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JAPAN

Well, it looks as though one result of that Manchurian situation will be that Japan will step out of the League of Nations. The talk in Tokio ^{today} is that the Mikado's Cabinet has definitely decided to withdraw. No announcement to this effect was made, but the correspondent of the New York World Telegram cables that this is understood on reliable authority. It is believed that the Nipponese delegate to Geneva has received his final instructions to restate his ~~country's~~ country's position in the Manchurian crisis, and then to bow himself politely out and return to Tokio, taking his country's membership in the League with him.

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IRELAND

Over in Ireland they're ~~not~~ beginning to count the votes in yesterday's general election. No definite figures are yet available, but ~~the earliest~~ ^{preliminary} returns, it is said, show

that the supporters of President de Valera are in the lead. *First reports were the other way.* The vote, they say, was the heaviest on record, — *and close, neck and neck.*

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STRIKE

A novel kind of strike took place in Paris today, a strike of stockbrokers. In fact, the business of the Bourse, the French stock Exchange, was completely tied up. Brokers simply refused to ~~quote~~ quote prices.

The correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger *explains* ~~that~~ ~~say~~ this was done as a protest against the action of the Finance Committee of the French Parliament in cutting out the economies ~~in~~/~~economies~~ that have been planned by the government.

This strike was probably unlike all others ~~you~~ ever heard of. There was no noise. There was just nothing but people standing around silent while police stood by to prevent disorder ^{or} which ^{there was none.} ~~as a matter of fact, did not happen.~~

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RAILROAD

The railroad world was thrown into great excitement today by the news that the Delaware and Hudson has bought a ten per cent. interest in the common stock of the New York Central. This makes the D. & H. the largest single holder of New York Central stock. It probably means that ~~Lenore~~^{President} Lenore F. Loree now controls the New York Central. ~~Railroad~~ Railroad and Wall Street men are saying that this makes President Loree the most influential railroad man in the east. The deal, it is understood, was made through the house of Morgan.

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DEBTS

John Bull today accepted Uncle Sam's invitation to another pow-wow on that debt question. The note of acceptance was delivered to the State Department by the British Ambassador in Washington.

The London correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables his paper that the contents of that note were ~~fair~~ fairly outlined in a speech made last night by the Right Honorable Neville Chamberlain, King George's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The gist of this speech was ^{that} the American public must not expect too much in the way of money. He hinted at a sum ^{of} approximately one hundred and seventy million dollars. ~~It~~ is understood, though this is not official, that the British idea is that Europe's debts to Uncle Sam should be scaled down to something like ^a ~~one~~ billion and a half.

Incidentally, news comes from Rome that Italy proposes to settle its debt to the U. S. A. by payment of a lump sum, something in the neighborhood of one hundred million dollars. The

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money actually owed the United States by Italy is in the neighborhood of two billions. So that's quite a scaling down. ~~of the debt.~~

A significant slant on this debt situation came today from the White House. It came in the shape of one of these unofficial official statements. President Hoover, it is said, believes that before foreign countries can talk about revision of their debts, they must stabilize their currency. All foreign currencies today are so depreciated that, as has been frequently mentioned of late, the American tariff practically doesn't exist. Floods of goods from abroad are coming into the American markets and Mr. Hoover believes ~~that~~ this ~~is~~ largely responsible for unemployment and business stagnation ^{over here.} ~~on this continent.~~ Consequently the President ^{thinks} ~~believes~~ that unless the currencies of other nations are made stable, that ~~nothing~~ Uncle Sam will have to raise his high tariff walls even higher in order to cope with ~~that depression~~ ^{the situation.}

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And by the way, the nations which defaulted on their December debt instalments, will not be excluded from the negotiations. Ambassador Edge is going to have a conference tonight with the French Prime Minister on this subject.

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RELIEF

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From Washington comes an account of a new Federal relief program. The scheme will be, according to the New York Sun, that ^{Washington} ~~the Federal Government~~ will place huge sums at the disposal of the various states. This money will then be available both for direct help to the needy and the unemployed and also for loans or subsidies to manufacturers. It has been found that few industries have been able to borrow money from the Reconstruction Relief Commission because ~~of~~ the rules imposed by the law are so rigid that ~~very~~ few applications can be granted.

Various statesmen in Washington have various pet schemes of their own. It is proposed that all of these ~~various~~ proposals ~~shall~~ be ^{sifted down and telescoped} ~~considered and combined~~ into one program. They ~~ya~~ will be taken up tomorrow by the Senate Committee on Manufacturing ^{ca.} ~~ing.~~ When ^{this program is drafted} ~~it is prepared~~ it will be submitted to President-elect Roosevelt for his approval.

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In the meanwhile at Warm Springs, Georgia, the subject occupying Mr. Roosevelt's attention ^{today} was that of relief for the railroads, of the United States. Walter Hines who was head of ^{Federal} ~~the~~ Railroad Administration during the War and Congressman Swager ^{Shenley} ~~and Schley~~ of Kentucky were in conference with the President-elect at his Georgia home. The correspondent of the Newark News reports that the plan Mr. Roosevelt has in mind for helping the railroads has several radical features. On the one hand it will relieve the roads of many of the restrictions now imposed on them by law and will permit consolidations on a large scale. It will also regulate the competition from which the transportation lines are suffering such as motor buses and trucks. Some of the roads will receive Federal help in the shape of loans. On the other hand some of the ^{at lines} ~~roads~~ that are loaded down with watered stocks are due for severe treatment, so the story runs.

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FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

Political reporters are keenly interested in that fishing cruise ~~that~~ Franklin D. Roosevelt will soon take in southern waters. The fact that interests them most is that Kermit Roosevelt, son of the great T. R., will also be on this ²~~the~~ cruise.

They're wondering whether this means a political reconciliation between the two hitherto strongly opposed branches of the Roosevelt family. It will be recalled that in the last campaign the ~~official offspring~~ ^{children} of T. R., and the late Colonel's widow, were quite outspoken in their hopes that Franklin D. would be defeated. In fact, they expressed considerable annoyance over the ^{comic} ~~fact~~ ^{circumstance} that a lot of people were voting for the former Governor of New York State under the belief that he was a son of T. R. ^{or was T.R.}

The host of the fishing cruise will be Vincent Astor, and it so happens that both Kermit and the President-elect are distant relatives of Mr. Astor. ^{aboard the gorgeous Nos. Mahal} Whether the trip ^{will} have any political consequences remains to be seen.

FARM

"If Congress doesn't do something and that right quickly, there'll be a revolution in the farm belt". This warning was conveyed today to leaders of the Senate. A wire to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reports that the chiefs of two big farm organizations ^{brought the warning} ~~conveyed this information~~ to Senators in Washington today. For instance, the President of the Farmers' Union declared "the biggest and finest crop of revolutions you ever saw are sprouting all over this country right now." And the President of the American Farm Bureau Federation said: "Unless something is done for the American farmer, we will have a revolution in the countryside in less than twelve months."

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~~Incidentally, a dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, is illustrative of the sort of thing that is going on all through the farming sections of the U. S. A. The sheriff was selling the property of a farmer near Perry, Iowa, to satisfy a judgment. The farmer's neighbors gathered at the trial and bid his cows for a dime a piece. Horses went for fifteen cents, and a tractor in~~

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"Reindeer
King" of
Nome, Alaska.

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INTRO TO LOMEN

For three successive years now at Christmas time I ^{and} ~~have~~ told about a great reindeer migration ~~that has been~~ taking place in the Far North. ~~Many listeners have written, in asking for more information about it.~~ In recent years the Canadian Government has found ~~that~~ it ~~has become~~ increasingly difficult for the Eskimo in Canada to make a living. They ~~Canadians~~ have been afraid ~~that~~ the Eskimo might, ~~not~~ in time, vanish. ~~So they have been looking for a new way of providing food and shelter for the primitive people of the land of the Aurora Borealis.~~

In Alaska Uncle Sam, thanks to an inspired missionary ~~and teacher~~ named Sheldon Jackson, solved the problem by importing reindeer and ~~also a few~~ ^{experts} people from Lapland, ~~who understood them.~~ The ~~result is that from a small~~ herd, ~~the reindeer of Alaska have~~ multiplied until, ^{today} there are vast numbers. The Eskimo have their herds, and the so-called reindeer kings, the owners of the largest herds in the world, are three Americans, the Lomen Brothers of Nome, ~~and points~~ ~~north.~~

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Well, the Canadian Government decided to ~~get~~ get reindeer from the Lomens. ~~But now to get them~~ was the problem. The Lomens enlisted the help of a famous old Lapp reindeer driver named, Andy Bahr, ~~who had retired. And for~~ for several years now Andy ~~Bahr~~ has been driving a great herd of reindeer, ~~all~~ on a thousand mile journey across the top of the world from the Bering Sea country, ~~the~~ through wild unknown mountains, over vast sections where white men have never been, and, as I mentioned at Christmas time, he had just reached the boundary between Alaska and Canada.

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~~Now~~ I have a surprise, regarding, ~~this epic story~~ of the greatest reindeer drive in all history. Carl Lomen, ~~one of the owners of that herd,~~ Carl Lomen, the Reindeer King from Nome, is in New York. In fact he's here with me, ~~tonight.~~ In a little while we are going together to hear Professor Piccard tell how he ascended ~~fixty~~ fifty thousand feet above the earth in his metal ball, to explore the Stratosphere. But before Professor Piccard speaks we are going to do something appropriate. Oscar, the renowned maitre d'hotel at the Waldorf,

edit { ~~has prepared a special Arctic dinner for us of reindeer steaks, reindeer from Nome. (You can buy it in any town in America now), then Oscar's pet dish, Baked Alaska, and after that the Stratosphere with Professor Piccard.~~

~~Now~~ Carl Lomen, the Reindeer King, is here so ~~let's~~
Now for
~~get him to give us,~~ the last-minute news concerning the greatest reindeer drive ever attempted. How about it, Mr. Santa Claus?
I mean Mr. Carl Lomen? Where are your reindeer now?

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They are in Canada, just south of the Arctic Ocean, and west of the MacKenzie River. Their final destination is the Kittigazinth Peninsula on the east shore of the MacKenzie Delta. Apparently the worst of it is over, and we hope to make final delivery of the reindeer to the Canadian government prior to the break-up this year, June or July.

But the credit should go to the men who are making the drive. It is the most difficult ever made by livestock. They have crossed two great Arctic mountain ranges, and penetrated unknown country, encountering temperatures ranging all the way from one hundred degrees above zero in the Polar summer when the sun shines twenty-four hours a day, to seventy degrees below.

Old Andy Bahr is more than sixty years old, but still the greatest of all reindeer drivers. This stout Lapp once said to me: "The President of the United States has a job, and he does it well. I have a job, and I do it well. Both are the same." That's his Lapp philosophy.

Here's an incident in connection with the reindeer drive: Two of the Eskimo who are with the deer, at the end of

the first winter sent back word requesting that their wives join them. So we fixed it for the Eskimo wives to sail around the top of North America on a small schooner. Months later we learned that the boat had rounded Point Barrow at the top of the continent. But we never did hear that they had actually reached their husbands. However, some time ago we were advised that a baby had been born on the drive. So we know the women successfully completed their hazardous journey.

TREASURE

I've heard many tales of treasure hunts but seldom one in which anything was actually found. Today the newspapers are carrying the account of one treasure hunt that was successful and it comes curiously enough, from Little Rock, Arkansas.

About a month ago the body of a farmer was found hanging from a rafter in his barn near Little Rock. This farmer had for a large part of his life been a recluse, practically a hermit. It was believed in the neighborhood that the aged miser had quite a store of gold hidden away. A couple of young toughs were arrested, and confessed that they had killed the old hermit trying to make him tell them where the money was. But they didn't get ^{it}. ~~the money.~~ The old farmer had left ~~the~~ directions ^{of how to reach} ~~for~~ the hiding place in a letter which was to be sent to the American Red Cross upon his death.

(3) The American Red Cross received the letter in due course containing a ^{regular Treasure Island} chart with complete instructions how to find the bullion. He had hidden it in several places.

So officers of the Red Cross went to the hermit's farm, followed the instructions, and there, after several hours' digging, discovered six thousand dollars buried in two boxes. The money was partly in currency of large and small denominations, and partly in ~~bills~~ *gold coin.*

So there's one treasure hunt that will bring good to somebody.

EARTHQUAKE

~~There was considerable excitement~~ all over Central New Jersey last night. ^{there was considerable excitement,} The cause was what seemed to be an earthquake. The shock extended over an area reaching from Lakehurst to Trenton. Windows rattled, pictures were shaken from the walls, and at Lakehurst several persons were ^{rolled} ~~shaken~~ out of bed.

It was all rather mystifying because New Jersey is distinctly out of the earthquake belt. That part of Central New Jersey is ~~as~~ ^{the palm of} as flat ^{as some of the folks say,} as your hand, and seems to be about the last part of the world where you'd expect any such shock. But it caused considerable hubbub. The offices of the State Police were busy answering telephone calls all evening.

The State Geologist of New Jersey said ^{the} ~~that this~~ tremor was probably what he called an "earth wave". It seems that some part of the earth's crust is shaking all the time.

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Conf Here's one that ought to interest the fans of Phillips Lord and the Country Doctor. Up in Middlebury, Vermont, lives Doctor Merritt Eddy, who is known as the oldest practicing physician in America. Dr. Eddy celebrated his hundredth birthday today.

A story in the Jersey Journal informs us that Dr. Eddy has been caring for a host of patients in that region since 1865. Today though he is ~~confined~~ infirm with old age he continues to prescribe for his patients from his bedside.

Then from ~~Paris~~ ^{France,} comes the story of a village blacksmith who is a hundred and four years old. He was the ~~village~~ blacksmith of a place ~~near~~ ^{called} Clemency.

This smith continued to swing his hammer until he was ninety-six years old. Though he no longer practices his profession he still drinks his quart of wine with all his meals. A ~~proud~~ ^{so he says} part of his record is that in his lifetime he has drunk no less than sixty-thousand quarts. His motto is "Never buy the

first drink, but never let anyone pay for the second." *My motto tonight is solong - u - t - m.*