Good Evening, Everybody: -

The most amusing thing I've run across in many a day is a story that came this afternoon, right from the French Riviera. It includes the names of enough celebrities to sound like an item about an all-star revival or something of that sort.

Bubu. It seems that Bubu spent a joyous afternoon at one of the most fashionable tennis clubs on the Riviera. And by the time Bubu had had his fun, that tennis club looked like it had been slapped by the tail of a typhoon. And the celebrities? Well, the dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press, says that Bubu upset many things including an old tradition that whiskey precedes fun. Bubu, it appears, had his fun first and his liquor afterwards.

When Bubu showed up at the tennis club, among

Peggy Toyce,

those present were Maurice Chevalier, Fanny Brice, one of the

Dolly sister, Maurice deKobra, the author, the Princess

Sherbetoff, three Italian princes, seventeen Russian princes, four barons, one marquis and a couple of gentlemen. A tennis match was in progress, when suddenly, Bubu, who is a large monkey, appeared x x ight x in bounded to the middle of the court as calmly and gracefully as a young cyclone. He rushed up to the net, thumped himself on the chest, half a dozen times, and let out five piercing yells, and grabbed a tennis racquet.

Two women fainted. Three Russian princes, who had never before been known to take exercise, jumped a brick wall six feet high. Bubu swung the raquet and kept on swinging until he hit himself on the head. This annoyed him. He let out a yell and made a rush for a table at the side of the courts. Two more women fainted. Peggy Joyce decided it was time to powder her nose. Maurice Chavaliar, who was hiding behind a concrete pillar, saw an exit that nobody was using then, so he did.

Bubu then grabed a box full of tennis balls. He started to pitch to everybody. He threw curves, spitballs, fade-aways, drops and some right down the groove. Two more

women fainted. Tennis balls were bouncing off walls, through windows, off the heads of the guests, When Bubu got through throwing all the balls away, he went to work on the raquets.

He smashed five of them against a brick wall and decided it was time for a drink.

When the gendarmes arrived, escorted by a squadron of Luarde Republicane, calmly the republican guard, Bubu was sitting at the bar, sipping an abandmed whiskey and soda. It turned out that he had escaped from a Gyps; camp near Cannes.

Sounds a bit tall - but that's the way it came over the press wires from France.

Affairs seem to be coming to a climax in Ottowa.

The chances for an agreement between Great Britain and Canada are more hopeful, although a dispatch to the Montreal Star indicated that the delegates have encountered a snag on the subject of wheat.

John Bull today offered the Dominion of Canada

preferential tariffs on wheat, copper and lumber. He asked

in return to be given preference on textiles, leather, iron,

steel and coal. If this offer is accepted, it will mean the

loss of a hundred million dollars a year in trade for Uncle Sam.

Canada has been a good customer of the United States on all the

items mentioned.

The snag about which they are talking is that Canada asked Great Britain to put an embargo on imports of wheat from Russia. This was refused by the British delegates because they feared that it would injure John Bull's trade with the Soviet government. Russia has cut her imports from the United States to one-tenth of what they were two years ago. England has

benefited by this.

Prime Minister Bennett of Canada and Stanley Baldwin, leader of the British Delegation to the Imperial Economic Conference, had a talk conference today on this agreement. They hoped to finish these discussions tomorrow and to have the agreement completed by Wednesday so that it can be signed Thursday, and perhaps the conference will be over this week.

## GERMANY

Uncle Sam, as well as several foreign governments, are watching affairs in Germany with much concern. Diplomats and foreign office s are anxious over that duel which now seems to be raging between President von Hindenburg and Adolph Hitler.

Williams Phillips Sims, Foreign Editor of the Scripps-Howard papers, puts it that since Hindenburg refused him the last Saturday chancellor's job, Hitler to-day is in a rebellious position.

PState Department officials in Washington consider that Germany faces another dangerous crisis.
today is in a perilous condition. It is pointed out that if Herr Hitler backs down and accepts a subordinate position in the cabinet, his hypnotic power over his fire-eating followers will be gone forever. Adolph Hitler has risen to power by playing the roaring lion and xxx eating his meat raw. If he turns into a lamb and laps milk from the President's hand, his leadership will be weakened. On the other hand, if the President yields and accepts Hitler as the chancellor on his own terms, the aged and beloved field marshall will lose his was prestige and popularity. Foreign observers seem to see more blooshed in the near future for Germany. A condition amounting almost to a reign of terror is reported in a dispatch to the Cincinnati Post, from Granite, Oklahoma. More than twenty convicts escaped from the reformatory at Granite. They fled through the southwest, causing panic as they went. They stabbled and kidnapped business men. They entered homes and stole motor cars.

As twenty-three of these convicts dashed out of the reformatory last night, they shot an eighteen-year-old boy who was passing by. At the latest reports, only four of them had been captured.

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better in the streets and buildings of Moscow. Not so many in Leningrad. But the appearance of the people has not changed. They still are shabbily dressed and seem sad and serious. They afe enduring privations for the sake of what they regard as the greater good, the building up of the major industries.

Food will be scarce this coming winter and a reduced coal production, Unless checked, will seriously cripple industries and transportation.

The one thing that impressed me profoundly this summer as it did two years ago was this - If the American people were as loyal to American ideals and institutions, as willing to make sacrifices, many of the political and economic ills that afflict us would soon be exterminated.

## BUSINESS

An optimistic note for business men was sounded today

of Cleveland

by a famous economist. He is Colonel Leonard P. Ayres - the

those famous business

same Colonel Ayres who made the charts for the Literary Digest

that Leonard so much about sometime ago.

Well, Colonel Ayres told a reporter for the New York Sun that business has improved already, but, he adds, trade barriers are impeding recovery. The government should remove those barriers, declares Colonel Ayres, barriers such as red tage, tarrif walls and so on.

England Council has been getting up a list of business improvements throughout that part of the country. This compilation was made public today. It shows that some textile mills have more than doubled production in the last few weeks. Others have resumed operation after several weeks shutdown. In Massachusetts,

Rhode Island and New Hampshire hundreds of employees have been put back to work. One mills at Providence put 650 more looms into operation.

Shoe factories in New Hampshire are running at capacity. Similar stories come from Maine. Silk mills, smelters,

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hat factories, are running once more. Factories that turn out office furniture equipment, sardine canneries, range factories, luggage factories, are increasing production. And that isn't all.

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From San Francisco comes the information that employment throughout California increased 2½% in July.

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HOOVER

Political observers are talking today about that
economic conference which President Hoover has called for
next week - the conference of 150 of the country's business
leaders who are, as Mr. Hoover puts it, to map out a concerted
program of action along the economic front. The political observers see in this move a shrewd political device. It will
not only bring the President in contact with the foremost
business men of the country. It might even bring several
of them to his support. Such is the gist of a dispatch to
the New York Evening Post.

The conference is to cover a wide range of subjects.

The story points out that it is in conferences such as these that President Hoover is at his best. At such times he speaks without restraint, \*\*\* has command of a wide fund of information and discusses \*\* with vigor and \*\* effect. In such meeting\*\*

the President makes his most favorable impression.

This week the President is taking a rest, Hels gone fishing on Chesapeake Bay, with a few friends.

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Even if the President has gone fishing it looks as the the Presidential campaign is well under way because, today, the Rep. National Committee opened its offices. The Republicans have taken an entire floor of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

TAXES

An intelligent idea came today from Syracuse, N.Y.

The mayor of that city announced today that the unemployed

man who owns a small home will not be sold out for delinquent

taxes. Instead, he will be given work by the city at the rate

of \$4 per day until he has worked his taxes off.

This new plan will help hundreds of small property owners. These have been in a peculiarly unfortunate position.

Being home owners, they were declared not eligible to be helped out of the funds available for the jobless. "It is they," said the Syracuse mayor, "who are the real 'forgotten men'." They must pauperize themselves before they can qualify for any practical help."

ALBANY

Late this afternoon the trial of Mayor Jimmy Walker

of New York before Governor Roosevelt in Albany became lively.

A so-called mystery woman was brought into the case. She seems

to have been involved in a \$20,000 stock transaction with Russell

Sherwood, the mayor's juch discussed but missing financial agent.

Herrick, a former Park Commissioner of New York, was on the stand. She was presumably a friend of Mayor Jimmy and was in Havana at the time of the deal. (Mr. Herrick testified that he paid \$20,000 to Russell Sherwood for the purchase of a certain stock in behalf of this woman.)

The Mayor's lawyer wanted to strip the mystery away, as he put it, and place the lady's name on the record. But this was not done.

Another oratorical explosion resounded throughout the hall when Mr. Walker's lawyer tried to have all the charges surrounding the Mayor's connection with Sherwood struck from the records. The lawyer claimed these were private affairs. This brought an angry reply from the Governor. It looks as though this trial would drag on several days, yet.



HORSES

There was a young lady from Boston But
Then here's a story of a gallant young lady. She lives.

no, this isn't a limerick. Her

in Boston, her name is Esther Janes, and she's only eighteen

years old.

Metropolitan Driving Club in Boston, a \$150,000 fire which destroyed the club house, the stables and 44 of the horses.

All of the horses would have perished, possibly, if it had not been for the pluck and coolness of Miss Esther Janes. She led ten of the terrified animals through the smoke and flames to safety. And if you've ever seen horses frightened by fire, you will realize what a feat this was.

There was a crippled night watchman, 77 years old, on the place. One panic stricken horse almost prevented his escape, but the nerve of the young lady came to his rescue too.

That storm in Texas is still rampaging across the state, and has left in its wake 22 dead Texans, scroes of injured, and more than a million dollars damage. Whole fishing settlements were destroyed. Boats were swept out to sea. Houses were unroofed. Streets of several towns and cities are flooded with wreckage. Hospital wards are cluttered. Even the airport at Houston was destroyed.

The storm was reported to-day as having reached the neighborhood of Abilene, in west Texas.

SQUIRREL

Here's a nutty tale from Washington, D.C. Tt 18

about the squirrel and an important official of Uncle Sam's

One small lows squirrel is costing this official hundreds of dollars. He locked up his house and went to Vermont on a vacation. As soon as he left, the squirrel moved in. Apparently he got in through the chimney, But having got in, he to know couldn't get out. So he tried his way back to freedom.

One of the neighbors passing by saw the squirrel in the window. This neighbor had been asked to keep his eye on as much things. He found that the squirrel had raised/\*\*

In that house as a whole colony of beavers. Window \*\*

Casings and door frames were chipped and knawed beyond repair.

Furniture was damaged. Shades and curtains destroyed, carpets ruined. That squirrel had been working with his teeth night and day for two weeks.

The moral of that tale seems to be that you ought to we should say: take out squivrel-insurance.

Leave plenty of nuts around if you go away and shut your house,

Here's a morsel of news that ought to please people in Philadelphis Danbury, Conn., or anywhere else where they make hats. If you're the sort of person who likes to go around bareheaded, you'd better be careful. The gobbelins while get you if you don't watch out. This is not my opinion. A dispatch to the Louisville Times says it comes from an eminent French doctor.

Toulouse
This doctor, whose name is This war, says that if you

run around too long without a hat you get a screw loose. Apologies

to Milt Gross, but the doctor's name really is Thimmer Toulouse.

People who don't wear hats, says Dr. Screwloose, I mean Toulouse,

are likely to become criminals, commit suicide or organize revolutions. The sum, explains the doctor, may cause increases in crime,

suicide and rebellion. He declares that it is noticeable that in

the summertime drivers who do not wear hats are a menace to traffic.