

Wheat

Good Evening, Everybody:

The story of Joseph W. Harriman, the aged banker who is on trial in the Federal Court and ~~is~~^{who} disappeared, ~~in the Federal Court~~ took another slant today. Shortly after Federal Judge Caffey had declared his bail forfeit, Mr. Harriman calmly walked back into the nursing home from which he had vanished.

But his return was a trifle late. The patience of the law over Mr. Harriman's vanishing acts had become exhausted. Judge Caffey had not only ordered Mr. Harriman's bail forfeited despite the pleas of his ~~attorney~~^{counsel} for delay. He had also issued a bench warrant for the aged banker.

So as soon as he walked back into the hospital at 4:30 this afternoon, the hospital authorities notified the United States Attorney. Within five minutes a ~~fast~~ motorcar with a United States marshal was speeding to the hospital to arrest him as a fugitive from justice. Mr. Harriman was then arraigned in Federal Court on that charge.
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BUSINESS

This is ~~here's~~ another one of those days when there is quite a volume of pleasant news so far as business is concerned. The burden of the song is more work and more pay for millions of Americans.

An important announcement comes from the Department of Labor. Since April there ^{has} been an increase in employment of thirteen per cent, and in payrolls of twenty per cent. For instance, in June alone, there was a rise of seven per cent over May in the number of people put back to work, and almost eleven per cent in wages. ¶ Then there's a comforting item from Detroit. The Chevrolet Company will have seven or eight thousand more men at work by August 1st. ~~And yesterday the makers of the Hudson raised salaries ten per cent.~~

United Airlines tell me their business jumped fifty-three per cent ~~in~~ ^{last} month, both as regards the number of passengers carried and mail. ¶ And here's something that should bring cheer both to people who grow fruit and those who eat it. Out on the

Pacific Coast they've discovered a new way of shipping it without refrigeration. They tried it out with oranges, ~~stap~~ dipping them in parafin and shipping them through the Panama Canal to New York. The Luckenback Lines who have already carried two boat loads of oranges treated in this fashion, claim that they arrived in perfect condition, and infinitely cheaper than if they are refrigerated and shipped by train. Two more boat loads are on their way by water from coast to coast. This looks like a renewal of the old traffic war between steamship lines and railroads. If this can be done with oranges, of course, there seems no reason why it shouldn't be done with all other kinds of fruits.

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CABINET

President Roosevelt's super cabinet, or the General Council, as it is officially called, met this afternoon, but the President himself was not there. Although his cold is slightly better his physician urged him to remain in his own quarters, so the Attorney General presided over the meeting.

The purpose of this session was to consider the proposed nationwide code of shorter hours and higher wages for all industries. The plan is being put into shape by General Johnson, ~~the~~ Administrator of NIRA. The idea is to provide a temporary and voluntary scale of minimum wages and maximum hours of work for those industries whose codes have not yet been okayed by General Johnson.

As soon as any industry perfects its code and has it approved by the NIRA Administration, it will automatically pass from under the operation of the temporary blanket agreement.

Incidentally, one of the clauses in this blanket agreement will provide for a minimum wage of fourteen dollars a week for all male workers, and a thirty-five hour week.

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MAJORCA.

Uncle Sam's ~~patience~~ is becoming ~~somewhat exhausted at~~ ^{exasperated over} the treatment accorded by Spain to five American citizens on the Island of Majorca. Not only has Claude Bower^s, our Ambassador to Madrid, been working hard to secure their release, or at least a prompt trial, but the State Department in Washington has made a request extraordinary to the Spanish Ambassador, asking him to make ~~hi~~ representations to his government. The outrageous part of this business is that the Spanish authorities have as yet made no move to set a date for the trial of these five American prisoners, including one woman. And the local courts have treated with contempt all requests for bail.

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Well, I've just learned by telephone that the Department of State has sent instructions to the American Consul General in Barcelona, to proceed at once to the Island of Majorca. There he is to spend his entire time doing what he can to help these five ~~and~~ Americans.

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POST

The news from Wiley Post continues to be exciting. A wireless report from Moscow by way of London informs me that he landed in Irkutsk, Siberia at 9:35 this morning, Eastern Daylight Time. Thus he made the 1800 miles from Novosibirsk in seven hours and forty minutes. ~~And that is~~ Some traveling!

Our one eyed champ ^{flyer} from Oklahoma is now more than half way around the earth, ~~fix~~ on his second flight. He's now more than sixteen hours ahead of the record he made with Harold Gatty two years ago.

Although they say ~~his~~ one ~~ex~~ good eye ^{was} ~~to~~ bloodshot from lack of sleep, when he landed in Irkutsk, Wiley Post declared that he would take off again in five or six hours, which means that he's now ~~skt~~ already on his way to Khabarovsk.

He ^{has} made ~~that~~ remarkable speed in spite of losing his way twice while flying over the Siberian plains. His ^{robot} ~~automatic~~ ^{mechanical} Mike, as he calls him, went ^{flooly} and Post, pilot, ~~failed him and he~~ had to make two emergency landings ~~in the~~ ^{to get his bearings.} open field. He stayed aground just long enough to ~~orientate himself~~ and was able to find his way eventually.

Lee Trenholm.

Manager of
flyer Wiley Post.

July 18, 1933.

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INTRO. TO TRENHOLM

I have a friend who
~~On my way over to the studio I ran into a man who~~

knows more about Post and his preparations for this flight than

This man is
anybody else in the country, ^{his} manager Lee Trenholm. Mr. Lee

Trenholm has been telling me ~~some~~ ^{several} interesting things about ^{Wiley} Post

that I had never heard before, and I thought you might like to hear

them too. ~~So I'm going to ask~~ ^{So} Mr. Trenholm ~~to stop up to the Mike~~ ^{tell us about this}

~~and tell you some intimate details about the man who is making~~
daring cyclops of the air who is galloping around

the world again.
~~this record flight.~~

L.T.

LEE TRENHOLM

L.T. First of all, ~~Lee~~ what's this flight all about?
Who's backing ~~Wiley~~ Post this time?

Trenholm: Nobody. This is the first real solo flight. Wiley Post owns his own plane, has no sponsors, backers, or partners. There's no single trademark or commercial label to mar the white hull of the Winnie Mae. We're advertising nothing and selling nothing.

L. T.: Has Post any particular plan for his flight. I mean, ~~of course~~, aside from the course that he ^{has} mapped out?

Trenholm: Well, before he left ~~Post~~ ^{he} discussed with me whether ^{or not} he should take it easy, ^{and} lower the record just a little; ~~and~~ then do it again next year. After talking it over he decided to aim for a record on this trip that would be as nearly unbreakable as possible. ~~And whatever records he establishes, it probably will be a long, long while before anybody else flies around the world all~~

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~~alone with only one eye~~ ^{FF} And by the way, he's wearing that white patch over his left eye for comfort. He removed his artificial left eye so that it wouldn't bother him on ^{the} long flight.

L. T.: How fast can the Winnie Mae go?

Trenholm: Her full capacity has never been tested yet. Post believes she is capable of doing from five to six hundred miles an hour up in the high altitudes. When he ^{has} completed this flight around the world he may try her out. Only one other man besides Post has ever flown the plane since she came out of the factory three years ago. ~~And, then~~ the first time another man flew ^{her} ~~it~~ she had her first and only crack-up. The accident was no fault of the other pilot, and probably would have happened even to Post if he had been at the controls.

L. T. What does a pilot flying the ocean think about?

Trenholm: That I cannot tell you. But I can tell you

that one thing he doesn't think about, at least that Post ~~is~~
doesn't ~~think~~ ever think about, is whether his engine is going to
fail. ^{He} ~~Post has~~ said to me: "Once off the field the question of
motor trouble never enters my mind. I never had one konk on me
in my life." And you may have heard that when Post and Gatty flew
around the world together they had an understanding that if the
engine should fail while they were over the ocean, Post would
stick the Winnie Mae's nose straight down and not bother about
being battered around for days by the waves. And, ^{Wiley} ~~Post~~ made the
same determination before he started on this flight all alone.

L.T. :- Well, here's hoping the old boy
makes it! He sure is a stout lad.

REPEAL

Astonishing news comes from Alabama and Arkansas where the voters have been going to the polls all day to decide whether those states would join the Wet or Dry Column. Leaders of the repeal movement told me by telephone that they have advices from these states indicating that both of them, hitherto regular strongholds of Prohibition, are voting wet.

If Alabama and Arkansas become the seventeenth and eighteenth states of the Union to ratify repeal that will indeed be news.

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Of course the direct plea made by the President as leader of the Democratic Party ~~xxx~~ evidently ~~must have~~ had a strong influence in both those states because that means the Democratic Party machinery was moving to bring in the wet votes.

The Anti-Prohibition leaders tell me there was a fair size vote in Alabama until the middle of the day. But the information from Arkansas is still more surprising. The Wet leaders first claimed that even Arkansas would vote three to two in favor of repeal. After getting in the first returns, they have changed those figures and now say Arkansas will be wet two

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to one. A significant thing was that the first rural county

(and the rural regions ~~in which~~ have always been for Prohibition) --

at 1st. rural county
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voted forty-four to one in favor of repeal.

Little Rock, Arkansas, ~~which votes in Pulaski County,~~

is running seven to one for repeal according to telephone advices from

there. ^{Some} Other sections of Arkansas are running forty and fifty

to one. *Doesn't sound possible!*

BALBO

Chicago is certainly ~~not~~ doing herself proud ⁱⁿ entertaining General Balbo, Italy's colorful Air Minister and ^{the crews of} his twenty-four ~~sea-~~ ^{planes.} ~~pilots.~~ Last night ^{the} General ~~Balbo~~ grew tired of official ceremonies and of wearing his uniform all the time. So he ^{hopped} ~~got~~ into civilian clothes ^{and} a slouched hat and went on a junket with a small party of friends. ^{They made the rounds of} ~~at~~ the World's Fair. ^{The General} ~~He~~ ~~was~~ rode in automobile scooters, threw baseballs at the heads of colored boys and tried his eye in the shooting gallery. And, ^{by the way,} ~~it's interesting to learn that~~ he made five bull's eyes out of six shots with an automatic pistol. Then he and his friends tried out some ~~of our~~ 3.2% beverage, and ^{they} ~~he~~ didn't get back to ^{the} ~~his~~ hotel until three ^{a. m.} ~~o'clock~~ this morning.

Incidentally, one of the festivities arranged for him ^{after} ~~when~~ he gets to New York will take place Friday night at the Waldorf. This will be a reception and supper dance given by the Italy-America Society. Among the guests of honor will be the Italian Ambassador, the Italian Consul General in New York, Mr. Henry Fletcher, former Ambassador to Italy, ^{her husband} Amelia Earhart, and ^{her} George Palmer Putnam, and a host of magnificos from the official and financial worlds.

And here's more news about General Balbo's sojourn in New York. He and his armada will arrive in Gotham sometime between five and seven P. M. tomorrow night, daylight saving time. The Italian air fleet will land at Jamaica Bay alongside of Floyd Bennett Airport.

This visit ^{of} ~~to~~ the Italian aces ^{will be} ~~to New York~~ ^{is} of particularly interesting because there are ^{more} ~~almost as many~~ Italians in New York ^{than} there are in Rome. ^{N.Y. is - or was - the 2nd largest Italian city in the world.} More than two hundred and fifty of Father Knickerbocker's finest ^{coppers} will be on hand to see that there's no monkey business in the shape an an anti-Fascist demonstration. Mounted police, launches from the marine division of the police force, and three destroyers from Uncle Sam's Coast Guard will ^{protect} ~~guard~~ the seaplanes. There will be an official welcome for General Balbo and his men at City Hall. One of the entertainments will be a luncheon on Friday given by Generoso Pope, the king of the Italian language newspapers in New York, who ^{is} ~~is~~ also Chairman of the Mayor's welcome ^{ing} Committee.

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MORTON

An ironic tragedy is reported from San Franciaco. The victim was Major General Charles G. Morton of the United States Army. ~~§~~

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Several years ago Major General Morton retired as Commander of the Ninth Area. He had been a soldier since 1883, and fought through two wars. In the Spanish American ^{affair} ~~war~~ he was a Colonel, and in the World War he led the 29th Division in the terrific battle of the Argonne.

On July Fourth he was lighting firecrackers for some of the youngsters of his family and one of them exploded prematurely and inflicted severe burns on the General's leg. That terrible menace of the firecracker, tetanus, set in, together with heart complications. This morning General Morton died at the United States Army Hospital at San Francisco at the age of 72, a victim of ^{the} Fourth of July fire-cracker.

Imagine that. A survivor of two wars, and dead from a firecracker explosion.

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BASEBALL

This has been an exciting day in the baseball world and more particularly the American League, for on today's games depends the actual leadership of that League.

As ~~in~~ any fan knows, the New York Yanks after being way ahead for so many weeks in the early part of the season, took a ~~series~~ slump shortly before July 4th, while the Washington Senators were going strong. Consequently the Senators nosed Babe Ruth's teammates out of first place and stayed there for a while, then the Yanks took a spurt while the aggressive Senators had a slump. The consequence was they finished ~~the~~^{last} week neck and neck, tied for first place.

Marse Joe McCarty^h, manager of the Yanks, remarked: "We had our slump, now we've worked out of it, and the Washington fellows are having theirs."

And today the Yanks have been playing Chicago at their own stadium in New York, while the Senators were entertaining the St. Louis Browns in Washington. In just a second I hope to be

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able to give you the returns. This is important. If the Yanks win and Washington loses, the Yanks will be in the lead. If Washington wins and the Yanks lose, the Senators will again be in first place, but only by half ^{a game.} ~~xxxxxx~~ Wait a minute, here ~~xxxxxx~~ are the results:

Well, the Yankees won - 9 to 4.
And Washington lost to St. Louis 4 to 3.
So that puts Babe Ruth & his
^{That means} pals in the lead.

~~And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

N.B.C.

LIBERTY ENDING

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Fulton Oursler, famous writer of mystery stories, playwright, novelist, and editor of Liberty Magazine, is spending the summer on Cape Cod. Mr. Oursler is an enthusiast about Uncle Sam's Coast Guard service, and spends a good deal of time ~~with~~ ^{from whom he picks up many an unusual yarn.} with the Coast Guard boys. He has just run across a story that he considers so important that he rushes it to me by wire, via the teletype: - *Here it is:-*

Ninety-year-old Cape Codder went out in boat dragging for liquor cases thrown overboard from fleeing rum runner. He dragged up a big bottle of something and sampled it. "Sody Pop," says he. "Why did they ever throw sody pop overboard? No harm in sody pop." ~~But~~ ^{Being} thirsty he drank it all. Then he found some Scotch whiskey and drank a pint of that. Then he found some more whiskey and drank a pint of that. Then he found some more sody pop and drank another quart of that. Since that time he has been out cold for two weeks and still thinks the Civil War is going on. Why? Well that sody pop turned out to be extra dry champagne.

And now it's time for me to go out and wet my
whistle with a bottle of sody pop, or sarsparilla, or something,
so -- So Long Until Tomorrow.

Personal correspondence.