

L.T. - Sunoco - June 1st, 1933.

~~MIDGET~~ Good Evening, Everybody:

*Waldorf
leave Hamburg*

(^A~~The~~ wily circus press agent tried to make some capital out of the bank inquiry of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.) And were those Senators sore. Early in the proceedings Senator Carter Glass of Virginia had openly declared that this investigation was nothing but a circus; ~~with~~ that all that was needed was peanuts and pink lemonade. He came pretty near being right today.

(A female midget about thirty inches tall, was brought into the Committee Room and introduced to the Morgan partners, including the great J. P. himself. Mr. Morgan, a punctilious man, rose to greet the miniature woman and had to bend almost double to shake hands. Then he sat down. The press agent of the circus in two shakes of a duck's tail, picked the midget up and plunked her down on the lap of J. P. Morgan. The next thing the bystanders knew a camera man conveniently located, flashed his bulb and, lo, there was a picture of J. P. Morgan with a female midget on his knee.)

The episode was so bald and bold that the Senators could not help observing it, and (Mr. Fletcher, Chairman of the Committee, got exceedingly, ~~and I must say, indignantly~~ hot under the collar.

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He first asked the photographers not to print the picture, but by the time he got those words out they were on their way to the office to develop the plates.) The Committee then decided that if those pictures are published, all camera men will be hoofed out of the Committee Room.

To get down to the serious business of the investigation, this Committee decided by a vote of eleven to three, to make public the Articles of Partnership of the House of Morgan. These Articles indicate that J. P. has absolute command over the firm that bears his name. Nevertheless, all the partners have considerable leeway

in transactions. *But in the last analysis J. P.'s word is law and he can fire any of his partners at any ~~season~~ time, for any reason, and for no reason.*
N.B.C.

GENEVA

The Disarmament Conference at Geneva has taken a four week's adjournment, and Norman H. Davis, Uncle Sam's Ambassador at large, is furious. Mr. Davis has frequently upbraided the delegates with stalling, and ~~as he puts it~~ "too much procedure." As he told his brother delegates: "I am not interested in procedure, but disarmament." In spite of this the Conference took the adjournment to enable its Bureau to take up several disputed questions which have risen up between delegates of various nations.

A wireless dispatch just received brings the information that Mr. Davis, in President Roosevelt's name, agreed to France's proposal for international control of armament. He made, however, the reservation that the U.S.A. must in no way be obligated to take part in any hostilities by reason of such agreement.

N.B.C.

LONDON

(Over in England they're talking about defaulting on the next instalment of the war debt payment due to Uncle Sam June 15th.

There ^{has} been no official pronouncement on the subject. The suggestions come from a section of the English newspapers.)

Raymond Gram ~~Swixxy~~ Swing cables the New York Evening Post that there's great disappointment both in official circles ~~of London~~ and at large, over the fact that when the American delegates sailed ^{for} ~~to~~ the World Economic Conference yesterday, President Roosevelt gave no indication of what he expects to be done about that payment. So we'll probably be hearing a good deal ^{on} ~~about~~ this troublesome question during the next couple of weeks.

N.B.C.

MUSSOLINI

There's something interesting in store for you Saturday.

(Prime Minister Mussolini of Italy will address the Italian Senate on the famous four power pact that he devised and which is gradually becoming an accomplished fact. You will probably recall that it is an agreement between Italy, France, Germany and England, to abstain from war for ten years, and to take a common line of action in all world affairs between those four powers.) In other words, Italy, France, Germany and England are erecting a peace pact of their own, a pact which ought to dominate the entire continent of Europe.

All this will be explained to the Italian Senators ~~within~~ by the Duce himself Saturday morning. The proceedings will be broadcast over the N.B.C. networks in this country. So at noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, you will be able to hear the famous Duce himself. Of course, he will speak in Italian, but for the benefit of those who do not understand, there will be a translation in English.

N.B.C.

Waldorf

CAMP

(A new experiment is being ~~xx~~ tried in New York State -- a labor camp for women. The idea originally ^{came from} ~~was~~ Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt ^{- Astoria}) She suggested it at a dinner at the Waldorf, several weeks ago.

Well, it seems that the idea suggested by the First Lady of the Land is now becoming an accomplished fact. I learn from Washington that a joint statement to that effect was issued today by Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor. The experiment is being conducted with federal funds. The idea ~~of course~~ is to have camps for women somewhat similar to the civilian conservation camps for men established by the President. If this experiment ~~will~~ in New York, which is going on high up on the western bank of the Hudson River in Bear Mountain Park, if this experiment is successful, similar camps will be established in other parts of the country. The New York camp will be in operation by the end of this week. ^{It} ~~This camp~~ will accommodate three hundred women at the nominal cost of five dollars each a week. Miss Perkins told us that no wages will be paid at the New York camps.

N.B.C.

BEER

Well, everything's all right now. We'll all be able to sleep
contented, reassured that the ^{morals of the} few remaining Red Skins in the U.S.A.
are being safeguarded. Secretary of the Interior Ickes has just
issued an order that none of the 3.2 stuff is to be sold to any
Indian. That seems to make it official that 3.2 is
firewater while Congress has declared it non-intoxicating
~~Isn't that just the kind of him~~ for the pale face.

SHERWOOD

Here's an interesting example of newspaper enterprise and of smart reporter work. You remember Russell Sherwood, the mysterious financial agent of ex-mayor Jimmie Walker? You remember how he disappeared when Judge Samuel Seabury started his investigation of Father Knickerbocker's soiled municipal affairs?

Well, the police and even the operatives of Uncle Sam himself went out looking for Russell Sherwood. In fact, the search was carried on over the entire face of the globe.

Where the police and the government agents failed, two reporters of the New York American succeeded. And they found Sherwood living ^{quietly in nearby} ~~in~~ New Jersey.

By the courtesy of the New York American I am able to give you Sherwood's explanation of his ^{now famous} ~~dis~~appearance. He told American reporters in a ^{copyrighted} ~~copywritten~~ interview that he left the city and state only to shield Jimmie from an inquisition into his private life. He also told the New York American that he was not and never had been Jimmie Walker's financial go-between.

The managing editor of the New York American told me today that for eighteen months they have kept a reporter on Sherwood's trail. This newspaper man checked every known place where Sherwood might be and at the end of a year and a half his patience was rewarded.

And that sounds to me like swell sleuth work. It is now up to some newspaper to find the missing Justice Crater, whose disappearance has for years ~~now~~ been New York's most baffling mystery.

N.B.C.

CHICAGO

7 Prince Carl of Sweden, nephew of the King and brother of Crown Princess Astride of Belgium, was in Chicago today but the Swedish Consulate did not know of his presence, for he travelled incognito. He came to Chicago by motor and registered under the family name of "Bernadotte". He said he was in Chicago to see the World's Fair where his government had an exhibit.

N.B.C.

ANNAPOLIS

There were big doings at Annapolis today, the graduation of two hundred and forty-four potential future Admirals. The class of 1933 of Uncle Sam's Naval Academy held its commencement exercises.

This class received an unusual distinction. It took its diploma^s from the hands of no less a magnifico than ^{the} Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, President Roosevelt himself. It is unusual for a President to make this presentation. He was escorted by a secret service guard and Secretaries Marvin, McIntyre, and Steve Early. The class of 1933 consists of four hundred and thirty-two graduates, but on account of the Economy Act, only two hundred and forty-four of them will go into the Navy or the Marine Corps, The others received degrees of Bachelor of Science, and will go into private life.

N.B.C.

CRUSADERS

It looks as though ~~the~~ impatience with the huge growth of crime as an industry in this country was really spreading widely. Everybody ^{has} known that there is more crime to the ^a square mile in this country than ~~in~~ any ~~where~~ ^{else} in the world, but most people have shrugged their shoulders at it.

Well, a large organization of young men known as the Crusaders are preparing to help the authorities in the campaign ^{the racketeers.} against ~~crime~~. There's going to be a giant mass meeting in Carnegie Hall tomorrow night, which will be the first movement of the campaign. The speeches will be broadcast throughout the country over an N. B.C. network. Among the speakers will be General John F. O'Ryan, the wartime Commander of the Rainbow Division, and Mr. James Joseph, popularly known as Gene Tunney.

The Senate Committee on Commerce today favorably reported a resolution offered by Senator ^{Doctor} ~~Arthur~~ Copeland of New York to investigate racketeering in all its phases.

N.B.C.

WARSHIP

Over in Shanghai they have a somewhat unusual vessel. It is a British gunboat which was sent all the way from England to the British Government dockyard in ~~Shanghai~~ Shanghai by parcels post.

This ship, a hundred and eighty-five ton vessel, for river patrol work, was sent over the seas neatly packed in four hundred and forty cases. Upon arrival the various pieces were put together in the dockyard at Shanghai.

Well, that's a new one on me. About the only thing I haven't received in my mail is a battleship.

RAILROAD

The Committee on Interstate Commerce of the House of Representatives today made a favorable report on the bill to establish a coordinator for the railroads of the U.S.A. Before reporting the bill the Committee put in the Senate amendment which forbids the discharging of railroad employ^es.

The Congress has not been as spry with this new act as with other measures of the Administration. It has been substantially re-written in both Houses. In fact, it had been so much changed that it is believed the ~~man~~^{tycoon} originally designated for railroad coordinator will probably turn the job down.

N.B.C.

BERLIN

The Hitler Government is going in for road building in a big way. A wireless report just received brings the information that the ^{German} Treasury ~~of the Reich~~ has authorized the issue of Reich notes up to one billion ~~xxx~~ marks. The purpose is to finance the construction and repair of automobile roads throughout Germany. Dr. Schacht, head of the Reichs Bank will decide the time and terms of this issue.

N.B.C.

Waldorf

Viscount Ishii, one of the foremost statesmen of present-day Japan, left America today, sailing for England. He is Japan's chief delegate to the World Economic Conference. Before he left I heard the distinguished nobleman from the land of Nippon state that the ^{idea}~~possibility~~ of war between Japan and the United States is ridiculously absurd. He also defended his country's recent campaign against the Chinese. He spoke in the highest praise of President Roosevelt. ~~In 1917 Viscount Ishii was Ambassador to the United States. He said that at that time he carried away a memory of a great President who combined the rare qualities of penetrating intellect and warm sympathy. And then he added: "Once again I am taking away with me much the same memory of another of your great Presidents."~~

He implied that he and the other heads of the Japanese government regard boycott (that is, boycott such as the Chinese ~~started~~^{conducted} against commerce with Japan) as an act of economic war. And then he suggested "that the Kellogg Peace Pact should outlaw treaty breaking and economic aggression as an instrument of national policy, just as it outlaws the employment of force --

3) military aggression." That, in a nutshell, seemed to be his defense of all that Japan has done in the Orient of late.

Nearly a thousand distinguished Americans, and Japanese who reside in New York, said farewell to Viscount Ishii ^{and his colleague Eigo Fukui} at a great banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Here's a bit of comfort for American School children.

Mr. Toshi Go, a representative of the Manchurian Railways in America, told me at the dinner to Viscount Ishii, that when he was in school, instead of memorizing an alphabet of twenty-six letters as youngsters do in all English-speaking countries, he had to learn an alphabet that included about forty thousand different characters ^{- ideographs.} Then, as encouragement, in case you are thinking of going to Japan, he explained that since then Japanese has been simplified, and you can learn enough for ordinary conversational purposes if you only memorize a vocabulary of about four thousand characters.

MOTHER

A poignant episode is reported from San Jose, California.

~~A fifty-four year old~~ ^Q woman whose twenty year old son had been away from home ~~several~~ ^{for} months, ~~heard that~~ ^{- wandering} ~~he~~ ^{her boy} had been wounded.

The news that came to her was that there had been a fight ~~between~~ hobo^s, ~~beside~~ ^{near} the ~~road~~ ^{rail track} and her son, who was among the unemployed, ~~had~~ got the worst of it.

Well, this ^{54 yr. old} woman wrapped up ~~her~~ things and some ~~in~~ provisions, and with a fifty pound pack on her back, walked over two hundred miles into San Jose. ~~At~~ ^{At} night ^s she slept by the roadside and when she got hungry she cooked her own meals in the open air.

She made those two hundred miles in eight days. Which is some hiking -- it would be a pretty good army that could march two hundred miles in eight days. When she reached San Jose, she went to the police station and inquired for her son only to learn that he had been more than wounded. He had been killed. In fact, he was already buried. When she arrived the police took up a collection, bought flowers for her, and took her out to the cemetery where she ~~now~~ keeps a lone watch over the remains of her boy.

N.B.C.

TIME TO LIVE

I've just been reading an unusual book and I think the title will arouse your curiosity. It is called "Time to Live." It is written by Gove Hambidge and tells how he cut loose from his desk in a New York skyscraper, moved to the country, got a few acres of land on a hillside and there found time to live and happiness in doing it.

There are some stout ideas in this book. You should read it. You'll find it good for what ails you, no matter what that happens to be. Years ago Arnold Bennett wrote a little monograph called "How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day." Well, Gove Hambidge has worked out the problem of his life by working just five hours a day. The other nineteen of the twenty-four he uses sleeping and for what he calls adventures in leisure. I seldom turn book reviewer. But I couldn't resist it in this case. And now the clock here tells me it's time for me to try an adventure in leisure myself, so, so long until tomorrow.