

Good Evening, Everybody:

There's more excitement over Jimmie Mattern today than there has been over any aviator in a coon's age. Just as his most optimistic friends had tragically given him up for lost, up he pops in a corner of the world where he was least expected, way over in Norway. And we hardly recovered our breath from that news when the next thing we know is that he has landed in Moscow, already

one-third of the way on his spectacular trip around the world. *As you know*

ie expected to land in Paris but he was blown so far off his course that
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Well, that certainly was one dramatic day in the life

of this grinning six foot lad from Texas, more dramatic than either

You may have forgotten it but he tried
of his ~~two~~ previous flights across the Atlantic. For one thing,

he's the first person to make a solo flight from New York to Norway.

In the second place, in spite of the fact that he was held up some eighteen hours at a little island off the coast of Norway waiting

so far
for fuel, [^]he has beaten the record set by Wylie Post and Harold Gatty
beaten it
two years ago, [^]by three hours. He has jumped from New York to Moscow

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in fifty-one hours and thirty-seven minutes.

So, even if he doesn't realize his dream of being the first person to fly solo around the world, he's already the first flier to cross the Atlantic ^{from West to East} twice alone.

The last we heard of Jimmie, according to a wireless report, he was spending the afternoon in Moscow resting. At any moment we may hear of his taking off from the Soviet capital for Omsk in Siberia.

N.B.C.

REVOLT

It looks as though the President has put the kybosh on that revolt which seemed to have ~~break~~ broken out in Congress at the end of last week. Taxpayers had become agitated because the ^{in the Senate took} boys ~~took~~ the bit between their teeth, ~~started to~~ put through a measure increasing expenditures for veteran's relief, and upset the Administration's applecart by spoiling all the carefully planned economies which most people had hoped were definite, and which had been greeted with such cheers, ~~when they were first announced~~

~~It was the Senators who grew unruly and started to wipe out the economies effected by the President. They~~ ^{It was the Senators who} limited the cuts in payments to veterans to twenty-five per cent. So, last night the President called in the leaders of the House, and through them issued a warning to Representatives that the budget must be balanced and that the saving of four hundred million dollars must not be disturbed.

We learn from Washington today that the prevailing sentiment indicated ^S the House will support the President, and will refuse to back the Senate ^{up} in ^{its expensive} ~~this~~ ~~move~~ insurgent move. If there

is anything like a stern fight on the subject, it may delay the long ~~xxxx~~ hoped for adjournment of Congress on June 10th. In case there is a ^{squabble} ~~fight~~ on the floor of the House, it may delay the vacations of the boys and girls in Congress because the Administration supporters are determined to stand by the President.

We learn from Washington that Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, ~~the famous~~ Jim Ham ~~has~~ ~~Lewis~~ of the famous pink whiskers, told the President today that he did not think Congress would adjourn before Independence Day, the Fourth of July, and on that day, said Senator Jim Ham "we will declare our independence of the President." The Senator from Illinois was merely having his little joke.
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DOUGLAS

A fine bit of news came today from the office of Lewis Douglas, the young man from Arizona, whom the President made director of the budget. Mr. Douglas told leaders of Congress that the passage of the Economy Bill had revived confidence to such an extent throughout the country that since March 4th no less than one million three hundred thousand of the unemployed have been put back to work. This, of course, is a strong argument for the Administration against any interference with the President's economies.

On top of this report by the Director of the Budget, the ^{Wall Street Journal} ~~New Jones ticker~~ reported several encouraging items. For instance, a firm of glass manufacturers in Pittsburgh took on seven hundred men. An iron company in the same city announced an increase in wages. One of the big rubber companies of Akron, Ohio, made it known that its payrolls have been ~~doubtless~~ doubled. A big industrial leader in the South says the cotton industry is in better shape than ever. And from Hollywood we learn that several motion picture companies have increased their production and put many people back to work.

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RAILROAD BILL

Well, the path ~~is~~² all smooth now for the reorganization, or to use the Administration's phrase, the coordination of America's railroads. The emergency bill designed by the President's advisors was ~~passed~~ passed by the House today and as it has already gone through the Senate, it now goes to the White House for the President's signature.

This is the bill which provides for a federal coordinator who will have the job of reorganizing, consolidating, cutting out ~~the~~ duplication^s of service and other measures necessary to put railroads on their feet.

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GOLD

(The U. S. Senate today passed the resolution repealing the gold clause, the clause which specifies that Uncle Sam's public debts must be paid in gold.) The resolution was passed by a vote of forty-eight to twenty. ^{Late this afternoon, it was} ~~Thus, as soon as it has been~~ signed by the President, ^{So,} the U. S. A. ^{is now} ~~will be~~ officially and by statute off the gold standard.

Incidentally, (Uncle Sam sent out a flock of agents today checking up on the people who are still hoarding gold.) We learn from Washington that the Treasury Department has collected a mass of information including names of those suspected of ^{being} ~~hoarding~~ hoarding ^{and} gold, as well as the amounts they are hanging on to. This information has been turned over to the Department of Justice, and the hunt is on. The Attorney General says there are about one thousand names on his list of suspects, and the amounts they are believed to be hoarding range from five hundred to twenty thousand dollars.

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MORGAN

The feature of today's proceedings in the Senate Banking Committee's investigation into the House of Morgan, was the appearance on the witness stand, of ^{O.} ~~A.~~ Van P./Sweringen. This, of course, is the ^{G.} ~~A.~~ Van P./Sweringen of the famous Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland, whose gigantic schemes for collecting railroads have furnished so much spectacular news in this field.

Mr. Pecora, the Committee's Counsel, said his purpose was to show how empires can be erected in the railroad world, by the formation of irregular holding companies. ^{The} ~~But~~ Van Sweringens submitted a report which was read into the record, most of which was of a highly technical financial nature. One interesting thing ~~shown~~ shown was that the basis of the Van Sweringen schemes was an original investment of an astonishingly small amount.

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CHINA

Uncle Sam transacted an unusual bit of business today, a deal in the campaign to help bring on economic recovery all over the world. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation announced that it had loaned the government of China fifty million dollars. This loan takes the form of credit. It is understood that the Chinese Government will use up this fifty million to buy surplus American products, principally cotton and wheat. The commerce sharks of the U. S. Government believe this will enable China to buy about a million bales of cotton and fifteen million bushels of wheat from us. The loan is secured by a lien on certain taxes of the Chinese National Government. John Chinaman has three years in which to pay Uncle Sam his money back.

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REPEAL

The voting on the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment goes on apace. Today it is Illinois, tomorrow it will be Indiana.

If Illinois votes as she spoke during the Conventions ~~and other times~~, she will be the ninth state in the Union to ratify the abolition of the eighteenth amendment. Election officials tell us that there was a heavy vote all over the state. And it is said that the prohibition leaders have given up all hope. The wet forces claim a ^{so}sweeping victory of three to one. It will be interesting to watch Indiana tomorrow.

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Here's another from Washington.

(The Senate Today passed the Home Owners Relief Act which provides direct loans to home owners.) An amendment restricts the amount of loans to \$15,000. The amendment also specifies that a uniform rate of interest--not more than six per cent--can be charged. The Measure already has passed the House so it now goes to the President.



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STORM

All the big cities in America seem to be indulging in storms. A couple of weeks ago it was Philadelphia. Last night it was Chicago. A seventy-five mile gale swept down off the Lake during the night, accompanied by a downpour which drenched some sixty thousand visitors ^{to} ~~of~~ the World's Fair, ^{and} ~~causing~~ ^{ed} no end of confusion.

The World's Fair officials tell us that considerable property damage was done in the Fair Grounds. In ~~another~~ part of Chicago the roof of a building was blown clean off, and a young man was killed. In various parts of the city no less than fifteen were injured.

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FREAK STORM

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I spend nearly all of my spare time reading newspapers from all over the world, and in that excellent publication The Royal Gazette and Colonist of Hamilton, Bermuda, I came across an item about a freak storm that hit a group of warships.

His Britannic Majestys West Indies squadron was smacked by a terrific hurricane. There was no advance warning of the tempest. Early in the morning the barometer took a sudden drop, and in ten minutes the wind had reached a velocity of 132 miles per hour, bringing with it rain so dense you couldn't see your hand. Men were blown from one side of the Canadian Vessel Champlain to the other. Awnings were torn into ribbons. Iron stanchions were bent like hair pins. Rigging was carried away and one of the huge iron bollards to which H.M.S. Dauntless was made fast, was actually wrenched out of the jetty with tons of concrete clinging to its base.

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Nearby houses on the islands had their roofs torn off. Great trees were ripped up by the roots and two

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and one-half inches of rain fell in an hour.

A ship's cat attempted to jump from a gun platform to save one of her nine lives. In mid-air she was picked up by the wind and hurled into the breakwater one hundred feet from the ship.

el. { You can realize what a wind this must have been when I add that the terrible storm of 1926 which sank the "Valerian" south of Bermuda attained a velocity of 120 miles per hour, and this one a velocity 12 miles greater than that.

The hurricane struck at 7:30 in the morning and by 8 o'clock that 132 mile an hour storm had passed and there was not even a flicker of a breeze, perfect tranquility and cloudless sky.

CONVICTS

Those escaped convicts from the Kansas Penitentiary still have a large portion of the Southwest in a condition of terror. One of the felons has been captured and is being held in Oklahoma. But those who are still at large appear to be running riot all over Oklahoma, holding up people on the highways, and robbing, terrorizing and kidnapping. No less than ten people have been abducted, although all of them have since been set free.

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RENOVIZE

A week or so ago I told about a movement that seems to be extremely popular in ^{our smallest state,} ~~Rhode Island~~. It is called Renovize Rhode Island. Well, the Renovize idea seems to be spreading. I learned today that it has found its way into forty-eight states. The railroads are getting behind it. So far forty-five different railroads have joined the movement, fourteen ~~railroads~~ coming in during the past six days.

All this started at Philadelphia. During January and February of this year Philadelphians pledged themselves to spend twenty-two million dollars in repairs to dwellings, apartment houses, hotels, office buildings, theatres, and so on. The whole idea is to buy now, repair now, before prices are any higher, and while labor is cheaper than it has been.

L.T. Personal Correspondence.

HORSE.

They had an interesting trial in England recently over a horse. A gentleman claimed damages from a riding school because a mare named "Pixie" bolted and threw him. He said the school had given him a mount known to be dangerous. The riding school was unkind enough in its defense to claim that the injury the gentleman sustained was due to the fact that he wasn't such a good rider.

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~~The riding school brought several witnesses to testify that the mare in question was mild and peaceful as a horse on a merry-go-round. One of the witnesses, a 13 year old girl, told the court she had ridden "Pixie" in a jumping competition only a few days before the trial.~~

But ~~One of the other~~ ^{she} witnesses was an American lady 80 years old. This lady, whose name is Miss Katherine Foot and comes from Camden, South Carolina, is visiting friends in London. Miss Foot told the court she had been riding horses for 74 years. In her home in South Carolina she hunts regularly and also plays polo. Incidentally

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she testified that she had frequently ridden this so-called dangerous mare and the mare never gave her any trouble.

Well, my hat's off to any ~~woman~~
80 year old lady who plays polo. If
I can sit on a polo pony without
falling off when I'm 78 I'll be
satisfied.

CITIES

For quite a while scientists have been exercised over the problems offered by the growth of large cities, problems of human life and health. Dr. E. E. Free in the Week's Science tells us that two American ^{Biologists,} ~~Geologists,~~ Professor Allee and Dr. Cary, of the University of Chicago, are of the opinion that the best way to solve the growing problems of healthful and comfortable lives in great cities, may be to forget them. In other words, ^{Follow George Washington's advice in the unequal book + move to Live - let's all} let's all move back into the country and let cities either shrink or disappear. If all the great cities were to vanish off the face of the earth, some of these scientists say, it would be no loss, but rather a gain so far as human health, nerves, and comfort are concerned.

There are five major problems in city life for which no solutions are in sight. In the first place there's the pollution of the air from smoke and other causes. Most experts agree that it is impossible to cure this condition so long as fires and ~~gasoline~~ engines must be permitted within the city limits. Then there's the question of noise. Noise is inevitable so long as we have mechanical transportation. The extreme heat of summer cannot be

avoided so long as tall buildings restrict the circulation of air.

Another important city problem is the exceeding expense and

difficulty of providing city people with food that is pure and

unspoiled. Our food supply is adequate but to bring it in fresh

and ^{uncontaminated} ~~unspoiled~~ entails a terrific expense. The same answer applies

to the problems of sanitation and over-crowding.

Therefore, say Professor Allen and Dr. Cary, "the best way

to solve the city's difficulties is just ~~ixx~~ to leave them behind."

That's an interesting answer. ^{When do we ~~with that~~ start?}
~~The only trouble is that for most~~

~~people who live in cities it is impossible to leave under present conditions.~~

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*This is open season for
honorary degrees. For instance*

~~Here is a rather unusual item from Kansas.~~
~~This afternoon, at~~ St. Benedicts College at Atchison,
has just given
Kansas, John Young, staff announcer of the National Broadcasting
Company, ~~was given~~ the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

John Young is the young man who conducts Catholic broadcasts
over the NBC networks, and he played a part in the broadcasting
of the Pope from Rome. He is only thirty-one, and is the
fourth person to receive an L.L.D. from St. Benedicts in
seventy-five years. Certainly striking recognition for a
radio announcer.

L.T.

WHISTLING

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