

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

I don't know whom the joke is on, but Cuba is in an uproar once more, Uncle Sam's government is all hot and bothered, and I'm discouraged. (Just as I thought I had learned how to pronounce the name of Cuba's new president, I learn that he isn't president any longer. He was on the job just twenty-two days, and his successor is a dark, swarthy, fighting man, an army sergeant named Batista. Sergeant Batista has no official position, but I am informed by trans-oceanic telephone from Havana that Batista is the actual ruler of the Island.

So, again it's the old army game. While President de Cespedes was in the interior looking over the damage caused by that hurricane, the soldiers rebelled. They suddenly rose up, disarmed all their officers, seized the munition depots and points of vantage, and took possession of all the garrisons. The next thing that happened was that President de Cespedes who was at Santa Clara, was placed under arrest.) He and all ten officials

of his cabinet were brought to the palace in Havana and there Doctor de Cespedes handed in his resignation in disgust and declared it was time for someone else to carry on.

Of course, all this broke just as the diplomats had informed Washington that everything was hunky dory - perfectly calm in Cuba, in fact Sumner Welles was all set to give up his post as Ambassador in Havana and return to his former job in the State Department in Washington.

This rebellion is considered more serious than the last. In the first place it puts Uncle Sam in a tough spot. He had recognized President de Cespedes. In fact it is believed he had a hand in the Doctor's rise to power. My informant in Havana said he went to the U.S. Embassy this afternoon and learned that Ambassador Welles had declared

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the United States would not recognize the new ^{regime in} ~~order of~~ Cuba.

It is believed that the military group which fomented the rebellion ~~is~~ is radical, even Communistic.

All this caused a state of almost panic among the Americans in Cuba. They appealed to the Embassy. The news was radioed to President Roosevelt aboard the Nourmahal and he immediately ordered four warships rushed to Havana. Meanwhile the American Legion in Havana, got together with the American chamber of Commerce, declared the Hotel Nacional to be American territory and hoisted the Stars and Stripes above the Hotel. Women and children were sent there, pending the arrival of Uncle Sam's men-o'-war. Their fears were allayed when the U.S. Destroyer MacFarland, steamed into Havana harbor and dropped anchor about five o'clock this afternoon.

From what my Havana ^{colleague} ~~friend~~ tells me, it seems that a radical element among the students was disgruntled because they claimed that Doctor de Cespedes was too conservative. With

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them was a group of ^{dissatisfied} ~~disgruntled~~ soldiers egged on by Communists.

The aftermath of the devastating hurricane provided their opportunity and they jumped at it.

So today the reins of government are in the hands of a military ~~xxx~~ junta of five, headed however by Doctor Raymond Grau, President of San Martin University. Back of them all, it seems, is Sergeant Batiste. Doctor Grau announced that he will establish a constitutional government with a properly elected assembly. Also that Cuba will honor all her obligations. He ~~also~~ declared that army officers who helped ex-president Machado and some of his supporters to escape, will be kicked out of the army.

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It's fortunate that President Roosevelt obviously is a man who can take things as they come and does not let himself be flustered by anything. Having the Cuban mess on his hands in addition to ~~xx~~ the all important thing of promoting national recovery, ^{world} ~~will~~ be enough to unsettle any ordinary man.

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FOLLOW CUBA

While all this was going on the total of the damage wreaked on Cuba's sugar mills and cane fields by the hurricane, was mounting all the time as reports from the interior came into Havana. Huge quantities of sugar stored in the warehouses were destroyed, one corporation alone losing about half a million ~~bags~~ bags, while another refinery lost almost as much, not counting injury to its machinery. In ~~some~~^{several} parts of the Island sugar warehouses were entirely destroyed.

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STORM

That hurricane which tore such a devastating path through part of Florida and the Gulf States yesterday, is still tearing along in ^{a northwesterly} ~~the~~ direction, ~~of the Northwest~~, but they say its violence is weakening. The Radio Marine Station at Savannah reports that ^{a part of} the storm passed through Georgia, but was much less violent than yesterday.

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ROOSEVELT

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(President Roosevelt finished his vacation today. He landed from Vincent Astor's yacht the ~~NERX~~ Nourmehal, at three o'clock this afternoon, and was at the White House a few ~~moments~~^{minutes} later.) The first thing he did was to call Secretary of State Hull into conference on that troublesome Cuban situation.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Hull said the breakdown of communications due to the N.B.C. storm made it necessary for them to await further word.

LONDON

Here's some more praise from abroad for ^{our} President.

~~Roosevelt~~. Over in Brighton, England, the British trades unions are holding a congress, what we in the States would call a convention. A pronounced feature of the opening session was the enthusiastic and unreserved approval by the leaders of the British trades unions of the Roosevelt program. ~~So there!~~

And praise from the British is rare indeed.

Schoonmaker.

AVIATOR

A curious bit of aviation news concerns a flight ^{to be attempted tomorrow,}
that is ~~supposed to get underway today~~ ~~to be attempted tomorrow~~ from Paris to Africa by

a Latvian aviator. He's going to try to make it in a home-made ^{flying}
~~machine,~~
~~plane,~~

Four years ago this young Latvian bought the wreck

of a French plane which had crocked at the port of Rēga in

Latvia. ~~It~~ He bought this ruin for ~~it~~ six dollars and rebuilt

her entirely himself. That old ^{wreck} ~~ruin~~ now makes a hundred and

twenty miles an hour, and the man who rebuilt her has climbed as

high as twenty thousand feet in her. And tomorrow he's going

to try for the Paris to Africa record.

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PARACHUTE

And from Austria there's a story of a new device to make life safer. This is a new automatic parachute. It opens automatically ten meters, that is ~~thirty~~^{ten} odd yards, from ~~where you~~^{where you} ~~take~~^{jump} off. ~~points~~ Parachutes ~~that are~~ in use at present are folded. This new one is rolled by means of two flexible steel springs. Word comes from Vienna that it has been tried out at the airport there with real success.

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BERLIN

It looks as though trans-atlantic service would come about sooner than we thought. It was announced in Berlin today that regular all year round traffic between Germany and Brazil will start next year. The negotiations were concluded in Berlin today.

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GENEVA

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The Jewish World Conference is going on in Geneva, and the principal actors today were delegates from America. They demanded an open and official boycott against Germans, German goods, everything connected with Germany so long as Hitler remains on the throne. Jewish feeling was particularly incensed because of Hitler's recent speech at Nuremburg.

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COSMIC RAY

Russian scientists are trying to go America's learned men one better. They want to photograph the cosmic ray and they have the cooperation of the Soviet government.

The government has built two balloons and will send crack aeronauts up in them probably sometime next week. They hope to reach an altitude of twenty miles and from that point photograph the rays.

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TENNIS

Here's something for the tennis fans. *Henri*

Cochet, the greatest of French players, is going to play with a well-known French professional in a series of exhibition games against American professional players. The series is to begin on September 22nd.

But one thing that may jar the fans still more is the report widely current in Paris, that Ellsworth Vines, the California star, has joined the ranks of professionals.

The story is that he has signed a contract to play with

~~Big~~

Big Bill Tilden starting next year; *but Vines denies it.*

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REPEAL

Vermont today became the twenty-fifth state to go to the polls on prohibition repeal. No returns are in yet, but Democratic leaders say the majority of the fourteen delegates elected by Vermonters will be wet. At the same time the dry weather is favoring the dry cause because that means that the voters in the rural districts will poll a heavy vote and ^{many of them} ~~they~~ are all prohibitionists. However, the wets expect the larger towns in the western part of the state, such as Rutland, Burlington, St. Alban's, and Bennington, will outbalance that.

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BALLOONS

It looks as though Uncle Sam's Navy stood a fair chance of winning the Gordon Bennett balloon race. The gas bag carrying Lieutenant Commander Settle of the Navy, landed last night at ^{Pine}~~Point~~ Orchard, Connecticut, near New Haven. That makes his distance around eight hundred miles and puts him in the lead so far.

There are still two balloons up in the air. One of them was sighted near Ottawa, Ontario, but spectators were unable to identify it. The two aeronauts who have not yet been heard from are Ward Van Orman, and the Polish competitor.

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BANKS

The bankers of America were given a piece of Uncle Sam's mind today. The American Bankers Association is holding a convention in Chicago ^{at the Hotel Stevens and at the famous old Blackstone} and the principal speaker was Jesse Jones, of Texas, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Hotel

The principal thing that Chairman Jones told the bankers was an intimation that individuals who are holding on to gold are not the only ~~ho~~ hoarders. Mr. Jones said that bankers must stop their hoarding of credit. They must start loosening up credit in the United States and ^{give a chance to men} ~~allow men in~~ ~~their communities~~ who need the money to carry on their business. Said Mr. Jones: "The Blue Eagle of N.R.A. should be on the doors of the vaults as well as in the bank windows."

There ^{has} been some talk that bankers were hoping that the next session of Congress might repeal one law passed at the last session, the law requiring insurance of bank deposits. Chairman Jones declared that any banker who entertained such a hope had a wrong idea.

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Mr. Jones said further: "It is the business of bank deposits to finance business. Banks that are ~~over-liquid~~ over-liquid should reverse their policies and take constructive part in the nation's recovery program." Bankers who hoard credit, he said, are ~~not~~ no better than individuals who hoard gold. And he declared in conclusion: "There's no reason now why banks should not adopt a fair and helpful policy of lending."

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SPEED BOAT

One group of visitors to the World's Fair got more entertainment than they paid for. They were riding in a speed boat commuting between the Navy pier and the Fair *grounds* Midway, on one trip, the boat caught fire thanks to a leaky gas line. This happened more than a hundred yards away from the pier. Well, the eight passengers and the pilot leaped overboard into Lake Michigan and swam ashore, not waiting for life preservers or anything. Some of Uncle Sam's coastguard lads picked them up. This is the third speedboat accident in those waters in the last ten days.

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SAN QUENTIN

Here's an invitation for you. You are urged to attend the Exposition of Progress in San Quentin Prison, California. The prison bulletin which is edited by the inmates says it is better than the World's Fair in Chicago, and moreover it is one that never ends. The Government, says the Bulletin, will pay all expenses. Each visitor will be given individual license plates, and one person's accommodations will be as good as the next. The invitation goes on to say:

"Why suffer the exigencies of life in a cruel and ~~xxx~~ scheming world? The tranquil and orderly life here (meaning in San Quentin) will restore zest and verve to the most timid soul. The process is so subtle that time ^{ceases} ~~xxxx~~ to exist and one day is just like another at San Quentin." *In other words if you want perfect peace go to jail.*

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DOG

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We don't often look for humor in a scientific article, but Dr. E. E. Free, in "The Week's Science" relates a recent occurrence from a scientific angle which seems decidedly amusing.

In one of the London parks a woman gave her pet dog a drink from a public drinking cup. Somebody saw her doing it, called a policeman and had her arrested on a charge of polluting public drinking water.

When the case came up in court the woman's lawyer called in medical evidence. All the experts testified that although the dog might have acquired several fatal diseases, the chance~~x~~ of any harm coming to human beings through drinking after a healthy dog was quite negligible. ~~All~~ The doctors declared on the stand that only three or four known diseases could be acquired by a human being in such a way, and all of them are exceedingly rare in England.

Consequently the court declared that there had been

no pollution of the public drinking water and discharged the lady. The court said at the same time that if the dog had chosen to complain on the ground of having been unnecessarily exposed to human diseases, the decision might have been different.

The Week's Science.

DEAF - ENDING

Sam Blythe had a story in the Saturday Evening Post recently that is worth repeating even if you happen to have read it. The story is credited to Thomas W. Lamont, ~~the~~^a partner of the House of Morgan. Mr. Lamont went to a reunion of his class at Harvard. Sitting next to him was a man he'd not met since they graduated. Mr. Lamont asked his friend: "How's the world been treating you?" And the friend replied: "Pretty fair, but I'm so darn deaf I can't hear anything."

So Mr. Lamont asked: "Did you ever do anything for it?"

"Oh yes," replied the friend, "I went to a doctor and he told me if I'd quit drinking I'd hear better."

So Mr. Lamont asked again: "Did you try the doctor's prescription?"

"Yes," replied the friend, "but I found that what I drank was so much better than what I heard that I took up drinking again."

And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.
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