

NEW YORK NRA

There was a big row around the New York headquarters of NRA today. Twenty five hundred strikers of the Cleaning and Dyeing Industry made a demonstration of protest, carrying banners reading "Grover Whalen stop hiring strikebreakers". They first encountered two mounted coppers and a handful of patrolmen and broke through them like going through blotting paper. So a riot call was sent out. The emergency and riot squads appeared on the scene, and eventually three hundred of New York's finest were swinging clubs lustily and in short order mopped up those thousands of rioters.

Fifty eight strikers landed in the coop charged with parading without a permit.

For the rest (the strike situation the country over seems quieter today. NRA and Labor Board officials are hard at work on mediation and getting men jobs.) Labor leaders are urging their people to get back to work. General Johnson indicated today that the situation in the coal mine area in Western Pennsylvania is up to the strikers because the operators of the captive mines have met

the government requirements. The steel companies owning these captive mines have informed Washington that they will recognize the system demanded by the miners and arbitrate disputes. That puts the question squarely up to the miners.

The steel mills of Pittsburgh and West Virginia are now operating normally, (some of them), since the difficulties have been ironed out by the Labor Board officials. The bakery strike in Philadelphia has been called off. Half of the striking tool and die workers here in Detroit are once more on the job, so I am told, and even in California the situation looks better, although two thousand workers in the cleaning and dyeing industry have walked out in Los Angeles.

The striking longshoremen in San Francisco have accepted mediation. They are also helping out on the cotton strike in San Joaquin Valley by sending relief to the destitute thousands of cotton pickers.

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General Johnson is "hot under the collar". The General says he has discovered many employers who are evading the provisions of the NRA codes, by calling employees executives.

The wages of an executive are not affected by the codes.

Here's what the irate General Johnson says: "Giving people titles will not help recovery! What's needed is money". Then the

General ^{continues:-} ~~goes on to say,~~ "Thirty-Five dollars a week is the minimum salary that can be paid to an executive."

LIQUOR

The Department of Justice made public today an opinion on liquor sales which is interesting, if informal. Here it is: In States having no prohibition enforcement laws of their own, alcoholic liquors can be sold the moment the thirty-sixth state has ratified repeal.

Treasury experts are drafting a tax plan and an exceedingly high tax, probably six dollars and fifty cents a gallon on distilled spirits, may be expected. - That's the story.

NAVY

Uncle Sam is going on a shipbuilding spree. He's going to bring his navy up to the International Treaty limits. There will be shipbuilding on a scale such as we haven't seen since World War days.

The next issue of Collier's Weekly will state that Uncle Sam is obviously keeping his eye on Japan, ~~and that's~~ ^{There's} the reason.

It will also remind us that for two years now, three hundred ^{and} fifty

out of three hundred ^{and} ninety four of our naval vessels have been

kept in Pacific waters. Even the new Navy Dirigible, The Giant

"Macon" ~~Blanchard~~, is now on her way to Sunnyvale, California, her new

home. *A moment ago I got a report that she is flying over Louisiana.*

CUBA

Wild rumors of all kinds have been floating around about Cuba. The latest is that the new Cuban Government is all set to float a giant loan to try and solve Cuba's ~~economic~~ economic troubles.

Today, President San Marin officially denied this.

CHANGE THANKSGIVING

How about changing Thanksgiving Day this year, even if it does upset some football schedules?

Many retail merchants are urging President Roosevelt to do this. They are urging him to advance Thanksgiving Day a whole week - put it a week earlier. Their idea is to thus make a longer interval between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They say this will help Christmas sales.

The reply to the merchants has just come. The President says: "Nothing doing". He decrees that Thanksgiving Day must continue to be the last Thursday in November; ~~because~~ it would create confusion if the day were changed, as some of the states have their Thanksgiving holiday fixed by statute. Also, any change would necessitate the rearrangements of railroad schedules - - Oh yes, and those important football games!

It's all settled, November 30th will be Turkey Day.

FREDERICK NEWS

Tomorrow is the birthday of one of the live and interesting papers of the country. The Daily News of Frederick, Maryland, celebrates its fiftieth anniversary and for the occasion will issue tomorrow a special edition.

An interesting thing about this paper is that it has been owned and managed by the same family during its entire history. Its chiefs today are Robert E. Delaplaine and William T. Delaplaine, sons of the founder. One of the pressmen has worked for the Frederick News forty-five years, while his sister in another department has served it for forty-four years, as has x the foreman of the composing room.

There are probably no worse grumblers in the world than newspaper men, but I always notice that a singular proportion of them, with all their grumbling, stick by the boss for a long long time.

L.T. Correspondence.

RODGERS,
Cleveland.

Editor, "Brooklyn
Eagle."

Author: The
Roosevelt Program.

Oct. 13, 1933.

INTRO TO RODGERS

One of the most famous newspapers in America is the Brooklyn Eagle. It's editor, Mr. Cleveland Rodgers.

Mr. Rodgers recently decided to do an unusual thing. He saw that the new heads of our national government in Washington, President Roosevelt in particular, were making some great changes in our government. So he decided to take a ~~little~~ holiday from his editorial desk at the Brooklyn Eagle, go to Washington, watch what was going on, and write ~~a book~~ about it. The result is a book just out, entitled "The Roosevelt Program".

I have been reading it during my spare time this week, and it's a book every person in this land will find interesting. So far as I know it's the first attempt made to set forth clearly just what is happening in Washington.

I sent word to Mr. Cleveland Rodgers, that if at the end of his day's work, at his editorial desk in Brooklyn, he would care to stop at the NBC Studios in New York, that I would like to have him talk for a minute or so about this NEW DEAL President Roosevelt is supposed to be giving us.

Of course, I can't see ^{all the way} from Detroit to New York. ^{But, I have faith!} ~~But~~ I think [^]

(Friday, October 13)

I hesitate to tackle anything so formidable, but if I did try I might say something like this:-

The Roosevelt program represents the first serious effort we have ever made at National planning.

I am not speaking merely of the Blue Eagle campaign nor of the NRA. They are only parts of the comprehensive program devised by the President and Congress to deal with such basic activities as farming, industry, banking, investments, railroads and water power development.

This program is tremendous. Much of it is revolutionary. It may be good or bad. It may succeed or fail, but it is important to understand it.

It is a real test of Democratic government. It represents the greatest effort any nation ever made to control its own economic and social life, substituting order for chaos and giving a New Deal to all the people.

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ALCATRAZ

Folks in San Francisco are sore, ^{Led-up, and howling} ~~today~~ over (an announcement from Attorney General Cummings that Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco Bay, is to be turned into an American Devil's Island, for incorrigible federal prisoners.)

Alcatraz used to ^{the site of} ~~have~~ the disciplinary barracks of the U. S. Army. The Chamber of Commerce and other groups protested the abandonment of the island by the Army, months ago. Now these bodies are aroused over the news that (Uncle Sam intends to use Alcatraz for such prisoners as kidnapers like "Machine Gun" Kelly and Bailey, and maybe Al Capone.) The Golden Gate people fear this will make their town a center for criminals.

Meanwhile federal officials are maintaining great secrecy concerning the removal of Kelly and his wife Kathryn to a federal prison to serve life sentences for ^{the} kidnapping ^{of} Chas. Urschel.

The U. S. Marshall in Oklahoma City declines to give any information as to which prison they will be sent to. Rumors say Kelly will be taken to Leavenworth by plane and Kathryn to Cincinnati, also by plane. But no officials will confirm this.

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AUTO NEWS

In Lansing and Flint today I discovered that the people of those cities are encouraged by the way things are going.

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~~Three~~ great automobile plants are there - the Oldsmobile and the Reo in Lansing, *the + Chevy* Buick in Flint.

The Reo, with its car that has no gear shift, seems to be the forerunner of a new day in the auto world.

The Continental Motors Corporation say their business is humming, thanks partly to a new device, a centrifugal automatic clutch which works like magic.

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In Cincinnati, Ohio some people have thought of a noble idea that may bring them a fortune. They have a portable garage, only a little bigger than your umbrella, that you can carry in your automobile and spread over your car in about a minute. In fact it's called the Minute Garage or something like that.

AUTO SHOW

The next Automobile Show, in January, promises to be the most interesting in a long, long while. Automobile men out here in Detroit tell me it will be the most interesting in history. Just why do they say this? It seems the manufacturers have something up their sleeves - - some radical designs *that will make our eyes pop out.*

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I had a chat with several General Motors executives today. They said this was so. At the Bock-Cadillac Hotel I ran into Al Reeves, of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. He said it was true. Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, of General Motors; Walter Chrysler; Mr. Cord; Mr. Nash; Byron Foy; Roy Chapin; Mr. Knudsen, and all the other high-muckety-mucks of the auto world, have had their heads together out here. It wouldn't be quite fair to tell you about the changes that are going to take place. But there's no doubt but what we're going to see some unusual sights at the Auto Shows and along our highways before long.

FOOTBALL

A plan has been developed in New York whereby football fans who can't get away to the big games can hear all about them and still get plenty of fresh air. A special radio has been installed on the Rockefeller Center Roof, in New York City, seventy storys high, so that fans can go up there eight hundred and fifty feet in the air, and get all the details of the games, in addition to having plenty of view.

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Some of the most important football games of the year ~~are~~ ^{will be} staged ~~for~~ tomorrow.

There's one right here in Detroit tonight that I would like to stay and see - between ^{the} University of Detroit and Washington and Jefferson. ~~Washington and Jefferson~~ ^{W. & J.} by-the-way, is one college where, ~~I understand~~, football players are not subsidized. They don't take their football as seriously as they do at some ^{places,} ~~colleges~~, thanks partly to Dr. Hutchison, one of the ablest college presidents in the country.

ADD FOOTBALL

There are three interesting intersectional football games scheduled for tomorrow: - Leland Stanford comes East to Chicago for a game with Northwestern at Soldier's Field. Michigan will fight it out with Cornell at Ann Arbor. (That's sure to be a tough one). Vanderbilt will play Ohio State at Columbus.

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In the far West, the big game will be between the University of Southern California and St. Mary's.

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BYRD

(Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole is on its way. His flagship, the steamer "Jacob Ruppert" starts tonight on the second leg of her journey to the Antarctic) leaving New York Harbor where she put in for a supply of fuel.

Among those who are making the trip with Dick Byrd for the second time is Paul Siple, the Eagle Scout chosen from six hundred thousand boy scouts in America in 1928 to accompany Byrd on his first expedition. But this time he sails not as a scout, but as head of the biological department. He and those with him hope to gather specimens of animal life native to the Antarctic for the American Museum of Natural History. Siple hopes to get a sea leopard and also an animal known as the "Singing Seal" because it makes whistling noises *and shouts ha ha.*

Evidently Paul Siple is going after some of the cockeyed laurels of Carveth Wells, who discovered the Malay Fish that climbs trees and winks at you.

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Possibly you have heard that Captain Bob Bartlett, the veteran Polar explorer, is back from the North again. Captain Bob

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sends me a wireless from his ship, the "Morrisey", in which he says that "the little Morrisey has returned with "not a feather out of her". I wonder what he means by that?

This trip was something of a mystery, and I am still waiting for Captain Bob to tell us why he kept his voyage such a secret. The next time I see him in New York I will try and lure him to the studio so he can explain the mystery to you.

ULM

Charles Ulm, Australian pilot trying to beat Kingsford
Smith's record from London to Australia, ^{has just} made the first leg, ~~today,~~
flying from London to Athens in one hop.

GERMAN GOODS

The American Federation of Labor today officially joined the boycott against German goods. This was at first made as a protest against the persecution of Jews. But subsequently it was amended and described as a boycott against the products of all countries which do not allow independent trade unions.

PARIS

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A report from Paris has it that the French Premier says *that* Uncle Sam and France have reached an agreement on the disarmament question. This is the first optimistic news on this disarmament business since the conference started.

The biggest news on disarmament today is a rumor from Geneva that Mussolini may take hand in dramatic fashion. The talk is that the Duce will summon a conference of all the delegates ^{probably} at some Italian Lake, ~~probably~~ where he recently signed the agreement with the Chancellor of Austria.

The other big news from Geneva is that Sir John Simon played golf with Norman Davis. Sir John says he will make an important announcement tomorrow.

As for Germany, Chancellor Hitler evidently intends to solve the disarmament problem without consulting anybody! This became evident when he failed to summon an expected cabinet meeting to discuss this matter.

IRELAND

There was a great uproar in Northern Ireland today over the murder last night of a policeman by masked men, believed to be members of the Irish Republican Army. Belfast police, in armored cars, pinched thirty-three suspects today.

SOUTH AFRICA

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South Africa has been experiencing a terrific drought; dry weather so prolonged that even the Limpopo River, as Rudyard Kipling says: "The Great Gray Green Greasy Limpopo River" all set about with fever trees," has gone dry. This is a serious disaster for South Africa, because six million sheep are dead.

EGGS

Another world's record has been broken; this time in Pennsylvania. ^{The} New champions are ten single-comb white leghorns. Between them they laid two thousand eighty hundred and seventy eight eggs in fifty one weeks. ^{Sounds like a Tall Story.} The man who raised them goes by the appropriate name of "Guy Leader" of York, Pennsylvania.

HOWE

Louis McHenry Howe showed himself a thrifty soul today.

Howe is not only Secretary to the President but also a Kentucky Colonel. He was invited to attend a football game between the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati. Howe explained that he had intended to attend the game but discovered that a Colonel's uniform would cost several hundred dollars, mostly for gold braid.

LION

The biggest sea lion in captivity arrived at the Philadelphia Zoo today. He's seventeen feet long, weighs three tons, and eats a barrel of fish a day.- Jumping Mackerel!

A whole barrel of fish!

ANTI SUPERSTITION

Worth Morton, charter member of the Anti-^{Superstition}Saloon Club of Chicago, demonstrated today how consistent he is. The by-laws of that club state that the members shall step on black cats, look at each new moon over the left shoulder, stare fixedly at all cross-eyed waiters, always open umbrellas indoors, and so on. (1)

Well, Worth Morton married Margaret Osborn at Dubuque, Iowa today, Friday the thirteenth, and tonight he and his wife will go on their honeymoon arm in arm, stepping on black cats together.

ENDING

A negro visited the Buick plant in Flint today, and inquired for the employment office. When they asked him what he wanted he said: "I don't suppose you don't know nobody that don't want nobody to do nothin', does you? "

Well, I know somebody who knows somebody who wants me to do nothin' and hurry up about it. So, solong, until Monday.