

L.T. SUNOCO Monday Oct. 9, 1933

Good Evening, Everybody:-

(President Roosevelt's personal intrusion into the strike problem has evidently had results already. I have word from Pittsburgh that the walkout of steel workers appears to be at an end.) Thousands of men returned to work, and the cordons of strike pickets which had been strung around all the plants in the Pittsburgh area disappeared. Furthermore, the ^{establishments} ~~plants~~ at Weirton, West Virginia, and Steubenville, Ohio, which ~~xxx~~ had been shut down were open again and working at fifty percent capacity. There are also optimistic reports from the coal districts of western Pennsylvania.

(Elsewhere, however, the news is not so favorable. Warfare broke out in that ever troublesome district, ^{Sullivan} ~~Sutherland~~ County, Indiana, so the spotlight was shifted there) from Pennsylvania and Illinois. When the homes of strikebreaking miners were bombed with dynamite, the Governor of Indiana,

Paul McNutt, formerly Commander of the American Legion, took a hand in the argument. He sent three companies of the Indiana National Guard to the scene of action and issued a proclamation prohibiting anybody from either entering or leaving the troubled area. Also, the carrying of firearms by anybody except guardsmen is prohibited. The arrival of the guardsmen dispersed the mob and brought quiet to the district. Meanwhile one hundred and seventy-five non-Union miners had been standing seige in a coal mine at Shelburne. Two planes of the National Guard, equipped with machine guns, flew over the spot this morning, and the mob quickly took to its heels.

News from Detroit is varied. One thousand of the three thousand tool and dye makers who were on strike are back on the job, but the others are still standing by ~~and~~ ^{their} guns while officials of the National Labor Board are arguing it out with the leaders of the Mechanics Educational Society.

(Then ominous news comes from California, Central California to be precise, the region that produces cotton.

A telephone message from San Francisco carries the information that five thousand workers, mostly Mexicans, are out. In spite of warnings from officials of the State Labor Department, the ranchers are throwing the strikers out of their homes.

The situation is aggravated by the fact that these cotton pickers were imported from Mexico. Not only the men but the women and children pick the cotton at piece work ^{rates.} When they arrived in California they found ~~that~~ they were expected to work for sixty cents a hundred pounds. In view of the fact that it is impossible to pick more than two hundred pounds a day, they found they ~~could~~ couldn't make a living wage. So the ranchers, backed up by the usual complaisant deputy sheriffs, are running them out, ejecting them from their homes, and even the cry of "Give them the castor oil treatment" has been raised. The State has attempted to mediate between the employers and the employees, but the ranchers scornfully refuse and are encouraged in their attitude by county sheriffs and other local law offices. ¹

There was trouble also at San Francisco, where the fishermen declared they could not make ends meet on the prices paid by the canneries. Some of the canneries have had to delay operation in consequence, but the State hopes to iron out this difficulty.

At the same time in Washington, Senator Wagner, head of the National Labor Board, told the American Federation of Labor that wages were not being increased as fast as prices were rising. He said the only way to improve standards of living was to increase the purchasing power of everybody, and nobody can quarrel with that.

BUSINESS

The curtain rose today on the second act of the N.R.A. drama, the "Buy Now" ~~xxxxxxx~~ campaign. General Johnson, Administrator of the Act, ~~ix~~ informs us that apparently the campaign is already having an effect. He has hundreds of letters and telegrams on his desk containing promises to increase advertising budgets and to put on the market new and improved products. At the same time Washington received reports of increase in business from all parts of the nation.

Some of these ~~reports~~ anticipate the "Buy Now" campaign. For instance one textile concern reported that its production increased 102 per cent in August. Another Manufacturer sends word that his sales went up 62 per cent. ^A Philadelphia corporation says that its profits ~~xxxxxxx~~ for June will wipe out its losses for the three previous months.

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I have a wire from the F. W. Dodge Corporation which reports on building, and this wire informs us that in thirty-seven states east of the Rockies construction projects ordered in September were greater in volume than any month for a year.

The important ~~point~~^{fact} in this is that the building industry has suffered more than any of the others and is always the last to pick up.

FARMER

Here's something to interest the farmers. The representatives of four agricultural organizations submitted a four-point program to the President today, -- a program to improve farming conditions throughout the country.

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One point is a moratorium on all mortgage foreclosures and all evictions until the farmers get enough for what they raise to make up for the increased cost of production. Another point is the use of the powers given the President by the last session of Congress to inflate the currency. The third point is a code of fair competition for the farmers. And the fourth calls for the pegging of the prices of things raised by the farmer to enable him to make a profit.

BANKS

Then here's a word of cheer for those who have their money in closed banks. It comes in an announcement from the Controller of Currency. He informs us that when all those reorganizations of national banks, which are already approved, have been put into effect, only one and one-half percent of the total ~~xxxxxxx~~ deposits in national banks will remain frozen. In other words, all arrangements have been made to reorganize and reopen banks that are closed. As soon as these arrangements are put into effect all of your money will be released except one and one-half per cent.

The Controller said something else interesting. The Government is making plans to use the bonds of the Home Owner's Loan ^{Corporation}~~Association~~ to help thaw out frozen money.

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Meanwhile, Henry Bruere of New York, whom the President drafted recently as financial coordinator, has been working fast. He says he is now perfecting a plan for a liquidating corporation. The purpose of this corporation is to pay out cash to depositors ~~on~~ banks which have been closed or at least restricted since March. To this end, the Financial Coordinator has been in conference with officials of the

Administration including the Secretary of the Treasury and Governor Black of the Federal Reserve Board. This Corporation will have two purposes. First, as I have mentioned already, to ^{release} ~~pay~~ a percentage of frozen deposits in closed banks. These frozen deposits amount to about two billion dollars and about fifty per cent of these, it is hoped, will be released in cash by means of this corporation.

The second object of this new body is equally important. It will aim to protect the depositors in those banks that do not qualify for the insurance of deposits, the new measure which is to become effective by the first of the year.

EXCHANGES

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A committee has been appointed in Washington to study the methods and practices of Stock Exchanges. At the suggestion of the President it was named by Secretary of Commerce Roper. On it are Professor A. A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of Commerce ^{John} Dickinson, Undersecretary of the Treasury Acheson, and Arthur Dean of New York. They are ready to begin work.

DISARMAMENT

A rumor comes from London today that the British Cabinet had a long discussion on the question of disarmament.

It is said that Sir John Simon, His Majesty's Foreign ~~Minis~~ Secretary, has been given full powers to negotiate for Great Britain at Geneva.

NEC

SUBWAY

Architects, traffic engineers, and other experts have long been predicting that big cities would have to take to the underground not only for rapid transit but for pedestrians and vehicles. As a matter of fact you can already walk in New York under the surface of the earth for miles without ever coming up above ground.

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A new development came to light today when the big Rockefeller Center in New York City petitioned the city government to be allowed to conduct a vast underground system under its skyscrapers and other buildings, which will enable not only people walking but trucks and other vehicles to go underground over an area of three blocks. It is estimated that the new scheme will enable two hundred thousand people to circulate freely without ever coming to the surface.

KELLY

There was considerable excitement at Oklahoma City today, the center of which was the notorious George "Machine Gun" Kelly. George and his wife were being escorted by Uncle Sam's bulldogs to the Federal courtroom. One of the guards was trying to persuade Mrs. Kelly to hurry up, so she turned and slapped him in the face. At this two Federal agents grabbed her by the arm and pulled her along. Thereupon Mr. Kelly made a pass at one of the ~~XXXX~~ agents and put up a desperate fight. It took a smack over the head with a gun to pacify him, and he reached the dock in the courtroom in a somewhat mangled condition.

The jury ~~that are~~ ^{for the kidnapping of Chas. Urschel} trying him, were sworn in this morning and the trial began this afternoon.

REPEAL

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The voters of Florida are going to have their say tomorrow on the Twenty-first Amendment, that is, the Amendment to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment. ~~The~~ Wet headquarters at Miami and Jacksonville tell me ~~by telephone that~~ they expect the state to go **two** to one against prohibition. In case there's any doubt, Postmaster General Jim Farley, who is today the chief spokesman of the wet cause, is down in Jacksonville making special pleas to the voters to ratify the Twenty-first amendment.

NBC

Is life long enough for you, or do you find it too short? Of course, we all remember the term set down in the bible, the three score and ten years man is expected to live. Those who are dissatisfied with that will be interested in a prophesy made today at the Annual Congress of the American College of Surgeons, which is being held in Chicago. This prophesy ha^sd it that by the end of the next thousand years our descendents may reasonably expect to live three score years and seventeen, instead of three score and ten. The man who made this prophesy was no less a celebrity than the famous Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minnesota.

THANKSGIVING

As Jimmy Wallington just said, today is the sixty-second anniversary of the Great Chicago fire -- the day that Mrs. O'Leary's cow did her famous stunt -- which makes it interesting to observe that Chicago, today a city of more than three million people, ten times as large as when it was burned down, is celebrating its recovery from the kick of Mrs. O'Leary's cow at probably the greatest of all World's fairs so far.

Meanwhile our neighbors in Canada are celebrating today as Thanksgiving, Canadian Thanksgiving.

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WHEAT

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Farmers in Canada ~~are~~ are much concerned over the falling wheat market. The wheat producers in northwestern Saskatchewan sent a petition today to Prime Minister Bennett of the Dominion Government. They asked him to appoint a National Marketing Board to solve the price problem.

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BETTING

As you may be aware, there is a tremendous keenness all over the country about that three-cornered election for the *New York* mayoralty. In fact the people who like to gamble on such events are already getting their money down. I am informed today that the odds ~~today~~ are eight to five on Joe McKee, two to one against the present Mayor, John O'Brien, and two to one against Major LaGuardia. And it is considered an even money bet that McKee will beat the Tammany Mayor O'Brien by one hundred and fifty thousand votes.

JACK

A new gadget for motor cars has been invented in England which ought to be a boon for everybody who drives. It is what you might call an automatic jack.

With this device in your car you do not have to get out, lift up the seat, and find your jack, then put it precariously under the axle. Instead of that you pull a lever on the inside and then ~~xxxx~~^{back} the car a few feet. The car is then jacked up on ~~xxxx~~ which ever side the wheel or tire needs to be changed. It can be used for any one of the four

wheels. *In other words you back up to jack up.* ~~This sounds to me like one of the most useful~~

Frank North of Reo is an authority ~~improvements I've heard of in quite a while~~ *on gadgets. I'll have to talk to him about this.*

~~Mr. N.~~
London Daily Mirror

SLEEP

Sleep is always with us, and

so is Professor Donald Laird, head of the Psychological Laboratories at Colgate University, ^{*who is forever*} ~~has been~~ investigating ~~the~~ *our* ~~habits~~ ^{*especially*} ~~question~~ the problem of sleep. Dr. E. E. Free in "The Week's

Science" informs us that one conclusion from this research is that many Americans suffer ~~in~~ in this respect not because they get too little sleep, but because the kind of sleep they get is of a poor quality.

Out of the people tested, some thirty-five per cent. admit that they feel tired when they wake up in the morning. But on the other hand, most people get more than the eight hours' average a night which is supposed to be the healthy minimum.

So, says Professor Laird, people who still feel tired after a full night's sleep have been getting the wrong kind. ~~is~~ ~~sleep~~ Why? Probably because either the bed has been uncomfortable, the bedroom too noisy, or because too many people take their worries to bed with them. Those, of course, are only a few causes out of many.
Week's Science.

PROPOSAL

Here's another variation of an old, old idea. ^{A scheme} ~~A new idea~~ for getting proposals of marriage. ~~It~~

comes from California. A young lass living on an orange ranch was employed in the task of picking the fruit. Into each case she tucked a note describing herself in highly complimentary terms and setting forth what an excellent wife she would make. She signed her name and address.

She got no ~~letters~~ less than fifty-seven offers of marriage. They came from Egypt, Palestine, Gibraltar, India, Bagdad, the Dutch West Indies, Jamaica, Holland, Scotland,

in fact all parts of the world where California oranges are eaten. None from Florida where they grow bigger and better oranges. [¶] The young lady now is having a tough time making up

her mind what part of the world she would like to live in. As soon as she decides, I'll let you know.

Schoonmaker

ENDING

A touching episode occurred the other day in a musicale given at the Waldorf-Astoria. The principal performer was a pianist, and he apparently had come in with glue attached to the seat of his pants. He played and he played and he played. Finally he turned to his long suffering audience and asked: "What would you like to hear now?"

And from the rear of the drawing room came a tired voice saying: "The beneficent sound of the piano lid being closed."

And now I am going to give you the beneficent joy of hearing me say

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

Answers.