

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY :

Here's a curious Thanksgiving Day story: - Why was Congress in session today? Why couldn't the law-makers take the day off for Thanksgiving? They say that the gathering of the Lower House was without precedent. Never happened before on Thanksgiving Day. So Why? Well, it was because one Legislator had a severe attack of industrious conscienciousness. Yesterday an adjournment until Monday was proposed, and the word was -- let's make it unanimous. But Congressman Ralph E. Church, of Illinois, refused to make it unanimous. He declared that the special session had been summoned for emegency action, and thattime off was hardly in the emergency spirit. So he raised his lone Illinois Republican voice against adjournment until Monday. There was no unanimity, so Congress had to meet today for a routine session -- much against it will.

What did they do? What were the legislative deliberations on Thanksgiving Day? Well, appropriately enough -- they gave thanks.

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From London we hear that the Armistice talk stems right out of the Halifax-Hitler meeting. They say that his Lordship and the Reichsfuehrer discussed possibilities of a combined British and German attempt to mediate the civil war in Spain -- with pressure brought to bear on both Franco and the Left Wingers, trying to get them to call a truce. All the Governments concerned are keeping it strictly quiet, but it's pointed out that since Lord Halifax returned with his report, the London Ambassador of Left Wing Spain took off on a hasty trip to the seat of his Government in Barcelona. The guess is that he is confabulating with his Chiefs about the British-German mediation talk. Moreover, it has been noticed that during the past twenty-four hours, there have been official conferences between his Majesty's foreign office and the Left Wing Embassy.

The proposed Armistice, it is understood, will be a subject to be discussed when the British -- French meeting is staged next week between Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Premier Chautemps. The idea will be to have France join Great Britain and Germany in a drive to persuade the Spaniards to call off their civil war.

Meanwhile there's another slant on the Halifax-Hitler conversations, a report that it's a general results will be to draw Britain and France closer together. The inside information is supposed to be that Halifax found Hitler so drastic in many demands that London can't consider them. Can only tie up more closely with Paris.

ROBBERY

The Tender-Foot East tried to go Wild West on this Thanksgiving Day, with painful results - for the Tender-Foot East. It happened aboard a railroad train speeding across the great spaces of the Southwest, the APACHE, crack Southern Pacific Flyer bound for California on a Thanksgiving Day run. Things began ~~xx~~ at El Paso, Texas, and they were comic at first.

Two figures that seemed straight out of the wild, wild West boarded the train. Two cow boys in chaps and ten gallon hats ~~xx~~ stalked into a car. The other passengers ^{gr}inned. They knew their cow country. They could see that the two picturesque punchers were just tender-feet, all dressed up. A couple of Eastern dudes from a Dude Ranch, that was the likely surmise - city slickers on their way to celebrate Thanksgiving in a wild and wooly way. Yes, it was rather absurd - comic.

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An hour later the APACHE was speeding across rugged New Mexico. It was passing through country famous in the annals of the Old West, the stamping ground of Billy The ~~King~~ Kid. And such passengers as happened to think about it might have

meditated upon the days of the two-gun men, railroad hold-ups - and Billy The Kid. It was at this point that the two drug store cow boys were noticed again - and this time there was no laughing, though ^{now} they were more Wild West than ever. They came stalking through the cars, pistol in hand - a hold-up. The two tender-feet, not content with their cow-country make-up, chaps and ten gallon hats - were staging a Wild West train robbery. *The real thing.*

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The passengers, frightened by the pointed pistols, were letting themselves be robbed. One of the bandits, going down the aisle in front of the other, was gathering money, watches, jewelry. Then suddenly one passenger stuck his feet out in the aisle, and tripped the bandit in the rear - who fired his ~~xx~~ pistol as he stumbled. Instantly, other passengers jumped on him, and flattened him on the floor of the car. The robber in front turned. As he did so, somebody jumped on him. ~~xxxx~~ His pistol roared, and a bullet hit a trainman, killing him. Then bandit Number Two went to the floor with passengers piling on him.

For the next few minutes that railroad coach was *the* scene of one of the most savage beatings ever administered, as the enraged passengers battered the two bandits. Then the train stopped at Hachita, New Mexico, where the bruised and breathless pair were turned over to the Sheriff.

One was so badly beaten that they took him to a hospital. Both face charges of murder. They have nothing to be thankful for - those two drug store cow boys who tried a Wild West train robbery *out there* ~~in~~ in the country of Billy The Kid.

RACE

There was racing drama today in the National Inter-Scholastic Cross Country Championship Event -- at Newark, New Jersey. Suppose you were in the lead from the crack of the starting gun in the two and a half mile race and suppose you stayed out in front until the last fifty yards, wouldn't you consider it heartbreaking to lose?

Ed Morgan of Philadelphia will tell you -- yes. In that last fifty yards he was beaten out by Leslie MacMitchell, the New York star, who put on a last minute rush, and won the race. He also broke the interscholastic record for the distance.

MacMitchell hasn't lost a race this year, has come in first in eight straight. A fleetfoot lad who'll bear watching. But this Thanksgiving day sports event merely leads us on to football which is always the predominant sport on the old Puritan feast day. On this Thanksgiving Day I have my Movietone college Sports Commentator Thorgersen to give the thanks for. He's helping me out with the most important last minute football news. So now let's turn to Sports Expert Ed Thorgersen, who week after week has been giving us his prophecies and analyses of the football season. Big

games have just been played today. The cheers of the crowds are still echoing. Ed Thorgersen is bursting to tell you, the latest right from the gridiron. Here's Ed with a round up hot off the wire.

LOWELL:

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THOR:

At Franklin Field, Philadelphia this afternoon there occurred one of the greatest football games played anytime, anywhere this season, when Cornell's Big Red eleven scored a smashing 34 to 20 triumph over a rejuvenated and inspired Pennsylvania team in a battle that gave more than 60,000 spectators chills and fever from the opening kick-off to the final gun. The final score: Cornell 34; Pennsylvania 20. It tells in a headline the spell-binding story of a see-saw battle in which Cornell drew first blood in the opening period when Rose - pile-driving fullback of the Big Red smashes across from the one-yard line, then converted and Cornell led 7 to 0 before the first quarter was half-over. It began to look as though events were living up to predictions. But Pennsylvania, it developed was merely stung. The tide of battle took a turn a few minutes later when Baker fumbled on the Cornell 45 and Pennsylvania's McNamara recovered. A Penn pass Koepsall to Coulter yielded 20 yards. Another pass between the same pair netted a Pennsylvania touchdown --- Shinn converted to tie the score at 7 all -- which is how the first period ended.

In the second, Cornell's savage attack was again in evidence when Peck tore loose on a 43 yard dash for Cornell's second score -- Peck converted to put the Big Red out in front 14 to 7. Came Pennsylvania's counter-charge as Schueneman caught a 36 yard pass from Burke to tally Pennsylvania's second touchdown. Shinn's try for extra point was wide and Cornell led by a single point. It was shortly after that that

Baker sent Cornell into a commanding lead as he cracked over from the one yard line culminating a 61-yard drive which featured a 27-yard sprint by Brown, and a Baker to Spang pass for 28. The half ended with Cornell leading 20 to 13. Came the third quarter when Gustavson caught a 21 yard toss -- crossed the Cornell goal line and Kirkleski converted -- and the score was tied at 20 all. In the 4th quarter -- the final period of the Big Red season, it seemed to me that Cornell scaled its greatest heights of the year as a vicious offensive netted two touchdowns in quick succession to yield the final score Cornell 34 -- Pennsylvania 20.

At Nashville Tennessee -- a ball-game involving Alabama's Rose Bowl aspirations and a Vanderbilt eleven anxious to atone for its one defeat of the year. The final score Alabama 9-Vanderbilt 7 -- thereby clinching Alabama's claim to the California Classic on New Year's Day. An amazing team that Alabama Crimson Tide. It was just four weeks come Saturday, that Alabama managed to squeeze out a 9 to 6 verdict over Tulane -- in the closing minutes of play. A week later Alabama clashed with Georgia Tech and again with the seconds ticking off in the final quarter, the Crimson Tide snatched victory from the jaws of oblivion by eking out a 7 to 0 decision. This afternoon, with less than a minute to go before the end of the half -- Alabama pulled that baffling scoring play that has had sports-writers and cameramen wacky all season in trying to follow the ball. As it has worked against Georgia Tech -- so it succeeded against the Vanderbilt Commodores -- and Alabama scored its only touchdown of

the game. But Vanderbilt came back in the third with a power-drive that seemed for a moment to completely bewilder the Crimson Tide -- as the Commodores scored in exactly 6 plays after the kickoff and what's more Vanderbilt made good the extra point to give the Commodores that vital one-point lead. And it seemed possible for the ensuing 10 minutes that Vanderbilt might be catapulted into the Rose Bowl by a point-after-touchdown -- But Alabama this year -- seemingly a team of destiny -- averted disaster with but a few minutes to play in the final quarter as Sandford -- with the weight of the Rose Bowl on his toe, booted an angular field goal from the 25 yard stripe -- the ball being 20 yards in from the sideline -- and thus Alabama's spotless record is preserved.

Final score 0- Alabama 9 -- Vanderbilt 7.

Here's a final score from College Station Texas where Texas A and M topped the Texas Longhorns by a score of 7 to 0 -- the Aggies scored in the opening period -- on an intercepted pass, a 28 yard dash and two successive plunges.

At Chapel Hill -- the powerful North Carolina Tarheels clinched the Southern Conference crown in overwhelming the University of Virginia 40 to 0.

While at Lawrence, Kansas, in another Turkey Day festival, Missouri and Kansas fought for 60 minutes after which the game ended with the ball on the 50-yard line and a scoreless tie.

At Pittsburgh -- the lightning struck with startling effect as Duquesne upset a vaunted Detroit eleven by a score of 14 to 7, with Boyd Brumbaugh starring for the victors.

At Lexington, Kentucky, Tennessee's Volunteers retained possession of the battered beer keg which goes to the winner of the Kentucky-Tennessee classic -- final score Tennessee 13 - Kentucky 0.

And returning for the moment to Brooklyn, New York where the Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers battled for more gold than glory -- a savange encounter ended in a deadlock at 13 all. At Detroit -- another professional game saw the Chicago Bears win 13 to 0 over the Detroit Lions.

And winding up the season at Oxford Mississippi -- strictly an affair of State in which Mississippi State nosed out its stately rival Mississippi -- 9 to 7.

And now comes the time for my sign-off of the current series -- as the season just about draws to a close -- excepting only the few remaining classics to ring down the curtain this Saturday. Of the post-season games -- more later -- meanwhile I'll be chatting at you from the screen of Movietone News -- So carry the ball Lowell.

We'll miss you, Thorgy, now that the football season is over. The Sun Oil Company and I thank you for the great job you've done.

STORM

Those post season games may provide a thrill, Ed. In the meantime here's a post season hurricane thrill:- It's rather late in the year to have one of those tweisters in the Caribbean. Early autumn is the rampant time for them. But right now a tropical disturbance is blowing down Key West way -- with winds as high as fifty miles an hour. Ships at sea have made a run for cover. But, as usual some have been caught in the fury of the gale. One -- the British Frieghter Nollington Court. And it's a drama of rescue at sea. The Nollington Court, driven by the storm, is drifting on the reefs of Tortuga Island -- the one dread Dry Tortugas. But meanwhile the steamship Chagres has come to her aid and taken off part of the crew. The last word is that the Chagres has wirelessed vessels to keep a lookout for men who are believed to have left the ship-wreck in lifeboats.

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END.

I suppose our natural concluding word should be a repetition of what was said in Congress today. We are thankful we're not in any war. But it goes even further than that - there isn't any special war news today from anywhere. I've seldom known a Broadcast in which the world tidings were so quiet as on this Thanksgiving day. About the horror in Spain ^{we have} ~~we have~~ talk of an Armistice. From the Far Eastern War, there's nothing in particular, nothing much to talk about. Things seem to be relatively quiet, ~~at least~~ for the moment, out there. So, let's be thankful for an all-around tranquil news day, - and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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