

Good Evening, Everybody:

The most important ^{arena} ~~center~~ of news today is Washington;

~~and~~ ^{and} The most significant bit of information we get from there is that President Roosevelt himself is stepping up to the plate ^{with his} stick to bring increase of employment and purchasing power throughout the nation into line with expanding production and rising prices.

This became known in the capital after a series of hastily summoned conferences between the officials whom the President has appointed to administer the emergency measures at his disposal. We learn from the White House that the President is determined that a ~~quick~~ rise in the employment rate and also wage ^{levels} must be ~~brought~~ ^{quickly - mucho pronto -} brought about ~~as essential~~ to protect the recent increase in the prices of commodities.

The President's advisors have prepared several plans for his consideration. The White House expects to announce definite action within a short time. It is said that one of the

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proposals which are contemplated would establish temporarily a minimum wage throughout the nation and maximum working hours in all industries which have failed to come within the scope of either the ~~F~~ Farm Relief Act or NIRA, the National Industrial Recovery Act. Indeed, some of Mr. Roosevelt's advisors are talking of a working week of thirty-five hours with a minimum wage of fourteen dollars for all male workers. This suggestion will be submitted to ^{the President} ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ shortly.

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ROOSEVELT

Whatever the historians say about Mr. Roosevelt in the future, they certainly will not say that he was afraid of creating precedents. His latest idea is a super-cabinet. This super-cabinet will consist of the heads of all the new emergency agencies created for national recovery. They will meet every Tuesday at the White House. And these sessions will take the place of the usual Tuesday Cabinet meetings.

This super-cabinet will consist of the ^{Cabinet itself, plus} ~~Secretaries of~~

~~the various departments, Agricultural, War, Navy, State, Treasury,~~

~~and so forth. But in addition there will be present~~ the Director

of the Budget, the Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation,

the Governor of the Federal Farm Credit Administration, the Chairman

of the Home Loan Board, the head of the Tennessee Valley Authority,

the Administrator of NIRA, ~~the National Industrial Recovery Act,~~

the Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Federal

Relief Administrator, the Federal Coordinator of Transportation,

and the Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Wow! That

^{Formidable national board of directors,}
sounds like quite a ~~body of men.~~ Almost enough people there to

constitute a fair size Senate.

This aggregation will not be known officially as the super-cabinet. It will be known as the Council. It will meet every week throughout the summer in order to coordinate the work of all the new Government Agencies. Incidentally, the Secretary of the Council will be the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, ^{Mr. Frank Walker.} The White House announced that a secretary was found necessary in order that the business of the council meeting might be taken up in an orderly fashion.

This new move of President Roosevelt is considered as a sign that his entire program for domestic recovery will be moved in unison.

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SALARIES

Incidentally, though some of the new officials and advisors appointed by the President will have the spending of ^{gigantic} ~~huge~~ sums, they won't have much change to grow rich themselves. The gentlemen in charge of Industrial Recovery and Public Works are certainly not going to pile up any great surplusses out of the salaries they'll receive. The Cabinet board for Industrial control held a meeting today and decreed that the maximum salaries to be paid will be six thousand dollars a year. ~~If the Board approves~~ There may be exceptions to this ruling, in case it is necessary to engage high priced experts, ^{and if the Board approves,} But General Johnson, ^{of Nira,} the Administrator, did not ask for any exception to be made in his own case.

~~At the same time Part time experts will be paid at the rate of twenty-five dollars a day, with five dollars a day for expenses. This for a period not to exceed thirty days each.~~

So the Recovery program will not mean the erection of a gigantic payroll.

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BREAD

The old staff of life is still much in the news. Here is a telegram sent by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to the mayors of forty-nine cities on ~~the~~ subject ^{of the rise in the price of bread,} Mr. Wallace wired:

"The Department of Agriculture is receiving complaints of unreasonable increases in bread prices in your territory. The Department disapproves of ~~the~~ increase ^{to} ~~in~~ consumers! Bread cost in excess of the amount involved in market commodity price increases plus processing tax. In the case of bread," he added, "a special vigilance in consumers' interests is imperative. This is no time for pyramiding. Placing unwarranted burdens on the consumer should not be tolerated. The Attorney General is being informed of complaints. Governmental powers will be used if necessary. Please release to your local press."

Then there's ^{more} ~~plenty of~~ news from NIRA today, the

National Industrial Recovery Act. Administrator Johnson announced that the lumber industry has submitted its code for government approval. The lumber code carries a provision for conservation of timber throughout the U.S.A., and a minimum wage of twenty-two and a half

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CONFERENCE

Well, (chuckle) an amusing wireless message just reached me from London. It says: "The London ^{World} Economic Conference today wrapped itself up into a cocoon from which it hopes to emerge later with wings."

The steering committee today definitely decided that the Monetary Committee shall keep off all subjects that might lead to trouble. In short, the boys are trying to aim at a peaceful life. The Monetary Committee for the present will discuss only such subjects as ~~the~~ international private debts, and the question of silver. This puts a gag on the squabble between Uncle Sam and the gold countries, for the present at any rate.

Meanwhile the ~~Geneva~~ Economic Committee~~s~~ of the Conference will put aside such major questions as tariffs and subsidies.

Instead it will take up only such topics as the marketing of wines ^{the labeling, ~~that~~} and the branding, ~~the marketing~~ ^{all} of imported goods. *No ho, how's that for a heavy item.*

This, we hear, is just what the Frenchmen want. They want the conference to stall along until, as they put it, the

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Amerien dollar reaches its desired ultimate and fixed international value.

In other words, says my informer, the Conference will sleep until waked up by Washington. The opinion of all experts seems to be that it has been put into cold storage. The French Minister of Finance, head of the French delegation, will leave for Paris tomorrow, returning possibly at the end of the week.

They are now talking of a recess ^{from} July 24th, until sometime ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ the middle of September.

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Most people seem to agree that the only thing which could x revive the conference at present would be a reopening of the stabilization question by the United States. In other words, a change in President Roosevelt's mind on the question of stabilization.

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I'M ALONE

Do you remember the celebrated Canadian vessel "I'm Alone"? ~~They~~ If so, you may recall how ~~it~~ it almost upset the normally friendly relations between Uncle Sam and his northern neighbor, Canada. For the I'm Alone, which was said to be a rum runner, was sunk outside the twelve mile limit by one of Uncle Sam's destroyers.

Well, the case went to arbitration because the owners of the I'm Alone wanted to sue Uncle Sam for the loss of the vessel. The owners claimed that, rum runner or no rum runner, the I'm Alone was sunk outside the twelve mile limit. The defense of the Coast Guard boys, of course, was, that pursuit of the I'm Alone had started within the twelve mile limit, and that made the sinking legal.

Well, the State Department announced today that Supreme Court Justice Vanderventer, on behalf of the United States, and the Right Honorable Mr. Duff, of Canada, have submitted a joint report on the subject. The details have not yet been made public, but this ~~stormy~~ ^{thorny} question evidently is on the point of being decided.

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TOKYO

Here's a bit of unexpected news from Japan. The British Embassy in Tokyo today is surrounded by troops armed with rifles, bayonets, and trench helmets. In all other districts of the Japanese capital the highly efficient Jap police are guarding the homes of other unofficial British subjects. Also of high officials in the Mikado's government.

The origin~~x~~ of all this is a terrorist plot which was unearthed by the Japanese secret ^{service.} ~~police.~~ A wireless dispatch informs me that forty-nine Japanese already have been arrested, and the expectation is that many more will be in the ^{Tap cooler} ~~loop~~ before the plot is thoroughly squelched.

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LINDBERGH

Pan Am

The Lindberghs are on their way once more. They took off this afternoon at about four o'clock Eastern Daylight time from North Haven, Maine, for Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I learned by telephone that ten minutes after he took off Colonel Lindbergh radioed headquarters of Pan American Airways for weather reports. If conditions are favorable, he will land at Halifax, *along about now.* ~~otherwise he may have to stop at St. John's, New Brunswick.~~

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TURNER

Willard

An interesting session was held at the Hotel Willard in Washington today. It was a meeting of the contest committee of the National Aeronautic Association, and they got together to decide the dispute over who won the Thompson trophy at Los Angeles July 4th.

Of course, actually the race was won by Colonel Roscoe ~~Turner~~ ~~Turner~~. But the other competitors entered a protest, and the committee on the spot disqualified Turner.

Well, Colonel Turner appealed the case, and today he is in Washington for this purpose. Incidentally, if his claim is upheld, ^{reinteresting} Roscoe ~~Turner~~ will have corralled practically all the important air trophies in the United States this year.

Harry ^{Somerville} ~~Somerville~~.

BUSINESS

Incidentally, airplanes are not the only things that are going up. The price of rye took a jump towards the sky. The Wall Street Journal informs us that it went up seventeen cents in two days, and today there is a new high level for the grain market.

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This is attributed to the fact that people anticipate that the three hitherto dry states of Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee, will vote for ~~prohibition~~ repeal of prohibition this month. (That certainly sounds like optimism.) Another factor in favor of rye is that the government's processing tax as applied to wheat does not include the other grain.

But even wheat went up three and seven-eighths cents a bushel today.

Another thing we learned from ~~Wall~~ the Wall Street Journal is that the exports^s_A of motor cars from the United States and Canada in June was a hundred and twenty-seven per cent greater than June last year. Also Class One railroads reported to the

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Interstate Commerce Commission that in June they employed twenty thousand more men than they did in May. And Miss ~~Perkin~~ Frances Perkins, the Secretary of Labor, says that reports received by her department indicate that this is true for industries in general throughout the country at large.

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ITALIAN PALACE.

Merle Crowell

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A colorful ceremony is scheduled for New York tomorrow. It will be the breaking of ground for the Palazzo d'Italia, the Italian building, the new unit of the famous Rockefeller Center on Fifth Avenue.

The first spadeful of earth will be lifted by ^{Antonio} Senator Mosconi of Italy who is one of the most active backers of the new building. Senator Mosconi ^{is} ~~was~~ a former Finance Minister of Italy. He is also President of the third section of the Council of State, president of the Bank of Agriculture, and a member of many official boards in the political and financial fabric of Italy.

The ceremonies in Rockefeller Center will be broadcast all over the country and re-broadcast ^{by} ~~over~~ short-wave station KDKA to Italy.

^{Among the speakers} In addition to Senator Mosconi, will be Nelson A. Rockefeller and Colonel Arthur Woods, president of Rockefeller Center, ~~Inc.~~ The spade used on the occasion, ~~after it has been~~

~~used~~, will be ^{sent} ~~presented~~ to Premier Mussolini ^{perhaps} to dig in his own garden. ~~at~~ Rockefeller Center.

KIDNAPPING

(The kidnapping of the son of an influential politician in Albany has aroused officials all over the U.S.A. In fact, the authorities are so exercised that Uncle Sam himself is taking a hand. The "snatching" of ^{Young} John J. O'Connell of Albany is ^{really} ~~nearly~~ the culmination to a series of activities in this racket which has been scandalizing the country for more than six months.)

The ransom the snatchers are asking for young O'Connell is five times the amount they asked of Colonel Lindbergh. ^{Young} O'Connell is rated by the kidnapers at a quarter of a million dollars.

^{of Albany} Chief of Police Smurl told me on the telephone this afternoon that the entire police force of New York State is at work on the case. In fact York State, as they call it in Vermont, is virtually in a state of siege on the ^{Canadian} border line.

Governor Lehman has instructed Major Warner, head of the State Police, ~~and incidentally~~ (Al Smith's son-in-law,) to take personal charge of the search for young O'Connell. The Department of Justice in Washington has assigned its crack agent to the case.

Right on top of this Albany kidnapping, news comes of an equally insolent crime in the neighborhood of Chicago. August Luer, a rich banker and meat packer of Alton, Illinois was snatched from his home last night by two men and a woman, after a fight in which Mrs. Luer trying to protect her sick husband was smashed on the head by the crooks. Mr. Luer is 77 years old and has been ill for a long time. Chief of Police Hart of Alton informs me that the son, Carl Luer, has issued an appeal to the Kidnappers admitting his willingness to pay any ransom within his power. He says his father is suffering from heart trouble and needs constant medical attention.

I hear Governor Horner of Illinois has ordered 20 state troopers assigned to investigate it.

IRISH ENDING

Dr. Clark, a distinguished Irish Clergyman and Theologian, was known far and wide as an early riser. A young preacher wanted the Doctor to tell him how he managed to do it.

"Do you pray about it Dr. Clark?" asked the young divine.

"No," replied the famous theologian, "I don't pray about it, I just get up."

And Will Rogers alarm clock here in front of me says it's time for me to stop talking about and just get up and say

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.