

Good Evening, Everybody:

Naturally the chief topic of conversation the country over is still the ^{Akron} ~~and~~ disaster, ~~to the Akron.~~ Interest in the matter was heightened today by a statement from several aeronautical experts of the Navy Department. They declared ~~that~~ it ~~was~~ possible ^{that} some of the Akron's crew might yet be found alive. The wreckage of the hapless ship may have drifted away and some of the men may still be clinging to it.

Consequently the search for survivors is not only being kept up, but its area is being widened. Uncle Sam's Navy Department has the Cruiser Portland, two Navy Destroyers, fifteen coast guard vessels, and eighteen airplanes traveling up and down, backwards and forwards, looking for the wreckage.

Lieutenant Commander Wiley and the two enlisted men who were saved with him, flew down to Washington early this

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afternoon to give evidence before the Naval Board of Inquiry which began a rigorous investigation into the tragedy. The investigation is being personally supervised by Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, who was assigned ^{to} this task by order of the President.

In private conversations as well as in newspapers one hears today signs of considerable sentiment that Uncle Sam should quit these experiments with dirigibles. Lieutenant Commander Wiley said to reporters today: "I hope our people will still continue to see the value of airships, both commercially and for naval uses."

Father Russell, brother of one of the men who perished, will say mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in N. Y. Friday forenoon. Relatives & friends will attend, also Cardinal Hayes, Maj. Gen. Dennis Nolan and a detachment of troops, Navy, Marines & Army

I spent the day on the Jersey Coast, along the sand-dunes, down by Barnegat. The sun was shining. The sea was calm and blue. You'd never have dreamed that such a terrific disaster had occurred only a few hours before.

FOLLOW AKRON

A new and thrilling story of the wreck is in tonight's papers. It is the narrative of ^{Boagis} Boatswain's Mate, Richard Deal, one of the only two enlisted men who were saved.

Deal was ~~out~~ on the ~~ERWIN~~ crosswalk of the Akron tightening ^{and so forth} bolts when he realized that something was wrong.

That was when he heard the order to drop ballast.

"The next thing I knew", said the Boatswain's Mate, "we struck and I was knocked down, and the water came pouring in. She hit on her starboard side. The water washed me out through a big hole in the port side." Then he continued: "I swam around for ten or fifteen minutes. It was terrible going. Rain, thunder, lightning, and rough sea." After a while a gas tank floated by and Deal grabbed it. Erwin, the other man to be saved, grabbed the other side. And ^{Deal's} ~~his~~ story continues: "If the Phoebe, the German tanker, had come along five minutes later, we would have fallen ^{that gas tank.} off. We were so cold and cramped, we couldn't hang on any longer."

These are just a few highlights in the Boatswain's Mate's story that you will find in tonight's papers.

MACDONALD

Uncle Sam is to have another visit from John Bull's Prime Minister. President Roosevelt issued a statement at the White House today intimating that he had extended an informal invitation to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to come to Washington. The President said ~~that~~ he believed this would ^{be of} help ^{in the} solve ^{of} the problem of the economic situation of the world, also the disarmament question.

~~The~~ On top of that the London correspondent of the New York Sun sends the information that Premier MacDonald has booked his passage for April 13th. He will come not only as Prime Minister ~~of~~ ^{of} Great Britain, but as President of the forthcoming world economic conference which, you may recall, is to be held in London.

GERMANY

The Hitler Government today started to pick a quarrel with the entire press, not only ~~xxx~~ of the U. S. A., but of ^{every} foreign country. The immediate target of this new Nazi animosity is the Association of Foreign Correspondents in Berlin. This Association represents ~~fx~~ every important newspaper in the world, that is, every newspaper that has a correspondent in Berlin.

The focal point of this row is Mr. Edgar Mowrer, the veteran and knowledgeable correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. (you have to be a damn good man to represent the Chicago Daily News abroad, because its foreign service has for three generations been its pride.)

Well, the Hitler Government does not like correspondent Mowrer. The Nazi chiefs are up in the air over Mr. Mowrer's book entitled: "Germany sets the clock back", which was recently published in both England and America. What got the Nazi leaders still more miffed was that the book was favorably reviewed in all the ~~fx~~ principal newspapers of both countries.

So the government notified the Association of Foreign Correspondents that it would be boycotted so long as Mr. Mowrer remained president of the Association. Mowrer called ~~xxxxxx~~ a meeting ~~of the organization~~ and offered his resignation. It was overwhelmingly refused. In other words, the Association of Foreign Correspondents invites the Hitler Government to go jump into the River Spree.

Of course, we shall hear a good deal more about this rumpus. The government has intimated that unless the ~~foreign~~ correspondents are good boys, that is, good in the Hitlerite sense of the word, the Association will be ~~xix~~ dissolved.

This latest device of the Nazis for winning the good will of the world at large comes on top of the accusation published all over Germany that "a factory for the manufacture of atrocity lies has been set up in Uncle Sam's Consulate General in Berlin." The United States Embassy ~~has~~ lodged a violent protest in the Foreign Office and ^aretraction and an apology are expected.

The Nazis have also been stepping on the toes of John

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Bull. They arrested a British subject, the International Secretary of the Society of Friends, the Quakers. The British Consul General kicked violently, whereupon this British Quaker was released. But the Hitler Government, ~~however,~~ issued a statement to the effect that it was not owing to the protest of the British Consul that this man was released, ^{- it was} ~~but~~ because they found no evidence against him, and so were going to let him go anyway.

Incidentally, an exceptionally interesting series entitled "The Truth about Hitlerism" is being published this week in the New York Evening Post. Its author is that brilliant fellow, H. R. Knickerbocker, who represents the New York ^{Even.} Post and the Philadelphia Public Ledger in Berlin.

An Important point in today's issue of that series is the statement that the persecution of Jews by the Nazis has ~~be~~ not been exaggerated. Numerous Jews have been killed and hundreds beaten. The facts, says Knickerbocker, have been concealed by the rigid press censorship. *He got his articles out by mail.*

Hundreds of Jews have been beaten or tortured, thousands of Jews have fled. Thousands have been or will be deprived of their livelihood. So says Knickerbocker. He adds that it is impossible to ascertain how many Jews have been killed. Newspapers have been suppressed, The opposition is terrorized, ~~and~~ The families of the victims are afraid to protest. Such are a few of the facts related by Knickerbocker in today's article. However there is another side to the story. Americans with friends in Germany, friends who are not Hitlerites, have been receiving letters. These letters declare that the reports of anti-Jewish agitation and persecution have been terrifically exaggerated. Later in the week I expect to be able to convey to you some of the contents of these letters.

RUSSIA

Though all Europe is somewhat anxious about Germany, John Bull at the present moment is most exercised about ~~in~~ his ancient enemy, ~~of~~ Russia. An ~~official~~ official paper was submitted to the House of Commons today, a report by ~~xxxx~~ Sir Esmond Ovey, British Ambassador to Moscow who was recalled last week.

The principal topic of this white paper is the treatment handed out to those six British prisoners arrested by the Russian Secret Service. John Bull's Ambassador declares that a reign of terror exists now in Russia. He ^{says the moscow} ~~declares the Russian~~ government is literally in a state of hysteria, imagining a world-wide conspiracy against the Soviet. Sir Esmond Ovey also asserts that the prosecution of those six arrested Englishmen is really a mock trial with no ~~xx~~ serious evidence.

It is not expected that Sir Esmond will return to Moscow as Ambassador. His report has aroused great excitement in the House of Commons and throughout the whole of England.

REPEAL

(As both wet and dry leaders expected, Wisconsin followed the example of Michigan in voting overwhelmingly for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. In fact, the Wisconsin wet majority was even stronger than that of Michigan. The opponents of prohibition were victorious to the tune of four to one.) More than three hundred thousand people in the state voted for repeal. While only some seventy-five thousand stood up for prohibition.

As for beer, the 3.2 per cent ~~beer~~ recently made legal ~~once more, it~~ will not be on tap ^{anywhere} until Friday morning. This statement was made by the United States Brewers Association. Although by law it can be served and sold one minute after midnight Thursday, the brewers are anxious to avoid any riotous carnival or other celebration tomorrow night.

Colonel ~~Jack Ruppert~~ Jake Ruppert of New York, who in addition to being owner of the New York Yankees is President of the Brewers Association, issued a statement in which he said "so-called *night-before* celebrations ~~previous to April 7th or the night before~~ will be without

any distribution of beer from legitimate brewers." What Colonel
Jake means is that any Thursday night ~~celebrations~~^{banquets} for over this
event will be done on bootleg beer, if any. Meanwhile such
state legislatures ~~that~~^{as} have not been able to agree on ~~satisfactory~~^{regulatory}
measures ~~to regulate the beer business,~~ will rush through temporary
stop gap legislation so that ~~the beer~~^{beverage} will be available to the public
as soon as possible.

LEGISLATURES

A member of the French Chamber of Deputies has proposed a novel kind of bill. It is an act to prevent that legislative assembly from holding long sessions without intermission and without exercise.

Dr. E. E. Free in "The Week's Science" cites this proposal as an official recognition of the scientific fact that slowness and dullness of legislative assemblies is caused not so much by stupidity but by lack of oxygen in the brains of the legislators. *-- as well as in the legislative halls.* Individual members of legislatures are frequently alert and able men. It is when they get together in long sessions that they seem to sink whatever intelligence they have and reach a common level of inertia and *dumbness.* ~~stupidity.~~ Physicians have been saying for sometime that any ~~man~~ man sitting inactive for hours in the stale warm air of a crowded hall, will find his brain paralyzed. Not merely his intelligence, but his initiative and his intellectual courage will be sapped.

Hence the bill proposed by this French Deputy. Dr.

Free says: "It is not urged that dignified deputies leave the chamber every hour or so to play leap frog on the sidewalk, or gambol on the greens". But the bill does propose that the Chamber be compelled to take frequent recesses during which members will be required to walk about in the open air and get some fresh oxygen into their lungs and brains.

~~Maybe if some of our state legislators tried this, they might not have such difficulty in agreeing on these beer measures.~~

PROSPERITY

From the Cincinnati Times-Star.
Here's a prosperity ~~xx~~ note, ^λ The National Cash

Register Company at Dayton, Ohio, has put thirty-five hundred employees to work on full time. They've been working on half time, and now business is looking up, so tomorrow they go to work on a full-day basis.

GOLD

(There's trouble ahead for gold hoarders. President Roosevelt today issued a drastic executive order on this subject. ^{It's} ~~this order is~~ to the effect that everybody, that is to say, all private individuals who have more than a hundred dollars worth of gold must return it to the nearest Federal Reserve Bank before May 1st. Anybody who ignores this order is liable to a fine of ten thousand dollars ^{or} ~~and~~ imprisonment for ten years, or both. Wow! The President issued this order by virtue of the authority vested in him by Congress last month.) At the same time he authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to issue licenses for the use of the precious metal, that is, such of it as may be necessary for business transactions either at home or abroad.

DOCTORS

An eminent lady doctor made an address at a meeting held at the ~~Waldorf-Astoria~~ the other day ^{that} which ought to interest not only ~~men, but~~ ^{but men,} women. It concerned the everlasting and apparently never to be settled problem of ladies' diet. Do I hear someone asking - how does that concern the men? Well, it concerns a good many married men because mama's diet often becomes a general family problem, and mama's temper when she is in the throes of that diet, is apt to be in the words of the poet - just too bad.

The occasion of the address of this ~~xxx~~ eminent lady doctor was the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual meeting of the ~~New York State~~ Medical Society which has been going on at the Waldorf, ^{Astoria these} ~~the~~ last three days. The doctor told her colleagues, male and female, that there was a diet which could be used by any well person which would positively enable women to get thin and at the same time let them have plenty to eat. I don't propose to go into the technical details now, but the important feature of it is:-- no fats, no starches, no butter, no bread, no sugar, no potatoes, no vegetables that grow in the ground. Also no whole milk.

But plenty of bean meat - all you want. And other vegetables, those that blossom above the bosom of the Earth

~~If any lacteal beverage is desired, the dieting one should have either buttermilk or skimmed milk.~~

Incidentally, a majority of the doctors present at this meeting expressed themselves as unanimously opposed to any plan which would socialize the practise of medicine or place it under the control of political ~~xxxxxxx~~ groups or any other organizations of laymen. The President of the American Medical Association declared: "The medical profession cannot be Henry Fordized until ~~y~~ all human beings become ^{robots."} ~~Robots.~~"
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ENDING - LONG WORD

Ever since I read ~~off~~ the letters in a long word one night several weeks ago, I have been receiving letters telling me about a lake at Webster, Massachusetts, and asking me to pronounce it.

The story is that there were three lakes at one time. They were joined together to form just one body of water and then that happened the Indians joined their names together also. There are forty-five letters in the name of this lake. I'll probably stumble all over myself and never be able to pronounce it, but here goes for a try:-

"Lake Char - gog - ga - gogg - man - chaug - a - gogg -
chau - bun - a - gun - ga - naugg."

Gee-jusalem! *That* sounds as if I'm swearing, ~~doesn't it~~ Well, for all I know, in Indian language it may ~~have~~ meant - solong until tomorrow.