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An appeal and a warning for President Roosevelt was spoken in Washington today. It came from Senator Wheeler of Montana. He implored Mr. Roosevelt "to ~~x~~ reassure the people that the administration is not seeking to destroy business. "If you don't act along this line," he said, "there is a danger that fear may cause a swing of the pendulum of public opinion".

And he warned the President that the program to reorganize the judiciary and the present business recession has caused the administration to slip materially all over the country.

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As a matter of fact, at the moment Mr. Wheeler was delivering this warning, President Roosevelt was taking his advice without having heard it. He was in conference at the White House with Floyd Carlisle, one of the big shots of the country's public utilities corporations. As he left the White House, Mr. Carlisle ~~said~~ said: "Our conversations with the President have very much soothed our fears of government.

competition." And he added: "I hope to be cooperative in many further matters."

On top of that Mr. Carlisle added the rather unexpected statement:- "I don't disagree with the President's general views on rate making." He said further: "Some expansion will be needed to serve the new construction that is contemplated in the Administration's housing program."

He also announced that his Company, the Consolidated Edison of New York, would, as he put it, "go along with plans for expanding, generating and distributing power." In fact, the Edison Company proposes to spend a hundred million dollars on expansion in the next two years. And that sounds encouraging. What's more the Niagara Hudson, of which Mr. Carlisle is also President will also spend a smillar amount, one hundred million.

President Roosevelt yesterday had a similar conversation with Wendell Wilkie, President of the Commonwealth and Souther Power Company.

Incidentally, it was learned today at the White House

that the President will send a special message to Congress on Friday. It will be on the subject of his drive to stimulate house building all over the country. He will suggest changes in the Federal housing Act in the hope that millions in private capital will pour into building -- and stimulate all industries.

FARM

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A loud roar went up today on the floor of the House of Representatives. The Committee on Agriculture had reported its version of the new Farm Bill and announced it ready for discussion. Thereupon Speaker Bankhead declared, "Two days will be allowed for debate on this measure." "Wow!" said Bertram Snell of New York, Republican minority leader. "That isn't fair. That's terrible!" So it was agreed that there should be three days' discussion - three days split equally between Republicans and Democrats.

The Senate of course will take its own good time, there being no such thing as cloture in our Upper House, ~~and~~ the Senators can talk their heads off - and usually do.

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Meanwhile, of course, what business men are hollering for is tax revision. But the latest inside dope from Washington is the same as it was last week: <sup>no</sup> ~~they aren't going to get any~~ tax reform <sup>during this brief</sup> ~~this~~ session. It will have to wait until the regular session, beginning in January. However, the Tax Sub-Committee of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has to start all tax balls a-rolling, has been busy on a new schedule.

WAGE-HOUR

One year ago today, you would have said that the passage of President Roosevelt's long desired Wage-Hour Bill was a cinch. Today it looks ~~grave~~ doubtful. Opposition to the bill is crystalizing all over the country. The National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government declares that the farm leaders of the country are overwhelmingly opposed to it, at any rate in its present form. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, objects to it. <sup>It</sup> It is said the farmers are afraid that it would increase the cost of many things, <sup>that they</sup> the farmers have to buy.

ROOSEVELT

At one o'clock tomorrow afternoon, President Franklin D. Roosevelt will eat his first Thanksgiving Day turkey in the White House. In case you're interested, here's what the presidential family will have:- Oyster cocktail, clear soup with sherry, curled celery, toast fingers and olives. In the capacious inside of that sixteen pound turkey will be a chestnut dressing. Evidently, the presidential family does not like its cranberries stewed whole, but used cranberry jelly. With all this, there will be Deerfoot sausages, string beans, scalloped sweet potatoes and apples, salad of grapefruit and oranges, cheese straws, pumpkin pie, ice cream and coffee. Yum Yum.

MINNEAPOLIS

A cry from Minnesota for help reached Attorney General Cummings in Washington today. Governor Benson appealed to the Department of Justice for aid in investigating the mob and racket evil in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mr. Cummings himself has described the Twin Cities as the "crime center of the nation." ~~the~~ <sup>R</sup> Governor Benson's telegram is an aftermath of the assassination of Labor Leader Patrick Corcoran in Minneapolis.

The Attorney General turned the job over to his assistant, Brien McMahon, who is head of the Criminal Division of the Department.

~~Incidentally,~~ Mr. Cummings made it known today that the milk industry is being investigated all over the country. Three ~~attorneys~~ attorneys have been probing into it to find out whether it <sup>has been in</sup> ~~was a~~ violation of Uncle Sam's Anti-Trust Laws.

BURLESON

Postmaster General Jim Farley paid a warm tribute to the memory of his predecessor, Albert Sidney Burleson of Texas, *who has just died.*

^ "He was one of the ablest postmaster generals this country has ever had," declared Sunny Jim.

And people are recalling today that it was just his successful achievements in the Post Office that earned him the most violent abuse. For instance, his development of the parcels post service, which you might think should have made him *plenty* friends, *On the contrary, it at that time, a host of* ~~many~~ enemies. He was also bitterly criticized because he increased the postage rates and refused to recognize a strike of post office employees in West Virginia.

It's ~~in~~ being remembered that during the World War, Postmaster General Burleson had as tough and arduous a job as any cabinet minister. By an act of Congress he had to take over control of all ~~the~~ *our* telegraph and telephone services, ~~in the~~ ~~United States.~~ And his friends claim when he returned them to their owners after the War they were in better condition than they had been when he took them over. *So his enthusiasts say.* But union labor hated him



because he had stubbornly resisted all Union's demands for more money.

After his second term as Postmaster General, he retired from public life altogether. He passes on at the age of seventy-four.

## STRIKE

The long expected strike at the Ford Assembly Plant at St. Louis began today. It opened to an obligato of rude cries, volleys of stones and bricks, splintering window panes, *and* damaged automobiles. More than a dozen pickets were arrested and late this afternoon the Ford Company ~~submitted~~ applied to the Circuit Court for an injunction. The Court is asked to restrain pickets and others from interfering with the operation of that assembly plant and twenty men of the Automobile Workers Union are specifically named in the petition.

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At the same time, a judge in Detroit dismissed charges of felonious assault against the Ford Motor Company and eight of its employees. That was in connection with the riot outside the Ford <sup>River</sup> Rouge Plant on May Twenty-Sixth, when several Union organizers were badly beaten.

MORROW

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An Ohio editor has won an argument with a judge which isn't an easy thing to do. Some time ago, the Grand Jury of Summit County, Ohio, was conducting a special important investigation. Walter Morrow, Editor of the AKRON TIMES PRESS, obtained information about the secret actions of that Grand Jury and published them in his paper. In so doing he disobeyed an order of the Court of Common Pleas. The judge promptly hauled Editor Morrow before the bench, and sentenced him to jail for contempt of court. The editor appealed and won his case in the District Court of Appeals. The state appealed the case to the Supreme Court and today the Supreme Court declined to review it. In other words, Mr. Morrow doesn't have to go to jail in Ohio. Which is fortunate for him as he now has a job in the southwest as Editor-in-Chief of the Scripps-Howard papers in that region.

BRAZIL

A late bulletin from Rio de Janeiro! Dictator President Vargas of Brazil has executed another dramatic stroke. He announces that he abolishes all state governorships except one.

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The one exception is Governor Valladares, <sup>of Minas Gerais</sup> ~~the most~~ of Minas Geraes, the most populace state in Brazil.

The governors in future will be called "Federal Interventors." That sounds as though General Vargas had affected merely a change of title, a tweedledom-tweedledee arrangement. But it isn't quite so. The Federal Interventors, instead of being elected, are responsible only to the President and can be removed by the President at will and at a second's notice. In fact, this <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a step by which President Vargas <sup>S</sup> strengthened his dictatorship. He now exercises a rule more rigid and more absolute than was ever dreamed of by the <sup>Brazilian</sup> Emperor Don Pedro, who was thrown out just forty-eight years ago.

CHINA FOLLOW BRAZIL

And a bulletin from China! The Japanese have captured the town of Huchow, an important point south of Lake Tai. At least so they announce. That gives them a center of supply for their drive towards Nanking.

NINE POWER

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The exhibition of shadow-boxing at Brussels, known as the Nine Power Conference, has come to an end. They call it a recess, but privately the actors who took part in this unprofitable farce, admit that it is as dead as a last year's broadcast. In the language of Broadway, "the performance laid an egg" and not a particularly fresh one either. Of all the conferences, meetings, conclaves, pow-wows, since the World War, that show at Brussels was by far the most futile.

Strangely enough, the only one to put in a good word for it was our own Norman Davis. "This recess," said he, "does not in any sense signify that the problem which we have been considering is to be dropped or that our interest in its solution is in any way lessened." *Furthermore, said he: -* ~~And he said that~~ "one result of the work at Brussels was that the powers have a more active understanding of the Far Eastern problem."

To the layman, it would seem like ~~an awful large~~ <sup>much</sup> trouble and expense just to educate a few diplomats, ~~which~~ <sup>much</sup> as they probably needed it.

HALIFAX

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~~That~~ visit of Viscount Halifax to Fuehrer Hitler was a fruitful one. ~~That's what~~ Prime Minister Chamberlain <sup>said to</sup> the House of Commons this afternoon:- "I am satisfied that the visit of Lord Halifax to Germany has been of value to both countries for a closer mutual understanding."

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The Prime Minister also said ~~that some~~ with some indignation that the speculations and criticisms about the conversations between Hitler and Lord Halifax were, as he put it, "not only irresponsible but highly inaccurate." He also told the Commons that Lord Halifax had not committed John Bull to anything, had made no pledges, no promises. And he added: "No commitments will be made without consulting the House."

What was more significant, was ~~Prime Minister~~ Premier Chamberlain's announcement that Prime Minister Chautemps of France and Foreign Minister Delbos will visit London next week to consult with the British Cabinet. The inference was clear that Hitler and Germany will be the subject of those conversations.

MOSCOW

Observers of the international scene are attaching much importance to an order which was recently issued from Moscow by Dictator Stalin. It was an urgent order and the word was, "Hurry up and put the Trans-Siberian Railroad in order." That order was promulgated late in October or early in November. It followed immediately upon the news that several Japanese divisions had moved near the frontier of Outer Mongolia, which Moscow considers a Russian sphere of influence.

There's nothing particularly new in the revelation that the Trans-Siberian Road is in a pretty sad condition. The news is that the central government seems to be determined to put it in order.



## CONSPIRACY

That royalist plot in France seems to have been the real thing and not a mere figment of a policeman's imagination. Day by day fresh things come to light, which bear it out. And today Paris was astonished by the arrest of a high ranking general officer, a retired one to be sure. General Dusigneur, formerly head of France's air force, was taken to the headquarters of the Surete, the French National Police. In making the arrest, the Surete raided the general's home and announced that they had seized a large mass of important and incriminating documents, including lists of membership in the French Ku Klux Klan, the hooded *Kagoolah* Cagoulauds. And the secret police also announce that they have ten more warrants to execute on French big-shots, perhaps more later. In point of fact, they say, the stroke which was planned was something on as big a scale as the the Revolution of Seventeen Eighty-Nine, the Revolution that toppled the Bourbon dynasty off its throne and sent Louis the Sixteenth and Marie Antoinette in the tumbrels to the guillotine.

MAGDA

Th<sup>m</sup>bs down for the French lady who calls herself Magda de Fontanges. A federal judge today upheld the immigration authorities. *La Belle Fontanges* ~~she~~ must go back to LaBelle France, with Uncle Sam's best wishes for a Happy New Year. Judge Mandelbaum declared that she had been guilty of "moral turpitude" - not because she had described herself as Mussolini's sweetie but because she shot the Count de Chambrun. So, sad to relate, the American stage will not have the benefit of the lady's art - whatever it is.

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GRAHAM

Out in Los Angeles there's a gentleman named Marcus Graham who has accomplished an unusual thing. He got the goat of Uncle Sam's immigration department. And, ~~he has done it~~ by following an old, old recipe. ~~He has kept~~ <sup>By keeping</sup> his mouth shut.

~~Mr.~~ Graham, who is described as a "philosophic Anarchist", edits a publication called "Man." The immigration gentlemen are anxious to deport him. They've got an order for his exit from this country. But Graham has them stymied. They can't find out what country he came from. As the law reads that a non-citizen when deported must be taken to the country from which he came, the immigration ~~department~~ <sup>boys</sup> are up against it. And Graham won't tell. ~~them~~

9 1/4 And that's about all I have to tell tonight, so - s-l-u-t-m,