

Nira

~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

Just as everybody thought the troubles in the coal mines of Pennsylvania were over, Governor Pinchot conveyed the information to Washington that they might break out again at any time. It looks as though someone was ~~getting~~ ready <sup>with</sup> a monkey wrench <sup>- ready</sup> to throw <sup>it</sup> into the apparently smooth working machinery of Nira. Governor Pinchot says the agreement between the H. C. Frick Coke Company and the workers has been violated, and he so ~~formally~~ informed the officials of the National Recovery Act.

Meanwhile the big whigs of the steel industry are meeting in Washington today. <sup>And</sup> I learn that the General Electric Company announces that it has adopted the electrical code. This means increases in salary running to eight million dollars a year for some forty-two thousand employes.

That shoe strike has been settled in Massachusetts.

I hear from Boston that the workers are going back on the job

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tomorrow ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> a wage increase of twenty per cent.

Another bit of news is that thirteen of the largest chain store and mail order concerns showed an increase of almost eight per cent ~~x~~ in their business for the month of July, the best record in several years.

~~Another bit of news~~ <sup>One item</sup> concerning Nira comes from Dr. ~~Reed~~

Reed Blair, the genial director of the great Bronx Zoo. Dr. Blair ~~tells~~ <sup>tells</sup> me that this afternoon a new zebra was born at the New York Zoological Park. The officials of the park had hoped to christen it Nira, but when they came to investigate it was not that kind of a ~~xx~~ zebra. So they named it Arin, which is Nira spelled backwards. Arin is thirty-one inches high at the shoulder, and came into the world weighing sixty-five pounds <sup>stripes and all.</sup>

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RACKET

The investigation by the Copeland sub-committee of the United States Senate into ~~CRIME, THE~~ crime throughout the U.S.A. continued apace today. The principal witness threw <sup>a bit of</sup> ~~out~~ a bombshell into the proceedings. That witness was George Medalie, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Medalie told the Senators that about the biggest racket in the United States was the Tammany Government of New York City. ~~This was a bit of a facer for Senator Dr. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee, since~~ ~~said~~ <sup>since</sup> ~~Senator Dr. Copeland is himself an uncompromising Tammany man.~~ Mr. Medalie explained his description of the Tammany Government racket by saying that it consisted in the padding of payrolls, the way in which city contracts are awarded, the employment of political favorites, and the alliance between city politicians and the racketeering world. ~~The bystanders observed that Senator Copeland changed the subject as soon as possible.~~

Incidentally, the State's Attorney <sup>of</sup> Cook County, *Illinois*, left Chicago this afternoon for New York where he will confer with



Professor Raymond Moley. It is believed that they will consider methods of obtaining a closer cooperation between <sup>the</sup> law enforcing machinery of the nation, the states, and the municipal governments.

By the same token the news was made public that Chicago's prosecutor has filed a formal demand with the United States Department of Justice for the return from the Federal Penitentiary of Scarface Al Capone. Chicago wants to put Capone on trial with a <sup>member</sup> ~~number~~ of the Chicago Board of Aldermen and others who have been indicted for conspiracy to control the cleaners and dyers racket in Cook County.

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WHEAT

There's an unprecedented situation in the wheat market today. So says Mr. Wallace, the Secretary of Agriculture, <sup>Czar of Agriculture they are calling him</sup> In spite of the talk of agreement between the big wheat producing countries to limit production, nothing actually has been done yet. Mr. Wallace says that if the other wheat nations don't agree to limit production, he will dump American wheat surpluses on the oriental market. At the same time he says Uncle Sam won't do anything before August twenty-fourth, when the international wheat conference will get together again. When and if they fail to come to terms, says the Secretary of Agriculture, his Department will have to take steps to protect wheat growers in the U.S.A.

For such an emergency a three point program has been worked out. One point will be the reduction of acreage. With this goes the payment of benefits to wheat farmers so as to keep up their ~~own~~ purchasing power, and the third step will be the export of surplus crops over the Pacific.

In Washington Mr. Wallace's threat is interpreted as a

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strong hint to Australia to get in line, which that commonwealth hitherto has been unwilling to do. Secretary Wallace says that of all the countries that import wheat, Great Britain and Austria are the only ones who have shown any genuine willingness to help solve the problem.

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CUBA

If there was any doubt that Uncle Sam would recognize the new regime in Cuba, that doubt was set at rest today. (President Roosevelt from the White House made public a message he sent to the new provisional president of the Island, Doctor de Cespedes.)

*The President*  
~~the President~~ cabled: "In acknowledging Your Excellency's courteous message and in reiterating the good wishes which at my request Ambassador Welles has already transmitted to you, I recall with pleasure memories of our old friendship during the days of the Administration of President Wilson in Washington."

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On the subject of *Cuban* recognition the State Department declares that there never was any question about it. The establishment of the new Cuban government in the judgment of the State Department, was brought about by a constitutional means. Therefore, recognition becomes automatic.

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ADD CUBA

Secretary of State Hull gave out a statement today saying that latest advices from Cuba indicate that the new government is firmly establishing itself on a solid basis and that already conditions are almost normal. The State Department said further that one of the American warships has been withdrawn and ordered back to its naval base at Guantanamo. The other destroyers of Uncle Sam's will be recalled in short order.

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NAZI

John Bull's ship owners are on the warpath against the Hitler government of Germany. A report had become current that the Nazis intended to prohibit the exporting of German goods unless they were shipped in German bottoms. Well, today a deputation of British ship owners called on the British Board of Trade and demanded retaliation. They want John Bull to go a step further and prohibit all German shipping in British ports.

This brought from the Berlin government an official denial that it intends to try to enforce the shipping of German goods in German ships.

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ZIMMY

Charlie Zimmy, the famous legless swimmer from California, had to give up his attempt to swim the English Channel. *Zimmy* stuck it out for eleven hours but the choppy waters were too much for him, or maybe it was the cigars which they say he smokes while ~~he~~ <sup>*Zimmy*</sup> is ~~z~~ swimming.

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BEEBE

My friend Dr. William Beebe, the famous ichthyologist, is off again. (~~Ixm~~ Ichthyologist is what the Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary calls a man who knows all about fish.) Dr. Bill is bound for the bottom of the ocean once more. He will sail tomorrow aboard the Queen of Bermuda to resume his explorations on the ~~floor~~ of the sea in his famous bathysphere. With him will go Miss Gloria Hollister, and the other assistants who helped him last year.

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DOPE

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Some of you may remember that a few days ago the head of Uncle Sam's narcotic Squad promised some sensational revelations concerning the doping of horses on the race track, revelations which, it is said, will affect many of the biggest and most famous stables in America. One step in Uncle Sam's clean-up of this racket was achieved today. Three of the peddlers who were supplying narcotics for ~~the~~ administering <sup>shots in the arm -</sup> shots in the leg <sup>I mean - -</sup> ~~to~~ horses, went on trial in Chicago today, in the Federal Court.

They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison. The head of the Narcotic Squad says these three are unimportant figures, just pawns in the big racket.

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## REX

Another transatlantic record is about to be broken. This time by the great Italian liner Rex. The Rex was due in New York Thursday at nine o'clock. But today her Commander radioed the officers of the liner in New York that he will bring his ship in Wednesday morning, just twenty-four hours ahead of schedule.

The Rex left Genoa August 10th. The present transatlantic records are held by C.P.R. Empress of Britain and the Bremen and Europa of the North German Lloyd Line. For ships coming from Italy the crossing distance is measured from Gibraltar to New York. When the Rex passes Sandy Hook at nine A.M. tomorrow, she will have done that distance in four and a half days.

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CANAL

They're talking <sup>again</sup> about digging a ship canal across Northern Florida. In fact, the ~~conversations~~ conversation has got to the point where the Secretary of the Interior has ordered a survey to be made of the proposition.

This Canal, if they build it, will cost more than a hundred millions. People who are in favor of it say that it will be an invaluable short-cut for ships on the way from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf. *Others say it may divert the Gulf Stream and upset the climate of Old Mother Earth.*

Mr. Ickes, the Secretary of the Interior, is also being urged to spend fifty-one million dollars of Uncle Sam's money for flood control in Lower Mississippi. The work has already been authorized but not begun. Mississippi folks say that if the job is not started within six months, there will be another flood next Spring which *may* cost four times as much as the fifty-one million dollars <sup>*if now spent*</sup> for control work.

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## FASHION

Now for something to startle the ladies. A prosperous designer of fashions in Paris has arrived in America on the swagger French liner Il de France saying as he stepped ashore that for the first time in history "French fashions have gone completely American." He attributes this to the influence of American films and the popularity of certain American film stars in Paris. Well, well, so the Rue de la Paix has gone Hollywood Boulevard.

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## AIR PASSENGER RECORD

Travelling in the air seems to be coming faster every week. For instance, the United Air Lines have made the announcement that now they have planes leaving New York City at six p.m., Standard Time, arriving in Kansas City shortly after midnight; a trip which used to take eight and a half hours by air is now covered in a little more than six. In fact you can leave New York at four in the afternoon and arrive at Seattle in time for lunch next day.

By carrying 15,462 revenue passengers in July, United Air Lines have just established a new world's record for passenger flying.

By the same token, the General Air Express gives out the information that in one year it has carried over 275 tons through the air. That means more than half a million pounds. This represents an increase of 222%, everything from strawberries to fur coats, films, and live animals.



EMERSON

One episode of General - or I should say Marshal - Balbo's visit to America seems to have escaped mention in the newspapers on this side of the Canadian border. It occurred in Montreal.

Among the visitors in Canada at the time Balbo's armada arrived there was a ~~chap~~ who claimed to be a newspaper man from the States and the bearer of an exceedingly illustrious name. He represented himself as a reporter for a Chicago newspaper and actually obtained entrance to the official reception given to Balbo and his men by the Montreal dignitaries. However, getting in proved to be a different matter from staying in. The self-styled newspaper man was ejected from the function. Some say because of a conviviality so excessive that it exhausted the patience ~~of~~ of even the hospitable Canadians who are pretty long-suffering with conciviality people from the States.

(3) The next day all Montreal was guffawing over the news ~~frankly~~ that the man <sup>who</sup> was ejected from the party had challenged Balbo to a duel. The Italian Air Marshal made no reply. Indeed, it is doubtful whether the challenge ever got to his ears at all.

Getting no satisfaction our pugnacious fellow countryman returned to New York by airplane. Twenty-four hours later, however, a telephone bell rang insistently at two o'clock in the morning in the home of Captain Young, the head of Canadian Colonial Airways and representatives in Montreal of American Airways. Who was ringing? Why, that same convivial reporter. He had turned right around the flown back to Montreal and wanted to know whether Captain Young would pay a thirty dollar taxicab bill for him. The Captain replied emphatically "no." It was not until later that he learned the reason for this midnight call. The visitor from the States had tried to get into every hotel in Montreal and had been refused admission, so he was spending the night riding around in the taxicab. When the meter rose to the neighborhood of thirty dollars, it was discovered he had no money. So the next thing he knew he was in the Montreal City jug.

The sequel to the story of this challenge to General Balbo is that the summary convictions court of Montreal pronounced him insane and ordered him deported to the United States.

Just another newspaper man gone nuts.

Sherwin

## HOBOES

I received an invitation the other day which unfortunately I was unable to accept. It came from garulous nomadic Jeff Davis, who describes himself as King of the Hoboes. King Jeff invited me to be present at their twenty-fifth annual convention around the old slum-gullion can.

Well, that convention is on right now in Chicago. The purpose of it as stated by the Hoboes King, is to obtain justice. They want a hobo code to comply with the provisions of the National Recovery Act. King Jeff Davis declares: "We demand justice, not charity." Hoboes are not tramps. We're just hoboes -- itinerant workers." Then he added that during the hard times a hundred and fifty thousand enrolled and accredited hoboes refused to accept charity. One of their mottoes is: "Never try for another man's job, and never work for nothing."

Part of the code they propose is that they will not work in restaurants if they in doing so they deprive married men of jobs. They will not clean sidewalks, shovel snow, or chop wood for less than fifty cents an hour. Hoboes, they say, must not cheapen their labor to the gade of coolies. Well, I



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belong to that hobo outfit and I couldn't be there. But here's  
hoping the Chicago bulk ain't hostile as King Jeff would say.

PRAYER MEETING

The bulletin of the Royal Arcanum relates that a clergyman in Scotland ran into the village ne'er-do-well. Much to that individual's astonishment the parson stopped, shook him by the hand, and said:

"Tom, I'm so glad you've turned over a new leaf."

This was news to Tom who replied:

"Who? Me?"

"Yes," continued the parson, "I was so glad to see you at the prayer meeting last night."

"Oh," replied Tom, "so that's where I was, was it?"

Literary Digest.

Well' here's another Tom,  
Who may not know where  
he is, ~~but~~ but he's on his way - + s-l-u-t-m.