

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY :

New York's Tammany Hall has a new leader, a successor to James J. Dooling. His name is Christopher D. Sullivan and he is a friend of Postmaster General Jim Farley.

He was hardly elected leader when he sprang a surprise. It might have been expected, that as a friend of Jim Farley his first act would to try to persuade Senator Copeland of New York to withdraw the Tammany candidate for the job of New York's Mayor. On the contrary. Leader Sullivan announces that he is heart and soul for Senator Copeland and expects to elect him Mayor and defeat the fighting Fiorello La Guardia in November. So some are asking how can a friend of Jim Farley support Senator Copeland who has been a thorn in the side of the New Deal administration? Maybe the answer is that Jim hopes the election of Senator Copeland as Mayor of New York would remove him from Washington and pluck a thorn from the New Deal side.

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piloted by one of our lady legislators. Representative Norton tells us that this Wages and Hours bill will be reported to the House on Wednesday, and then the fun will start. The betting on Capitol Hill is that by the time the House gets through with it that bill will be a vastly different thing than the one which was machine-gunned through the Senate with almost no debate last Friday. Of course the fact that favors the President's wishes most is the growing eagerness of the ladies and gentlemen on the Hill to ^{pack}~~pack~~ up and go home.

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Meanwhile there's one question that has everybody outside the White House guessing. What's Mr. Roosevelt going to do about filling the shoes of ^{Ex-Supreme Court} ~~Justice Vandevanter~~ [?] ~~of the Supreme Court?~~ Will he wait until Congress has adjourned and ^{gone} ~~so~~ home ^{and then make} ~~to make~~ a temporary appointment? Would it be ~~like~~ right for him to do so?

That last question was answered this afternoon by Attorney General Cummings. The White House asked him for an informal opinion on the subject. And, says the Attorney General: "The President can fill any vacancy of the Supreme Court no matter where Congress is, whether it is on the job in Washington or back home mending those proverbial political fences."

This does not necessarily mean that the President will act in the absence of the legislators. White House Secretary Steve Early says the Attorney General ^{was asked} ~~is going to ask~~ for his opinion ^{merely} ~~in order~~ to clear up the doubts that have been expressed.

"As a matter of actual fact," says Mr. Early, "Mr. Roosevelt has not yet made up his mind what he is going to do." But the latest

rumor has it that he will promote one of the most experienced judges on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

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These reports have aroused the ^{the point of} ~~opposition~~ to alarm and ^{of this} even to action. The first symptom was a Resolution offered in the Senate today by Republican Mr. Vandenburg of Michigan.

The gist of the Resolution was that nobody should be appointed to the Supreme Court and allowed to serve until the Senate has had an opportunity to act upon the nomination.

The Democrats promptly retorted with a ~~new~~ motion that the Resolution should be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this Senator Vandenburg protested, saying that his ^{motion} ~~Resolution~~ should be taken up and discussed by ^{the Senate} ~~his colleagues~~ immediately without waiting for it to pass the Committee's gauntlet. The fate of that Resolution is still undecided.

historic series of operations in RCA ~~stock~~ in 1928. He ran the price of those shares up to giddy heights and some stories reported him as having made as much as fifteen million dollars out of that one stock alone.

So they called him "the boy wizard of Wall Street."

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He was not only the boy wizard. He became a Santa ~~Claus~~ Claus, giving his employees, four hundred of them, a bonus of one hundred ~~per~~ percent. ^{Al} He distributed large sums to charities and free gifts to unfortunate friends. His fame as a modern Midas and a Lord Bountiful spread so that when he paid a visit to Europe in 1930 one of the big New York hotels sent a band to the dock to serenade him. The delegation that wished him bon voyage was headed by none other than ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Then Congress created the ~~Securities~~ Securities and Exchange Commission in the hope of putting an end to the cycles of booms followed by panics. And the first man ^{they} ~~that~~ focussed their ~~critical~~ critical gaze upon was the boy wizard of Wall Street. He resented their scrutiny and ^{attempted} ~~attempted~~ to fight the Commission

in the Courts, but without much success. In 1935, under the nose of the S.E.C. there was another of those spectacular Stock Exchange coups, this time in Bellanca stock. And, ~~said~~ said the S.E.C., it was all because the boy wizard of Wall Street had rigged the market to produce a fictitious rise in ~~the~~ price of that stock. ^{The S.E.C.} Commissioners' report says:

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"In this colorful market of June 8 to June 18th, 1935, the trail of the respondent's manipulations is too clear to be mistaken." In other words it was done by "matched orders and washed sales," as they call that kind of Wall Street rigging.

Therefore, says the S.E.C., Michael J. Meehan must ^{from} be expelled ~~not~~ only the New York Stock Exchange but the New York Curb Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, on all of which he holds seats.

JAPAN

In the Far East the crack troops of the Mikado are massing in North China. And the war spirit in Japan becomes daily more feverish, while the iron grip of Japanese troops on Chinese territory grows tighter and tighter.

Today it was announced that the Emperor Hirohito had appointed five new Generals, shifting around the commands of his divisions on the mainland. This was done after a conference with Premier Konoye.

There was also a report early today that the Japanese had threatened to bombard the area in Tientsin held by Uncle Sam's Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry. Our doughboys are stationed in what used to be the German Concession at Tientsin. It has been turned into a place of refuge for Americans, Europeans and also a considerable number of homeless Chinese. The Japanese are said to have complained that among the Chinese refugees were soldiers who were taking advantage of their place of refuge to snipe at the Mikado's troops. However, the Japanese have always been careful not to damage American or European lives and property.

So it seems highly improbable that the Mikadō's Generals would do anything to arouse American hostility at a time when they are most anxious to keep all other nations quiet and out of the picture. American authorities in the Far East confirm this attitude. Today the Japanese almost had a quarrel with the French in Tientsin. Some ultra-zealous Japanese officer had barred the International Bridge leading to the French barracks. Naturally there was an angry protest.

But the High Command of the Nipponese troops soon
straightened out the difficulty with an apology.

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Another international episode threatens tonight. *The*
Soviet
~~The~~ Consulate General in Tientsin ~~of Soviet Russia~~ was stormed
and wrecked by a mob. Officials of the Soviets charge that
it was perpetrated by the so-called White Russians. But, they
add, it was encouraged and possibly inspired by the Japanese.
This, of course, the Japanese deny.

In the face of all the fighting that goes on, the
Nanking Government remains curiously inactive. Likewise the so-
called Dictator, Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek. The brunt of the
fighting in North China is still being borne by local divisions.
They have received no reinforcements from the Nanking Government.
Apparently there is a lingering hope in Nanking that a general
war may be averted. But it is not shared elsewhere. In Shanghai,
for instance, it is taken for granted that the war will spread to
all of China.

Tens of thousands of Chinese are flocking into the international settlement of Shanghai. ~~They are flocking into the international city~~ in cars, rickshas, and on foot, some of them carrying all of their household goods in wheelbarrows.

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Shanghai tonight has become the clearing house of all news from China. The News Division of the Chinese Government is in charge of a man who used to be a reporter on the New York World and a graduate of the Missouri University School of Journalism. His name is Hollington Tong. With his American School of Journalism and New York World background, American newspaper ideas prevail, and there's no censorship on the news from China ^{— that is} except from the Japanese side.

SPAIN

The battles in the Far East have somewhat pushed the Spanish Civil War off the map. Such news as there is from the peninsula gives the Rebels all the best of it. There was fighting on three fronts. At Madrid General Franco's heavy cannon were dropping their deadly ashcans on the outer defenses of the Government. In the Northwest fighters from the Asturias hurled themselves on the Insurgent lines and were caught in a withering crossfire from rifle and machine gun companies. The casualties were huge. West of Madrid^a fresh attack by the Insurgents is reported to have cut through the Government lines ~~and permits only feeble defense.~~ And in the East the (Government troops are said to be on the run, fleeing from the victorious armies that are pressing swiftly on to cut the line between Madrid and Valencia.)

ITALY

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John Bull and Italy are getting ready to make friends again, to kiss and forgive. ~~That's~~ ^{Such is the} probability indicated by one report from Europe today. The Duce ~~is expected to~~ has accepted the olive branch tended to him by England's prime minister Neville Chamberlain and that may change the course of ^{contemporary} European history.

It is significant that a friendly letter to the Duce was written and signed by the prime minister himself and not by his Foreign Secretary. The dislike between Captain Eden and Premier Mussolini has never died down. So Mr. ~~Eden~~ ^{Chamberlain} took the olive branch in his own ~~Eden's~~ hand. Today the prime minister received a reply from Rome ~~and replied~~ a reply which is said to be ^{as} ~~cordial~~ and friendly as Mr. Chamberlain's letter.

YACHT

As you've probably heard, the news from Newport tonight is the same old story. Only this time the America's Cup Defender ~~has~~^{won} an even more spectacular victory. When ~~she~~ Vanderbilt drove ~~his~~ Ranger over the finish line she was two and one-half miles ahead of England's Endeavor II. So ends the second ~~act~~^{episode} of this international comedy.

The most amusing feature of these yacht race stories has been the spectacle of the sports reporters snooting the snootiest of all pastimes. The news which the men covering the race have retailed with most gusto has been the gossip, rumors of quarrels, rumors of conflicts among the haughty. The fact is that the events which sports writers most hate to write about are yacht races. Not so much because ~~that~~ they're snooth affairs but because they are ~~the~~ ~~dullest things~~ to watch and to report. ~~in all of sport world.~~

So the technique, ~~I am informed,~~ is for the boys to go below and sit in a comfortable cabin, playing bridge or ~~pen~~ penvucle or something, leaving some unfortunate up on deck with a pair of binoculars to watch the crawling of the boats and tell them the news, if any.

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These are gloomy days for the English visitors at Newport. One hears that Sopwith and Vanderbilt are not on speaking terms, also that the relations between Sopwith and his partner are quite cool. The partner, it seems, though furnishing half the expense money, had had not even one-tenth of the publicity. That's one story that comes out of Newport tonight.

It is interesting to observe how affairs like these, supposed to promote international amity, almost invariably result in whole-hearted international ill will.

And perhaps the best way for me to avoid ill will is to say SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.