

Lowell Thomas - November 3, 1932

Good Evening, Everybody:-

(Uncle Sam's legation in Athens today formally requested the extradition of Samuel Insull.) This was done after an exchange of ratifications had put in force a new extradition treaty between the Greek and American governments.

A dispatch to the Baltimore Post reports that at the same time the minister of the Interior ordered a close surveillance of Insull. At latest reports Mr. Insull's arrest had not yet been ordered.

(Two assistant prosecutors from Chicago are on the Atlantic traveling to Greece to bring the former utilities potentate back to Chicago, if allowed to do so.)

LONDON

The Philadelphia Public Ledger today carries a story from London which is decidedly optimistic in tone. It reports by that by next week there will be concrete evidence that business in Great Britain has turned the corner. It is believed the employment statistics for October will show 110,000 more people at work now than in September. The dispatch adds that what is significant about these figures is that the ~~impro~~ improvement is not limited to any particular district.

Yes, and the London police seem to have taken all heart and organization out of the dole marchers. Thousands of the unemployed lingered in London today. But they seemed to be without plans -- and without organization. A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post relates that the orderly but strong methods of the London bobbies seem to have disconcerted the marchers.

With their leader, their so-called Napoleon, already in jail, the London bobbies followed that up by arresting the second in command.

EARTHQUAKE

Mother Earth had a touch of the St. Vitus dance today -- or maybe it was the jitters.

An earthquake shook San Francisco about 11 o'clock this morning. The shock was approximately fifteen seconds long. An account wired to the Louisville Times relates that apparently no damage was done to the downtown section, Although the quake lasted long enough to develop a slow rocking motion of the earth. Nothing like the great San Francisco quake of course. This one wasn't even an echo of that. But it was enough of a tremor to get into the news.

HOOVER

President Hoover is again on board a fast train. He has set forth on the most strenuous trip of his campaign. On this journey he will make no less than twenty-six stops at which he will make speeches -- in various parts of the middle west, and west. Finally, from St. Paul, Minnesota, President and Mrs. Hoover will continue across the prairies and the Rockies to their home in Palo Alto, California.

Shortly before his departure from Washington Mr. Hoover made an announcement contradicting the report which had been circulated that his views on prohibition had changed. On the question of the Eighteenth Amendment, President Hoover stands just where he did when he made his speech accepting the nomination.

(All the Scripps-Howard newspapers today carry a story that a nation-wide political survey indicates that President Hoover has made strong gains in some sections of the country since he started his intensive campaign for re-election.) The significant thing about this story is that it is published in a string of important papers that have come out in opposition to the re-election

of Mr. Hoover.

(At the same time, adds the survey, while there reports indicate strong gains for Mr. Hoover, they also show what they call a national advantage for Mr. Roosevelt.)

Governor Roosevelt left Albany today for his final speeches in New Jersey and New York City. Perhaps I should add that Owen D. Young will also be one of the speakers at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York tonight.

SOCIALIST

Wow! I have an indignant telegram here from a Socialist lady reproving me for not making more mention of Norman Thomas and his party. It so happens that only last night I related a bit of information in which Mr. Norman Thomas was mentioned. I have tried to make it clear many times that in these broadcasts, so far as politics is concerned, I am neutral. I haven't the slightest intention of slighting the socialists or anybody else. So in compliance with the lady's request, I have the honor to announce that there will be a giant socialist rally in Madison Square Garden in New York tonight. Norman Thomas will be the principal speaker. Oh yes, and by the way, I had a letter this week, from a lady who wanted to know if I was the son of Norman Thomas. No, my dad is a physician, and surgeon, of the sort ~~th~~ who doesn't operate on governmental budgets or prescribe medicine for those who have political headaches. I do frequently get Mr. Norman Thomas's mail.

TRAFFIC

That traffic war in which the State of Pennsylvania is the central figure, grows more serious every day. A dispatch to the Trenton Times reports that hundreds of trucks carrying perishable produce are being held up on the border between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The war is being waged on three fronts since Delaware and Maryland also joined New Jersey in retaliating against Pennsylvania. A long line of produce-laden trucks created such confusion at the Pennsylvania bridge heads that it recalled the supply trains of war days. At every bridge over the Delaware river from the Philadelphia-Camden span on the south to that of Frenchtown, New Jersey on the North, grey uniformed Pennsylvania troopers guarded the borders of that commonwealth, while on the other side the New Jersey state police in robin blue coats and yellow-striped trousers added to the excitement and confusion.

So far new Jersey's embargo has added \$20,000 to the state treasury. Nearly six hundred Pennsylvania trucks were obliged to buy Jersey license plates yesterday.

The dispatch continues that complaints from Pennsylvania truck owners and drivers continue to pour in to the state capitol at Harrisburg. The Delaware state police have notified all Pennsylvania truck drivers that they will be compelled to get Delaware licesne plates within ten days. Some drivers were turned back. The Maryland state police have issued similar instructions.

The State of New York has not yet actively joined the war. At the same time the state police along the southern boundary will keep track of every truck licensed by Pennsylvania during the next fifteen days. On the sixteenth day if New York licenses are not taken out the Pennsylvania drivers will be arrested. Only a few trucks with Pennsylvania licenses tried to enter New York yesterday because the New Jersey rules were already in effect and most of the trucks were stopped along the Delaware river.

Mr. Leon D. Metzger, Secretary of Revenue, wires me from Harrisburg that Pennsylvania only requires the registration of out of state commercial vehicles carrying property in Pennsylvania for compensation either on regular schedule or for more than fifteen days in any calendar year.

CHRYSLER

Walter P. Chrysler is betting \$9,000,000 on the economic future of America. He announced this today. That is, he is spending 9,000,000 on certain work his company is doing. He says this is a time of opportunity. It's the biggest chance a man ever had. It's a time to get out and do things. A time for courage, imagination and enthusiasm, for good times are ahead. The Chicago Daily News is featuring Mr. Chrysler's statement on Page one today.

FOOTBALL ODDITY

I've just run across a little sidelight on that football upset last Saturday, I mean when the Pittsburgh Panthers took a fall out of the Notre Dame Irish. It seems that one of the Pittsburgh players is named Isadore Weinstock. He hails from the hard coal country of Pennsylvania, out Wilkes-Barre way.

Well, Izzy played through the game with a busted nose. And when a chap named Izzy breaks his nose, it's no laughing matter. It was broken in that hard-fought, nothing-to-nothing game that Pittsburgh played with Ohio State the week before.

But Izzy Weinstock insisted on getting into the battle against Notre Dame just the same. So he wore a special nose guard, and it was his fifteen-yard dash through the Notre Dame line, on a play called a spinner, that helped materially to bring victory to the Panthers. A stout fellow, Izzy.

TALL

"Would you like to operate your car without it costing you anything? Here's a man who says he has found a way. The letter comes from Castle Point, New York. It is signed "truthfully yours, Jetson Bentley." And it reads:-

"I run a Sunoco station on the Albany Post Road. Two days ago I was filling a big car with gas. A small business coupe drove up by the side of the Limousine. The driver jumped out and hurriedly unscrewed the cap of his gas tank. I thought he was a bit cuckoo because his engine was still running.

"Here you! Shut off your engine. Don't you know the law?"

"That's all right," he said, "I won't be here a minute."

And he was right. As soon as I stopped filling the limousine he slapped the cap back on his gas tank, jumped in his car, and was gone. I merely put him down as a nut and forgot the incident. But last night the same thing happened again. Just as I started to fill the tank of a big sedan, the nut arrived, same fellow. I watched him drive up -- right alongside of the big car and so the same fool stunt: open his gas tank and leave his

engine running.

"'Just a minute, buddy,' I called, 'what's the big idea? Do you want gas or don't you?'"

"'Oh ho, I'm getting mine,' he said.

"'What do you mean?'"

"'You see, any time I spot another car in a Sunoco station I rush in -- open my gas tank with my engine running and suck in enough Blue Sunoco vapor to run all day. Then I take my gas tank cap off and do it again.'"

Well, I take my cap off to that chap.

CRASH

There's been a good deal of comment in the papers today about the crash of Miss Ruth Nichols' airplane early this morning. She was starting on a trip from coast to coast to break the record. The accident happened just as she was starting on her flight, which was also to be in the interest of the Republican campaign. Some one at Republican national headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria issued a statement that Miss Nichols' plane had been tampered with.

Miss Nichols dismissed the notion. She explained that the plane had a heavy load and she hadn't sufficient flying speed. She pooh-poohed the notion that she's been the victim of a political plot.

Her plane did a ground-loop and was wrecked. Miss Nichols, who seems to bear a charmed life, crawled out of the wreckage without a scratch. She'll now be able to attend a great banquet which is being held at the Waldorf tonight ~~tonight~~ in honor of her rival, Amelia Earhart Putnam, who holds the transcontinental flying record for women; women who have made hazardous or unusual journeys are honoring

Amelia Earhart.

BERLIN

Some two million people in Berlin were obliged to hoof it to and from work today. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that 20,000 employees of the subway, street car, and omnibus system walked out. It is said that they are under communist and Hitlerite leadership, which is an extraordinary combination. A few thousand of the transit employees ~~XXXXX~~ remained at work. The mobs destroyed the first few street cars that left the barns. By this evening the tie -up was complete.

The government pronounced the strike illegal. Scores of strikers were arrested in fights with the police.

SHAW

George Bernard Shaw is going to visit America after all. This announcement comes after repeated refusals on the part of the great Irish playwright. The information was given out today by Lady Astor, the American-born British peeress who became the first woman member of John Bull's parliament. Shaw has made a fortune as a writer, most of it in American dollars. But year after year he has refused to cross the Atlantic.

Lady Astor has returned home for a visit. She landed in America today. And she told reporters that Bernard Shaw has accepted an invitation to come to America next year while he is on a tour of the world. The irrepressible Lady Astor, and the still more irrepressible Bernard Shaw have long been warm friends. I wonder what kind of a reception Shaw will get when he comes. You see he has not only repeatedly refused invitations to come here. He has alluded to Americans as boobs, as a nation of villagers, and has indicated that life and limb are so insecure in the United States that an intelligent man ought to consider it too risky to come here. And now he's coming. Well, his visit will

probably add much to the gaiety of nations, and that's
something most nations need right now.

END

A heavy snow fall is reported in the upper
Adirondack Mountains. In some places the snow is almost two
feet deep.

Well, it's about time for me to put on my skees
and slide out of here. So, s - l - u - t - m.