

Good Evening, Everybody:

(A state of mind amounting almost to a national panic is being aroused over the ~~recent notorious kidnappings~~ ^{kidnapping business.} Young John O'Connell, son of the Democratic boss of Albany, New York, is still missing. And August Luer, the banker of Alton, Illinois, is also ^{still} in the hands of the kidnapers. What is more, a rumor ~~is reported~~ ^{comes} from Chicago that three of the city's richest sportsmen have been "ear-marked for snatching" by the same gang that abducted the financier known as Jake-the-Barber, ~~and~~ ^{— the same gang that} got two hundred thousand dollars ransom from ~~his~~ ^{Jake Factor's} family.) The search for ~~the~~ ^{young} O'Connell has been shifted to New York City. His family admitted today that they received a note signed by him which convinces them that he is still alive.

Albany police told me by telephone this afternoon that the appearance of advertisements bearing on this case in three New York newspapers have led to a switch in the search. They have stopped seeking in the upstate districts, and are concentrating

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on New York City. The advertisements in question include the names of people whom the kidnapers suggested to act as go-betweens ~~and~~ ^{for} ~~take~~ the ransom, ~~money for the release~~ of young O'Connell.

Frank J. Loesch of Chicago, who for a long time has been at the head of the movement to fight crime in that city, made an important suggestion today ^{concerning all} ~~on~~ this kidnapping ~~business~~. His idea is that a national organization of secret police somewhat on the order of the United States Secret Service should be formed to handle all ~~kidnappings~~ such crimes.

~~Incidentally~~ Oh by the way, a friend of N.B.C. mine, an exceedingly responsible and reliable man has just returned from Chicago. He says there are just as many shootings & murders in the underworld out there as there ever were. But we don't hear about them because they are hushed up so as not to discourage visitors to the Fair. After all this doesn't affect the transient visitor.

CONFERENCE

That poor old World Economic Conference is definitely on its last legs. A wireless message I have just received from London says that its ^{final} ~~last~~ hope of life ^{went glimmering} ~~was lost~~ when the British delegates definitely declined to follow Uncle Sam's example in any further inflation measures.

The steering committee has suggested July 27th as the date for adjournment. Our own Senator Couzens of Michigan is in favor of adjournment in order that a discussion of International private debts may be carried on. For the rest, ^{nation after} ~~each~~ nation has been ^{suggesting} cutting out the discussion of ^{any subjects} which it finds disagreeable. This whittles the number of topics that can be considered without a fight, to such a small number that they are hardly worth talking about.

My informant says that the only subjects the nations can agree on are wheat, silver, tea, milk and cocoa. That certainly isn't enough to warrant keeping the boys on heavy expense accounts in London.

So it looks as though it's definitely curtains for
N.B.C. the World Economic Conference.

MOLEY

Professor Raymond Moley, Assistant Secretary of State, is back in Washington, and had his first conference today with the President after his return from London. No information was given out about the details of this meeting. At the same time it was said that Dr. Moley told the President that Uncle Sam's delegation held their own and that a number of other nations are planning to follow Uncle Sam's example ^{with a} ~~for the~~ program to raise commodity prices.

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ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt is leaving Washington late today for a weekend cruise down the Potomac. He will go on the Yacht Sequoia and return late Sunday.

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I learned from the White House that tomorrow

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morning General Johnson, the Administrator of "N.I.R.A.," the National Industrial Recovery Act, and Secretary of the Interior Ickes will hop into a plane and fly down the Potomac to join Mr. Roosevelt and discuss the progress ~~of the Administration~~ of "N.I.R.A."

BUTLER

Words of praise for the President came today from quite an unexpected source, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, and ^{often talked of as a possible} ~~at one time candidate for the~~ Republican ~~candidate nomination~~ for the ~~vice~~ presidency. Dr. Butler returned today from a European trip, and had several interesting things to say. One of them was: "President Roosevelt is the center of the world's interest at present. His every word ~~is~~ is weighed", said Columbia University's President, "and his courageous and forward facing domestic policies are much more generally approved than I had supposed likely." Dr. Butler said further: "If these policies succeed here they are likely to be followed in other countries." On the other hand Dr. Butler has harsh words for the poor old Economic Conference. He said he thought it was held four or five months too soon. At the same time he declared that the adjournment is nobody's fault.

At any rate, ^{this} ~~there~~ ^{ultra-ultra} praise from such a prominent Republican as Dr. Butler ~~for Mr. Roosevelt~~ is a remarkable indication of the present state of public opinion.

RECOVERY

lat frisby young girl
Incidentally, General Johnson gave out some more news about NIRA today. He has appointed three new assistants to the General Council of the Administration. One of these is Dr. Joseph Pogue of New York, a celebrated petroleum economist and consulting engineer. He will be employed specifically in ~~consideration of~~ *connection with* the code of fair competition submitted by the Petroleum Industry, ~~and the lumber industry.~~ Then too, Everett DeBolyer, former President of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers has also been engaged by the Administration of NIRA. He will be special technical advisor and will preside over the public hearings on the petroleum code. Laid Bell, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, and Vice-president of the Chicago Bar Association, has been engaged as advisor, particularly for the consideration of the code submitted by the lumber industry.

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And there's a promising bit of news concerning wages from San Francisco. *Calif.* The ³State Brewers Association have adopted a forty-four hour week and a scale of wages by which brewers will get

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forty-two dollars a week, drivers forty, and bottlers thirty-eight.

My information has it that it is believed in California that this scale will affect other industries as well.

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RAILROADS

An important meeting was held in Washington today. The executives of the big railroad companies of America met up with Joseph B. Eastman, Federal coordinator of transportation. And they heard one thing which none of them liked very much. That was that they've got to ^{reconcile} ~~resign~~ themselves to reductions in their exceedingly handsome salaries. Coordinator Eastman emphasized the necessity for reducing the large incomes paid to Presidents and Vice-presidents of Railways. Mr. Eastman told the Railway moguls that it's impossible to avoid considering the necessity of reducing their salaries. Said he: "I believe the people of the country quite generally regard the salaries paid to railroad chief executives and others as excessive and unjustified." He also pointed out that many people are commenting sarcastically on the fact that the railway moguls have reduced the wages of the working men, but through all the years of the depression have not cut a nickel off their own pay. In fact, in some cases they are getting more than before the depression.

Mr. Eastman said further that: "A good executive may be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to his railroad as compared

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with a poor executive, but" he continued, "I cannot believe that there is such a ^{ca} ~~dir~~th of good material that it is necessary to pay the huge salaries which have been paid in order to get good men."

Cheers from the railway unions.

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EMPLOYMENT

Here's a bit of good news for men out of a job. Mr. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and incidentally Federal Administrator of Public Works, gave out a welcome announcement today. He said he had allotted a hundred and fifteen million of the three billion ^{appropriated by Congress} three hundred million [^] for public works. This raises the total allotment so far to seven hundred [^] fifty-three and a half million. It is expected that the ~~x~~ hundred and fifteen million allotted today will provide work for two hundred thousand more men. Fifty of these millions will go for building roads ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ national parks, Indian reservations, and other public lands. The remaining sixty-four million will be spent ^{various other} on federal projects, ~~through various government agencies.~~

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WAGES

Detroit Master cleaners wire me they have adopted a new higher minimum wage scale effective Monday. The increases run as high as 20 per cent, affecting more than 600 workers in the Motor City.

BERLIN

Over in Germany the Hitlerites are still at work with their trusty broom. Chancellor Hitler's Cabinet today issued a decree forbidding the formation of any new German political organization or party. In other words, no political party is allowed to exist in the Fatherland except that of the Nazis.

The Cabinet also took what is interpreted as a step to attempt to get business away from France. They passed a law permitting gambling in the casinos of the big watering places in Germany. It is hoped that this will attract some of the tourist traffic away from France.

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INDIA

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BALBO

(General Balbo and his twenty-four black shirted pilots
are in Montreal ^{now as you probably know.} ~~tonight~~. The twenty-four planes are resting
cozily in the St. Lawrence River and the men are enjoying Montreal
hospitality which is about as fine hospitality as you can find in
the world.) Premier Mussolini's Air Minister brought his armada
into Montreal about two o'clock this afternoon, Eastern Daylight
Saving Time. Montreal put on a great show for them. There were
speeches in English, French, and Italian. ^{You probably heard them.} There was music aplenty,
and there were radiograms from Premier Mussolini and Senator
Marconi. Early this afternoon General Balbo spoke over this network
but ^{he spoke in} ~~only those who understood Italian were able to get what he said.~~

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LINDBERGH

(4) The Lindberghs are on their way once more. They hopped off from Botwood, Newfoundland, at three o'clock this afternoon, for Cartwright, Labrador. That will be their last stop on this continent before taking off for Greenland. Early this morning Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh flew from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Botwood, in two hours, a distance of two hundred miles.

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BASEBALL

Baseball is becoming really exciting once more, at any rate in the major leagues. Hal Totten, N.B.C.'s baseball expert, tells me there was a general fit of the jitters in the American league when the Yankee's went into that slump that transferred the lead over to the Washington Senators. On top of that the Giants who were ahead in the National League by several games, dropped seven straight ~~games~~ ^{league}. This whittled their lead down to three games. So now both the ~~N~~ational and the American contests have become keen and close and the teams are keyed up to a fever heat.

A good share of the limelight is ~~now~~ being turned on the Chicago Cubs, last year's pennant winners. In the early part of the season the Cubs did ~~not~~ distinguish themselves particularly. But now they have struck a stride which bids fair to keep the Giants on their toes if they want to stay in first place. The Cubs won eight straight ~~games~~ and nine out of ten since they returned to the home grounds. They promise to be the most serious threat the Giants have to encounter.

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*One of the interesting games of the season was played

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yesterday when Karl Hubbell, the brilliant left hander of the Giants, and Tex Carleton, the splendid young right hander of the St. Louis Cardinals, put up an old time pitcher's duel which the Giants won three to two in the last inning with a homeⁿ~~run~~. These are the pitchers who met in that famous eighteen inning game in New York on July 2nd, the game which Hubbell won by one to nothing. Some experts express^{ed} the fear that this long game might have ruined their pitching arms for the rest of the season. It takes a pretty tough man to pitch more than nine innings. But neither Hubbell nor Carleton seems to have suffered in the least from the terrific strain of that eighteen inning game.

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FARM

Waldorf.

I've just

I heard an interesting slant on the farm question, ~~today~~

Another farmer and myself were sound recording a film in the same studio. That farmer was the famous Oscar of the Waldorf who when he is not in the Waldorf, is at the farm that he and his son have practically made all by themselves some distance from New York on the banks of the Hudson River. When you see Oscar at the Waldorf you little think that his glossy shirt front conceals a serious practical farmer.

Well, between takes and play backs at the studio I got talking to Oscar about farms. ~~OSCAR~~ Oscar said he thought that the only real solution of the farmer's problems would be for them to keep to their farms, raise just enough to live on, and pay no attention to city folks, markets, or anything of that sort. At the end of six months or a year, says Oscar, the farmers would then be in a position to demand anything they wanted and get it. Oscar added that he did not think they'd ever try it, but it's an interesting thing to contemplate. I wonder what other farmers think about it?

L. T.

ALIMONY

Here's a joke on the little woman. ^{Two}~~The~~ women were sentenced in a Chicago court today to pay alimony.

Hitherto wives have had all the best of it in Illinois, as well as in other states, but at the last session of the Legislature a new law was passed. This became effective at midnight Wednesday, and today two cases were brought up in the ~~same~~ court of Judge Sabath, whose caustic opinions on the subject of female alimony hunters have had considerable ~~makiax~~ national publicity.

One of the ladies who came before him was sentenced to pay her husband ten dollars a week. The other was ordered to give her spouse fifty cents a day and rations of milk and eggs.

~~Now~~ I wonder if there will be a migration of women from Illinois.

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COLORED ENDING

Rastus had been hauled into court and had just gotten ~~out~~ of ^f with a reprimand. In conclusion the judge said: "Now Rastus, I don't expect to see you here again!"

To which Rastus quite appropriately replied:
"Not see me again, Jedge? Why, you ~~all~~ ain't going to resign, is you Jedge?"

And like Rastus, I hope to see you all again
~~next week. I hope you have a grand time over the~~
~~24 hours from now and until then,~~
week end and,
So Long Until ~~Tomorrow~~ Monday.