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MOSCOW

The dramatic trial of ^{these} ~~the~~ six Englishmen and eleven Russians in Moscow is almost over. Today the prosecutor summed up his case against the prisoners. The gist of his plea was! — death for ~~the~~ six of the eleven Russians, and mercy for the six Englishmen. In fact, the Russian prosecutor entirely exonerated one of the six Englishmen, *who as a matter of fact is a Welshman — by name Gregory.*

The defense is still to be heard from. After the prisoners' lawyers have had their say, they themselves will be allowed to make any statements they want. ~~to~~. It is expected the verdict and sentence will be published on Wednesday.

~~Good Evening, Everybody.~~

Reports from Washington today indicate that President Roosevelt in the next few weeks will be up against a serious fight. Hitherto his plans have gone over in jig time and with only the most formal sort of opposition. In fact, ^{for} the first six weeks of his administration he ^{has} had things practically his own way.

But those six weeks are over and there are signs and omens of rebellion in the congressional ranks. Both Senators and Representatives are showing noticeable hesitation about complying with the President's proposals off hand. In the first six weeks many members of Congress voted for measures which they had ~~not~~ ^{hardly} even read through. Today they are not only reading them, they are reading them carefully and several times.

^{Ray Clapper, the Washington correspondent}
Then too, reports ~~have~~ that the lobbies of

powerful interests ~~xx~~ which were pretty well silenced in the early weeks of the administration are beginning to find their voices.

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For instance, ^{he says} ~~one report has it that~~ bankers are putting the brakes on measures which were designed to make banks safe for depositors. Opposition has also made itself more loudly heard ^{with reference to} ~~against~~ the bill to protect the ~~public~~ public ^{from being struck with} ~~against the sale of~~ unsound stocks and bonds.

The real estate interests are up in arms against the proposals to finance cheap building projects with government money as part of the new public works program.

They say too, that big railroad men don't care for ~~President's~~ President Roosevelt's plan for a federal coordinator of transportation companies.

So the next few weeks will be a severe test of the President's mettle. He will have to put through his extraordinary plans in the face of an opposition that is becoming every day more organized and more vigorous. *And that gives promise of an exciting fight.*

LABOR

The Senate reasserted itself today on the subject of the thirty hour week. That was the bill of Senator Black, *prohibiting the interstate shipment of articles manufactured* ~~providing that no articles could be shipped from one state to another, or from the United States abroad, which were manufactured~~ *that is articles* in factories where the hours of work were ~~longer~~ *more* than six hours a day, five days a week.

Democratic leaders demanded that this bill be reconsidered.

The motion ~~to reconsider~~ came up in the Senate today and was turned down by a vote of fifty-two to thirty-two. In other words, the Senate stands by its guns and refuses to alter the bill as originally passed. ~~in any respect~~. So now it ^{is} ~~is~~ up to the House. ~~of Representatives.~~

It is known, or at any rate it is generally believed in Washington, that President Roosevelt is in favor of the principle of Senator Black's bill. But not of the measure as it stands at present. Mr. Roosevelt would like one that would be more flexible, one that would permit of working hours being regulated so as not to inflict hardship on manufacturers in certain industries.

While the Senate was reasserting itself on the labor question the House of Representatives was busy with the armament problem. The House adopted a resolution authorizing the President to ^{declare} ~~declare~~ an embargo on the shipment of arms to nations which are at war. ~~whenever the President sees fit~~

This resolution was introduced at the request of Secretary of State Hull. President Hoover ~~constantly~~ asked for ^{this and} ~~one alone~~

~~the same lines~~, but Congress ~~always~~ turned him down. ~~this President~~ Roosevelt asked for it and got it by a resolution ~~was pushed through for President Roosevelt by a~~

vote of 252 to 110.

INFLATION

The ~~money~~ bogey man of currency inflation raised his head once again today in the United States Senate. His reappearance has been expected for some time. Senator Hugh~~ie~~ Long, the celebrated Louisiana Kingfish, ~~was~~ appeared as the leader of the inflationists.

Congressional leaders believe this is one of the *most* formidable of the fights that President Roosevelt is going to be up against. Senator Hugh~~ie~~ for his part claims that the President is pledged, as he puts it, unqualifiedly pledged, to inflating the currency at once. He argued that the depreciation in foreign currencies ~~were~~ leading Uncle Sam's dollar straight to the slaughter *home*.

The inflation question came to light in the form of amendments offered to the administration's farm relief bill.

One of these ^amesrues is offered by Senator Wheeler of Montana who wants free silver coinage at sixteen to one, *the old Bryan war cry.*

Hugh~~ie~~ Long declared ^{*in his own words: -*} that the Farm Relief Bill, ~~as he puts it,~~ "without currency fits the farmer about as well as a sock would fit a chicken." He went on to point out that Uncle

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Sam's foreign trade is being killed all over the world because countries with depreciating currencies are able to undersell us.

What the Kingfish proposed is an appropriation of a hundred million dollars for the purchase of silver. ~~Which~~ ^{Then} he would have coined at somewhere between fourteen and fifteen to one.

Democratic leaders say ~~that~~ all these inflation proposals will be defeated. But they admit ~~that~~ there will be a hard fight. ~~about it~~

WHITE HOUSE

The Weather Man ^{started to} play ~~a~~ a nasty x trick on the Washington youngsters and their ^{Easter} egg-rolling ceremonies on the White House

lawn today. Nevertheless, thousands of ~~both~~ children and grown-ups were on the spot. As the President himself ^{standing on the White House steps,} remarked to the crowd:

"There seem to be as many grown-ups here as there are children."

Mr. Roosevelt also said: "I wish I could ^{go down and} ~~go down and~~ join you."

Mrs. Roosevelt was with the President, as well as their daughter Mrs. Dall, and their two grandchildren.

The egg-rolling ~~xx~~ had to be postponed several times on account of the rain, but the sun eventually came out and the ^{fun went on.} ~~play was on.~~

FRANCE

Monsieur Eduard Herriot, former Prime Minister of France, is on his way to the U. S. A. He left on the Ile de France for New York and will be in Washington the end of this week for ~~th~~ long anticipated conversations with President Roosevelt on the subject of war debts and world economic problems. It was made known today that M. Herriot's status ~~is~~ is that of an observer and not a negotiator. This because in order to take part in any definite negotiations he would have had ~~to~~ either ^{to} bring with him or promise the payment of France's debt instalment on which she defaulted last December. As the French government is in no position at present either to make or definitely promise this payment right now, because the Chamber of Deputies says ~~yes~~ no, M. Herriot will come to Washington in an unofficial capacity just as several representatives of Uncle Sam have been visiting Europe the ³² last few years.

MacDONALD

Meanwhile Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain on the high seas is completing ^{the}~~his~~ program for his activities in Washington. The British Prime Minister is on the Berengaria holding daily conferences with his advisors. He was also in touch with the U. S. A. by radio. As a result of these conversations it became known that he has agreed to make two speeches to us Americanos while he is here.

AUSTRIA

about Hitlerism
The latest ^{is} that the Republic of Austria will soon come under Nazi rule. The authority for this statement is no less than Leon Trotsky, a man decidedly out of sympathy with anything the Nazis stand for.

A letter from Trotsky who is said to be particularly well informed about the situation in Austria, has been made public in Vienna. The former Chief of the Red Army says the Socialist government in Vienna is to blame, that their policy is passive and sterile. A Hitlerite Government in Austria he, therefore, thinks is inevitable. At the same time he does not believe the union between Austria and Germany will come to pass. That, he thinks, will be prevented by France and the other ~~countries~~ countries controlled by France.

MANCHURIA

There's reassuring news from the Far East for those who have friends and relatives in Asia. A good deal of alarm had been felt and expressed concerning the safety of Americans in the town of Changli which was bombed yesterday by the Mikado's airplane^s. Today reports come to the State Department from Uncle Sam's Consulate General in Tientsin giving the information that all Americans there are safe.

7 At the same time we ~~xxxx~~ learn that the Japs are planning to advance still further south of the Great Wall. Of course, there's nothing particularly astounding in this. The Chinese have been saying for years that the little brown men from Nippon intended to grab a large area of Chinese territory.

Uncle Sam's diplomats in Peiping and Tientsin are considering evacuation of all Americans in the war zone. There's considerable property belonging to ^{U.S. citizens} ~~Americans~~ in that zone and the lines of hostility seem to be widening all the time.

CHINESE PRONUNCIATION

From time to time I receive letters asking me just how to pronounce the name of that city and province over in China which is spelled J-e-h-o-l. In Boston there's an office known as the Chinese Service Bureau. The head of it is my friend, an Americanized, volcanic, and charming gentleman of China, by name Doctor Tehyi Hsieh. Dr. Tehyi Hsieh dropped in to see me so I asked him to set me right about that pronunciation, once and for all. He says there are various ways of saying it, depending on what part of China you come from. The Southern Chinese call it Chee-hoel. The people of the North pronounce it Ruh-hor. He says they pronounce Peking -- Pai-ching, and Nanking -- Nanching.

So I guess we'd better use the ordinary Anglicised pronunciation.^s That is, pronounce them the way they look:- Jehol (Jay-hol), Peking, and Nanking.

PIRATES

In the China seas the days of Captain Kidd are still alive. It became known today that pirates have attacked and captured a customs cruiser belonging to the Chinese Government.

Two British subjects were killed in the fight. The Chinese government ship has been seized as booty.

*Sixteen men on
the Dead Man's Chest, yo ho ho and a bottle
o' rum.*

STEEL

The week begins with one piece of encouraging news, that is, an increase in the steel industry. The magazine "Steel" issues a report today that production is up three points. This brings it to ~~twenty~~ twenty and a half per cent ~~of~~ capacity. It is due in considerable part to an uplift^t in the production of motor cars. There are indications, too, of more buying ~~exhibited~~ by railroads.

ADD STEEL

Incidentally a significant statement was made today by a prominent industrial executive, Myron Taylor, chairman of the Board of ^{the} United States Steel Corporation.

It is significant because Mr. Taylor among financial men is celebrated for being ~~very~~ exceedingly cagey and ~~and~~

The Wall St. Journal tells us
cautious. And this is what Mr. Taylor said to his stockholders today:

"Better times are ahead."

He said further that the steel industry, in operating at roughly 21 per cent of its capacity, has reached the ^{highest} ~~highest~~ point seen since March 1932. In conclusion Mr. Taylor repeated the statement, "We are on the way to better things."

BASEBALL

Baseball fans in Boston ^{are growling — and they} have a legitimate complaint.

It's almost a week since the season opened and the Boston fans are still ^{waiting} ~~have~~ to see their first game, this year. Even today

rain caused another postponement in the Hub. ~~city as in several~~

H ~~others~~ Jupiter Pluvius, god of ~~the~~ rain sure don't seem to be no baseball fan — the old soak,

BUCK

The controversy between Mrs. Pearl Buck, missionary and novelist, and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, is getting more attention every day. It became known ^{this afternoon} ~~today~~ that Mrs. Buck, whom most people remember as author of that fascinating book "The Good Earth" has refused to appear before the Board to answer charges of heresy. These charges were publicly brought against her by a Presbyterian clergyman in Philadelphia.

The Reverend gentleman of Philadelphia accuses Mrs. Buck of irreligious liberalism. Mrs. Buck wrote ~~an~~ a magazine article a few months ago and several of the statements in it are ^{objectionable to} ~~taken in bad part by~~ ^{straight-laced} several Presbyterians. In one part of the article she criticized the Board of Foreign Missions ~~Missionaries~~ for the kind of people they send out to preach in foreign countries. In one paragraph she wrote as follows:

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"I can never have done with my apologies to the Chinese people that in the name of a gentle Christ we have sent to them ignorant people, arrogant people, and superstitious people."

So the people who object to those statements want Mrs. Buck tried on charges of heresy. Mrs. Buck declined to modify or qualify any part of her article and her husband made public her refusal to come to New York to talk matters over. *So there's an interesting, dramatic story to follow in your daily newspaper.*

GOLDFISH

An amusing burglary story came to light in the courtroom in Brooklyn today. The burglars, two young men of sixteen and seventeen, were accused of having broken in to a building where goldfish are being bred.

They gained entrance by breaking a window, and were starting to steal some of the valuable goldfish.

says the Brooklyn Times-Union
Now it so happened that this goldfish plant which was owned by some Japanese, had already suffered serious depredations. As they put it themselves, "associates from the Land of the Rising Sun took the loss of several thousand ~~of~~ fish stoically enough, but it began to be a real American pain in ~~the~~ neck *to honorable Japanese.*"

So last night the Japanese, armed with shotguns, kept watch over their goldfish. Near dawn their vigils were rewarded. The two young men broke in. At this one of the waiting Japanese was struck by nervousness in the trigger finger and his gun went off. The youths squawked loudly and jumped. They jumped right into a huge tank full of water and goldfish.

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As the Japanese went on to describe the affair: "There
were fish to the right of them, ~~these in~~ fish to the left of them, fish
in their pants' legs and fish under their collars, ^{fish tickling their tummies,} fish ~~were~~ in
their hair, ^{and} ~~but~~ fear ~~was~~ in their hearts, [—] for they could ^{not} ~~not~~ swim."

So the Japs fished out the burglars and turned them
over to the police. And the chief grievance of those ^{Nipponese} goldfish
experts is that the immersion of ~~these~~ ^{the} burglarous youths ^{— the dive they took into} ~~in~~ that tank
scared ^{to death} ~~to death~~ thousands of valuable goldfish.

INSURANCE

This week is an anniversary in the insurance world. I suppose you might call it "Be Kind to Life Insurance Men Week."

By way of a reason for this celebration they are pointing out that in 1932 American life insurance companies paid to their policy holders and other beneficiaries the tidy sum of three billion one hundred million dollars. Well, here's hoping they don't have to pay yours for a long, long time -- and So Long Until Tomorrow.