored in

warehouses on the docks.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt went for an automobile ride today.

In company with the Mayors of four cities of New York State, he inspected two new bridges and then went on to Albany to call on his friend, Governor Lehman and have tea. He also visited Troy, Watervliet and Rensselaer.

~~Tomorrow,~~ The officials of the Dutchess County Fair announce, ^{that President} ~~that~~ Roosevelt will visit that fair which is being held at Rhinebeck, tomorrow afternoon.

Incidentally I hear that Mr. Roosevelt is going to sea again. He ^{will} ~~is going to~~ leave Thursday night and sail up the ^{Atlantic} coast, returning after Labor Day.

REPEAL

(It looks as though every week is bringing the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment closer. On top of the Wet victory in Texas comes word from Seattle that Washington seems to be the twenty-fourth state of the Union in the Wet column with no states so far for the Drys.)

Telegrams from political leaders in Washington indicate that an exceedingly heavy vote is being polled, with forty-six districts still to be heard from. The returns to date show a handsome majority for the cause of ~~repeal~~ repeal. That means that one-half of the states of the Union have voted to take prohibition out of the Constitution and that only twelve more states are needed.

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SUNKEN PLAZA

Some interesting details were announced today by the management of Rockefeller Center concerning the sunken plaza that is being built directly in front of the seventy-storey R.C.A. building in New York. It will open onto Fifth Avenue with a wide sloping promenade between the British Empire building and the French ~~house~~ ^{building, the Maison Francaise,} From the description it will be one of the sights that all ~~visitors~~ visitors to New York will want to see. The Sunken plaza will be eighteen feet below the level of Fifth Avenue. Against the west wall will be a magnificent sweeping fountain designed by no less a ~~celebrity~~ ^{sculptor} than Paul Manship. The sunken plaza will be one hundred and twenty-five feet long and over ninety-five feet wide. It will be quite unique.

L.T. Personal

HORSE

I think the incident I am about to relate should appeal particularly to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to whom I respectfully dedicate the item.

A cavalry sergeant had been having all sorts of trouble educating a particularly thick-headed recruit. And one day his captain overheard him addressing that recruit as follows:-

"How many times must I tell you never to come near horses from the rear without speaking to them?"

The recruit stood there with his mouth open unable to answer and the sergeant continued:-

"One of these days you will get kicked on the head and then I will have a lame horse on my hands!" and

So Long Until Tomorrow.