

Good Evening, Everybody:

About the most exciting thing in today's news is the story of that attack on the Singer Sewing Machine plant in Yokohama. This has been worrying ~~diplomats~~^{statesmen} and interesting the newspaper men on both sides of the Pacific all day. Uncle Sam's diplomats were busy demanding apologies and the Mikado's Foreign Minister was busy promising investigations. ~~In fact,~~ The usual routine when ~~these~~ international outrages happen.

The correspondent of the New York World Telegram cables that the attack on this American factory does not seem to have been caused by any specifically anti-American feeling. It grew, says the report, out of a strike of Japanese employe^es of the Singer ~~Sewing Machine~~ Company. Employe^es in all the Japanese branches of the company went on strike several months ago, and were discharged. These discharged ~~employe^es~~^{people} claim to have been victims of various kinds of unfair dealing. This is not the first

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disorder of this ~~kind~~^{sort} in Japan, but it's far and away the most serious. There were riots six weeks ago ~~xxxxxx~~ at the Singer plants in Kobe and Osaka, which plants have since been closed.

The principal raiders appear~~ed~~ from the cabled accounts to have been professional hoodlums, just the same sort that we hear of in labor disputes in the U. S. A. But as a result of their activities the four story building which was the main office of the Singer Company in Yokohama ~~is~~ now looks as if an explosion had hit it. The raiders had fifteen minutes clear time in which to do their damage before the first policeman arrived on the scene. They chased fifty loyal employe^s of the firm to the roof, but when the Japanese cops arrived they ^{raiders} submitted to arrest without difficulty. The American Consulate reports that no less than one hundred and thirty-three of these hoodlums are now in the Yokohama coop.

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FOLLOW JAPAN

Another dispatch from Tokio reports that Japan figuratively shrugged its shoulders at Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that he will continue the Hoover policies in the Far East. A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union ^{tell us} ~~reports~~ that a statement to this effect came from a spokesman of the Foreign Office in Tokio.

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ROOSEVELT

It is on account of the crisis in the warfare in Asia that President-elect Roosevelt is going to have another conference with President Hoover. At least so says the New York World Telegram. This conference will come off at eleven o'clock Friday, at the White House. The World Telegram believes that the situation in Manchuria will be the principal subject of the conversation. ~~between Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt~~ It is ^{supposed} ~~believed~~ that the question of disarmament will also come up for discussion.

The New York Sun points out that Mr. Roosevelt is just as much in sympathy with Mr. Hoover on this point as he is on the foreign policy in the Far East. ^{The foreign} One issue on which the President and President-elect disagree is that of war debts.

Mr. Roosevelt will leave New York tomorrow for a considerable ^{stay} ~~vacation~~ in the South. He will arrive in Washington tomorrow afternoon. Professor Raymond Moley of Columbia University, one of his principal advisers, will be with him, and it is believed that Dr. Moley will accompany the President-elect to the White House. After the conference with the President, Mr. Roosevelt will continue on South.

TAX

It looks as though this Congress has given up all idea of trying to put over any general tax legislation. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post indicates that this will be left for the special session which will have to be called by Mr. Roosevelt soon after he becomes President.

The information comes from the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

Chairman Collier told the correspondents that the situation in Congress ~~xxxxfx~~ so far as law making is concerned, has become so congested that any idea of legislation to balance the budget has become practically out of the question.

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Meanwhile in the Senate the proposal to adopt a rule to limit debate and shut off the filibuster of Kingfish Huey Long ~~xx~~ has created quite a to-do. Senator Thomas of Oklahoma warned his colleagues today that if the closure ^{or gag} motion is passed no more business will be transacted by unanimous consent. The reason will be that there will be no unanimous consent. Either Senator Long or Senator Thomas or Senator Wheeler of Montana will ^{then} interpose objections. This, of course, will considerably impede ^{the} transaction of public business.

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This constituted the 2nd. victory of

^ Huey Long and his allies ~~won another victory today~~

against the senatorial majority. ~~This constituted the second~~

~~victory of Huey Long and his allies.~~ The New York Evening Post

reports that Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic

leader, made a second effort to break Huey ^{Long's} ~~Long's~~ filibuster

on the banking bill, which has now lasted a week. Mr. Robinson

had offered to drop the petition to change the rule on unlimited

debate, provided he ~~should obtain~~ could obtain unanimous

consent of the senators to limit argument on the Glass measure

to thirty minutes for each ~~senator.~~ ^{member.} Not only did Senator

Thomas of Oklahoma interpose an objection, but Senator Blaine

of Wisconsin joined him.

As matters stand now, the Senate at one o'clock

tomorrow afternoon will have to vote on this petition to change

the rule. All efforts to compromise the fight have failed.

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ITALY

Premier Mussolini is about to ^{make a drastic change in} ~~break off~~ commercial relations with Soviet Russia. A dispatch from Rome to the Newark News brings the information that Italy is about to denounce the commercial treaty with the Soviet which was signed in 1924.

This does not mean a break in diplomatic relations. It means that Italy is dissatisfied with the existing balance of trade which is too heavily in Russia's favor.

TROTZKY

(Leon Trotzky, the once powerful head of the Russian Red Army, now in exile, came out today with a sensational accusation. He charged Dictator Stalin with having driven his, Trotzky's eldest daughter, to suicide.) A dispatch to the New York Evening Post relates that this accusation was made in a letter written by Trotzky to the Central Committee of the Communist party. He accused Stalin of having persecuted his daughter. Stalin, says Trotzky, deliberately separated the woman from her child, forbidding Trotzky's daughter to come to see her child in Russia, also forbidding the child to leave the country to visit his mother. Trotzky declares that this action was taken not for political reasons, but merely for what he calls a "senseless revenge" upon himself.

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FARM

Here's an example of how various bureaus of the Federal government have overlapping activities. Senator Reed of Pennsylvania is quoted in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin to the effect that there are now no less than six different Federal agencies loaning money to farmers and farm organizations. Senator Reed is going to try to have all this work centralized in one organization.

These different agencies are the Federal Land Banks, the Intermediate Credit Banks -- which are under the supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board -- the Crop Production Loan Office of the Department of Agriculture, the Agriculture Credit Corporation ^{which is} a part of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation -- the Federal Farm Board, and finally the Joint Stock Land Banks.

How is that for
~~There is~~ a duplication of effort and expense? ~~for you~~
With you and me
~~Of course, you and I are~~ paying, *and paying and paying.* ~~for the expense.~~

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MARINES

There is quite a to do in Washington over the proposal to cut down the strength of Uncle Sam's famous Marine Corps. This proposal, of course, was due to the necessity which has hit all branches of the government for cutting down ^{cost}~~expense~~. President Hoover's idea ^{has been}~~was~~ to reduce the personnel of the Marine Corps to 13,600. A dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribune reports

that the Committee of the House ~~of Representatives~~ on Naval affairs is opposed to this reduction in the ^{personnel of our famous fighting}~~strength of the Leathernecks~~ — Uncle Sam's soldiers of the Sea. They say that the Marine Corps should not be reduced but ^{instead should be}~~increased~~.

Its number should be raised to at least 17,000.

The ^{Devil Dogs}~~Leathernecks~~ are probably the most picturesque part of Uncle Sam's military establishment. At any rate they are constantly breaking both into the news and into fiction.

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AUTO SHOW

It seems that when I mentioned the auto shows in Brooklyn and Philadelphia I by no means told the complete tale of all these exhibitions that are going on in various parts of the country. The Automotive Daily News informs me that the auto show at Cleveland got off to a record start. There's another one at Detroit in connection with the thirtieth Convention of the American Road Builders Association. There are also auto shows in Newark, New Jersey and Cincinnati, Ohio, while preparations are now under way in Boston for the show which will begin there Saturday at Mechanics ~~Building~~ ^{Hall}.
~~So evidently there are automobile exhibitions all over the country.~~

SUN TALL

Here's an item that comes to me in a rather roundabout way. ~~Nevertheless,~~ It's from the Callanan Brothers, Sunoco distributors in Keeseville, New York, so it must be authoritative. And to doubly assure us of its veracity, it concerns a Blue Sunoco dealer at Essex, New York, up in the Adirondacks, ~~not so very far from Lake Placid where they have all those grand winter sports.~~

Richard Williams of Essex is the mighty man who tells ~~us~~ of one of his own adventures. It was in the days of the World War. Dick was helping Uncle Sam load supplies on a transport in New York Harbor. He says the temperature was 120 in the shade, and they were making him carry anvils on his back. As he ^{himself} weighed only about 130 pounds, ~~about~~ ^{about} about the weight of ~~what~~ ^{each} each anvil, ~~weight~~ ^{weight} weighed, they started him off carrying one at a time. Then they worked him up to three anvils.

"On my way up the gangplank I grew dizzy under my load," says Dick, "and all I could see was the Statue of Liberty swimming around out there in the bay. Off the gangplank I went with those three anvils. When I hit the

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water they kept pulling me down; and down, down I went for a quarter of a mile."

Finally, when Dick came to the surface he shouted to the fellows on the transport: "Hey you! If you don't throw me a rope or a life preserver, I'm ^{goin' to} drop these here *doggone* anvils!"

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RUTH

One of the biggest ^{news stories} ~~stories~~ of the year is now occupying the attention of American ~~news~~ newspapers far and wide. It's a story that comes up every year at this time -- the story of what will Babe Ruth's salary be.

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The Bambino is having his customary argument with the New York Yankees. This time last year, you may recall the question was whether the Babe should have the eighty thousand a year that he got in 1931 or the \$70,000 that the Yankee management thought he should have. They settled that one by a compromise with the Babe getting seventy-five thousand ^{smackers} for his season's work (of course, that didn't include his share of the World's Series money, *or what he gets on chocolate bars & so on.*)

This year it is being rumored that the Sultan of Swat is being asked to accept the miserly little ^{hard-times} salary of sixty thousand ^{bucks} ~~dollars~~ for a season's baseball. So far he has not signed the contract and the argument will probably be settled ^{that is, at a personal meeting} as it always has [^] between the Bambino and Colonel Jake Ruppert, the owner of the Yankees.

Daniel of The New York World Telegram points

out that the Babe is well fixed financially and can afford
to lay off for an entire year, ^{and twiddle his thumbs or just shoot ducks,} Other baseball stars were

cleaned out ^{once reckless but now conservative} the market crash, but the Old Bambino had

his tied up ^{in fool-proof trust} ~~in burglar-proof~~ funds. Daniel says ^{the Magnificent Sultan} ~~no has~~

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^{A Swat has} pretty nearly four-hundred thousand ~~dollars~~ salted away. ^{Andy would say} ~~And as Amos~~ aint that sompin'.

^{Joe Vila} in the New York Sun has been adding up figures and

says that since the Babe signed his first contract with the

^{Yank} ~~ees~~ in 1920 he has drawn at least seven-hundred and fifty-five

thousand dollars in salary and at least another twenty-five

~~thousand dollars~~ as his share of World's series money, ^{plus the fat} royalties from all sorts of side-lines. The

Babe has taken part in at least seven World series since he joined

the Yankees. ^{has reason to} Col. Ruppert think that he has been
a pretty good investment.

PLANE

^{Berlin}
That side-wheel airplane invention which H. R. Knickerbocker reported to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger ^{—the one I mentioned Monday night—} has caused quite a lot of talk on this side of the Atlantic. One Philadelphia engineer claims that a ~~group of~~ Philadelphia ^{group} ~~engineers~~ have been experimenting with a device of this sort for several years. In fact, he says, the Philadelphia invention ante-dates that of the German, ^{Dr. Rohrbach.}

This Philadelphia engineer claims that drawings for his plane were shown to a number of aviation officials in Washington as early as 1927. He says, moreover, that the United States government is conducting experiments into the matter. The details, he adds, have been kept secret for fear they might leak to some foreign country.

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Then there are other engineers ~~in Philadelphia~~ who are exceedingly skeptical about the claims made for the non-crashable plane reported from Berlin. On the other hand, ~~Professor Kneller~~ ^{the} head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics, states that the idea is perfectly sound.

Chester
CHECK

Now for a bit of local color from an Irish paper called Dublin Opinion. A man met one of his creditors on the street and said: "Did you get my check?"

"Yes", replied the creditor, ^{"I got it"} twice, "Once from you and once from the Bank."

Just to show how international humor is, I'll ~~xxx~~ tell you where I first saw that joke. It was two years ago in one of George McManus's cartoons called "Bringing up Father." And here it crops out in the guise of a brand new ~~job~~ ^{one} in an Irish paper.

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AIRPLANE ENDING.

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indicating that as a flier
~~flies they say~~ he is good but not too good,

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For ~~this week he~~ made his hundredth forced landing. 100

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