

Good Evening Everybody:-

This probably will go down in history as Blue Monday for ~~the~~ ^{big} taxpayers. Yes, President Roosevelt's pet measure romped thro the House this afternoon with a huge majority. That's one of the spectacular features of the performance. After the tremendous opposition and ~~the~~ protests of business men all over the country, only ~~some~~ ^{ninety-six} representatives ~~xx~~ voted against it.

Though it was steamrollered through the House in most lopsided fashion, the poor bill really has no friends. Some people call it "tax the rich"; others ~~claim it as a~~ "Soak the thrifty!" ~~and~~ Even its papa, the President, doesn't really like it in its present form. ^P Whatever you think about it, this historic bill is now deposited, like an unloved foundling, on the doorstep of the Senate. It is there that the Roosevelt opponents are ~~now~~ concentrating ^{their} ~~and~~ fighting. There seems to be the prospect of a close battle in the Upper Chamber. Three different sets of

partisans have three different sets of views. In the ^{set} first are the extreme Roosevelt followers. Their idea will be to change the bill passed by the House to conform more strictly with the drastic proposals of the President himself. Then there's another group.

What these members really would like to do is tie a ~~new~~ neat little ribbon around ^{the document,} ~~it~~ pop it into a ~~new~~ pigeonhole, and let it rest so as to acquire cobwebs and maturity until the next session. Of course they haven't much chance, for the Government whips have been

cracked and word has gone out that the measure ~~just~~ must be ^{put over}

^{the jump} ~~passed~~ this session. So, as a compromise, these Right Wingers would like to change the thing into a straight revenue-producing instrument.

The third crowd represent what in Europe would be called a Left Wing. These radical gentlemen would like to make ^{the bill} ~~it~~ an out-and-out bit of social reconstruction, a confiscatory measure that would effectively re-distribute the wealth of the country.

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Historians and economists have been pointing out that no such redistribution lasts for long. But the radical idea is, "What's a bit of history ~~between friends?~~ when there are rich to be soaked."

However, there is one point upon which all three parties in the Senate are agreed. They want to go home. And in that, of course, they have the fullest sympathy of the House. Consequently they are hoping to get through with their debating and compromising in a hurry.

AAA

We've heard plenty of kicks about the AAA. But the latest is the strangest and most amusing of all. The complaint comes from the American Automobile Association. That organization of motorists thinks it should be entitled to a ^{monopoly} ~~monopoly~~ on the first letter of the alphabet, *when used three in a row.* So their President has written a letter to Chairman Smith of the Agricultural Committee of the Senate. The Automobile AAA asked Congress to change the name of the Agricultural AAA. The suggestion is that the New Deal's AAA should be changed to AGRICULTURAL Readjustment Administration, thus making the letters ARA.

That sounds like a revolutionary, not to say treasonable, proposal. Can you imagine what a shock it will be to Secretary Wallace or Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell?

LABOR

Well, it's war to the death between the Communists and the American Federation of Labor. They never have been ~~chatty little~~^{merry} playfellows. But the ^{Moscow} Congress of the Communist Internationale last week brought matters to a head.

We had the edifying spectacle of Red leaders ~~engaging~~^{hurding} ~~in~~ open defiance ~~at~~^{at} the heads of the American Federation of Labor. They proclaim^{ed} to the world:- "We are boring from within, and we are going to do it more than ever in the future."

Of course this has never been exactly a secret. But the brazenness of that challenge has put the conservative rank and file of the Federation on its mettle. Speaking for them, William^{F.} Green the President, declared today: "Thanks for the warning. Anybody we find boring from within will be kicked^{ed} ~~out~~^{without} on his ear."

This was ~~one~~ of the principal subjects discussed today at the Atlantic City convention, where the executive council of the Federation is holding its quarter^{ly} meeting. ~~William~~^{President} Green made the announcement: "We are going to sharpen our drive to clean out all Communists from the Federation." Then he amplified it by saying: "Whenever it's clearly proven that a member of one of our unions is a Red carrying out orders from Moscow, that union will be called upon

to expel him."

In connection with all this business of "boring from within" the Federation's council has a problem of its own in the International Union of Fur Workers. That union is at present in open defiance of the American Federation of Labor. It permitted a Communist union to become affiliated with the International Union. That has brought about a situation which amounts to a test case. It opens up the prospect of a tough struggle in the ranks of labor during the next few months, and indeed during the next few years. It's a fair guess that this struggle is ~~going~~ going to be ~~■~~ PAGE ONE ^{in your} ~~stuff~~ ^{newspapers} for a long time to come.

Later in the day there was a demand voiced by Labor Leader Mathew Wolf, that the U. S. Govt. should protest to Moscow against the meddling of the Communist Internationals in American domestic affairs.

CARTOON

It has been forty years since a drawing in a magazine created such international disturbance as that now famous cartoon in Vanity Fair. If the Japanese had paid no attention to it, most people would never have heard of it. But now that our State Department - through Secretary Hull - has been obliged to offer its "informal regrets," everybody's talking about it, and everybody wants to see it. Which makes it not such a bad break for the genial editor Frank Crowninshield and Artist William Gropper, who drew that caricature of the Son of Heaven which so infuriated the Japanese.

Incidentally that's the second time within a week that the harassed boys of the State Department have been obliged to offer Uncle Sam's regrets to a foreign country for something that he actually did not do and over which he really had no control. This and the apology for the tearing down of the swastika on the Bremen,

To our American eyes the drawing seems eminently harmless, the Mikado drawing a rickshaw loaded with the Nobel Peace prize. As Mr. Crowninshield explained, it was intended only in

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good fun. But the Japanese don't see it that way. The Mikado is divine in their eyes -- not just a political figure.

The last time this sort of thing happened, so far as I can remember, was in the days of Queen Victoria, when Kaiser Wilhelm II reigned in Potsdam. Germany's war lord had just sent a somewhat indiscreet telegram to President Oom Paul Kruger, of the Transvaal, congratulating him in somewhat sharp terms over the defeat of the Jameson raid. Thereupon the Queen of England wrote a letter to the German emperor, who was also her grandson. Either "Punch" or the "Westminister Gazette" -- I forget which -- published a cartoon which represented Grandma Victoria placing Grandson Willie over her knee and administering a spanking. To that the German public reacted as the Japanese today are responding to Mr. Gropper's drawing of the Emperor Hirohito.

GREECE

For a while it looked as though there was going to be some real excitement in Crete. As a rule troubles on that picturesque island reverberate all over Greece. Crete is the birthplace of ex-Premier Venezelos, the place where the last revolution started, where also it ended. So when word came of a labor uprising in Crete, foreign editors all over the world cocked their ears; and the strike soon took on a political complexion. The labor unions are Republican. They don't want the monarchy to be restored. For a few hours it looked as though we were going to have the fun of looking on at another full-fledged first-class Grecian tug-o-war.

The followers of Venezelos decided to improve the shining hour, and got into the game for all they were worth. Thereupon the government at Athens took prompt and decisive action. Prime Minister Tsaldaris, who is taking his vacation in Germany telegraphed some sharp ~~wax~~ orders. Gunboats were sent to Crete, and martial law was proclaimed in Kandia - the island capitol. The military authorities called in the leaders of the strikers and issued an ultimatum.

At the same time the Government recognized ^{that} some of the Union demands were just and promised them better wages and working conditions. The strikers surrendered their arms, evacuated the public buildings they had seized in ~~Kandia~~; and the latest word is that everything is harmonious in ~~the island of~~ Crete.

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NAZI

A serious prophecy concerning the state of Germany was uttered today by Pope Pius the Eleventh. His Holiness ~~xx~~ was receiving a group of Catholic youths from Germany at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. In giving them his blessing, he congratulated the lads on their faith and courage. Then he said, "The moment is really difficult, but more difficult times may come."

And a message from Germany ^{arrives} ~~comes~~ almost as an echo to the ~~points~~ Pope's words. For the message spells trouble, more trouble with a capital "T." (All the signs point to another purge, a dreadful repetition of disturbances, arrests and prosecutions. The signs are not vague or indefinite. ^{is} ~~was~~ explicit.) Dr. Goebbels, Minister ~~of Propaganda~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ of Propaganda, issued it in so many words.

"Vacations are over and we are all ready for the new fight." Then he shrieked a threat reminding us of the ex-Kaiser in his most sabre-rattling days. On one of those days the head of the House of Hohenzollern proclaimed to his subjects and to the world at large, "Whoever is against me him will I shatter with iron fist." Today we have Dr. Goebbels shrieking a paraphrase, with the words, "Wherever the foe raises his head we will strike him down into the dust."

This is taken to be an unqualified threat of more grief for Jews, more grief for Catholics, more grief for anybody who is not heart and soul a Nazi.

MACKENSEN - (follow Nazi)

So perhaps it is not astonishing to find even a great popular war hero bowing to the followers of Hitler. His Excellency Field Marshal General von Mackensen, the man who swept through Rumania like a razor cutting cheese, takes off his spiked helmet and says to the Nazis, "Gentlemen, your will be done."

Since the death of von Hindenburg, His Excellency von Mackensen, has been the foremost member of the Steel Helmets organization. It had been expected that von Mackensen would resent his war veterans being branded of the sort. Instead he has resigned from the Stahlhelm! Saying "the chief objective of our organization has been accomplished." With that he meant the restoration of universal military training throughout Germany.

In short his letter of resignation was a broad hint to his comrades of the World War that the best thing they could do would be to dissolve. The letter came as a terrific shock to the Steel Helmets. The eighty-five year old Field Marshal had always been prominent at all their public functions appearing sometimes

^{in the}
brilliant red tunic of the Royal Hussars, and at other times
under the towering shako of the famous Death's Head Hussars.

GENEVA

Premier Mussolini seems to be about statesman pleased these days. Certainly the Emperor of Ethiopia doesn't like what happened at Geneva. The most dissatisfied of all are the smaller nations who belong to the League. "The League Council's decision is a disgraceful compromise. The League has kow-towed to Rome," so they say. And they add:- John Bull ganged up with France and Italy to crack the whip. In short, the delegates from the smaller countries declare: "There ain't no justice in that there decision."

And the King of Kings still slings desperately and pathetically to his hope for peace. Although his tribal chief's have told him it's too late. His subjects would consider ~~that~~ he had lost face if he backed down now. Meanwhile the Italians are diligently pursuing their preparations for war.

There was a rumor today that the Emperor had made arrangements to obtain guns and ammunition and other war-like supplies from Japan. But the question remains: "How's he going to get all those munitions of war into his land-locked country with Italy, England and France holding all the frontiers?"

OUTCAST

Edward Everett Hale's ^{famous} ~~favorite~~ classic "A Man Without a Country," has come to life in a new way. This time, in Europe. The new version is a result of the intensive exaggerated nationalism that has prevailed in the old countries ever since the war.

You will be able to appreciate the plight of the victim if you can imagine yourself being obliged to spend the rest of your days in the middle of Brooklyn Bridge, or the Camden Bridge, or the Detroit Bridge, or the beautiful new structure ^{over the} ~~of the~~ Golden Gate. The hero of the tale was a beggar in Vienna. He was arrested and banished. The Judge said, "Get out and stay out." The authorities learned that the man had been born in Yugo-Slavia, though he had ^d lived in Austria most of his life. So the police took him to the Yugoslav border, saying to the patrol on the other side of the frontier, "Here's a little present for you." Thereupon the Yugoslav guard arrested the man. Upon investigation they declared "He's not one of our people." So, after thinking things over they decided to present the fugitive to Mussolini. They took him to Susak, where there is a bridge over the frontier. When the

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hapless wretch reached the Italian end of the bridge he was received by a bristling line of Fascist bayonets. Said the Duce's men "About turn, march!" The poor devil tried to obey orders and found himself face to face with the bayonets of the Yugoslav guards. There he stayed for three days, in the middle of the bridge.

Finally the Italians decided the comedy had lasted long enough. They arrested the man and shipped him back to Austria. Once more on Austrian soil he was pinched again. This time the Judge relented, simply because there wasn't any other sensible thing to do.

But the episode shows just what can happen with this morbidly nationalistic state of mind throughout the world.

Another man without a country. And, I am now a man without a microphone, so --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.