

Good Evening, Everybody:

(It became evident this afternoon that President
~~Roosevelt~~
Roosevelt's speech over the air last night has literally
electrified the country.) Reports from all over the U. S. A.
were ~~just~~ pouring into the White House all ~~the afternoon~~ ^{day — reports} showing
concrete practical effects from the President's message.

* Telephone report ^{me from} to the N. B. C. ^{men in} ~~Washington~~ Washington
~~carried~~ ^{brought} the information that the telegraph room at the White
House has been kept busy all day receiving messages from every
section of the country. Industry is making a direct and
practical response to Mr. Roosevelt's persuasiveness. Several
large corporations announced a ten per cent increase in wages.

Also, Some of the wires received at the White House told the President
of wage raises as a result of his speech before the United States
Chamber of Commerce on Friday, and from ~~all Republican~~ ^{all industrial} centers
reports of improvement in business, actual improvement, ^{simply} poured in.

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One encouraging message came from that staunch Republican town of Monacaen, Pa. Another ~~into Washington.~~ from a county committee of the Republican Party.

~~For instance, at Akron, Ohio, One Rubber Company at Akron,~~

Ohio,
announced that it had put on five hundred men in April, ~~and now~~ five hundred more ^{last week, and} ~~and will~~ probably take on still another five hundred ^{in a few days --} to fill new orders for the automobile industry.

From the steel ^{centers} ~~manufacturing districts~~ similar reports came in. They are to the effect that ~~there~~ there had been such heavy buying that the ~~AMERICAN~~ mill owners are actually afraid for the first time in years of being caught without enough steel to accommodate the buyers. So the activity of the steel mills is growing.

In fact, in some centers conditions are reported which amount almost to a buyers' panic.

This feeling was reflected in the exchanges.

The New York Stock Exchange had another three million share day. Many leading securities jumped as much as from one to three dollars. *And the price of commodities went up again.*

There ^{is} also favorable news ^{regarding} the price of Uncle Sam's dollar which became remarkably steady ^{abroad.}

FOLLOW LEAD

(Part of the ideas expressed by Mr. Roosevelt over the air last night are being put into actual form by the President's advisors today. That is, the bill to put into effect a partnership of ~~and~~/~~the~~ ^{of} planning between the government and farming, the government and industry, as well as the government and transportation. The measure will probably be sponsored by Senator Wagner of New York.)

It will follow pretty much the same lines as the new railroad bill which is now being considered by Congress. It will establish a coordinator for ~~the~~ each industry or group of industries. This coordinator will cooperate with committees ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ and the leaders of each particular industry. On this committee not only the employers but employees and the public will be represented.

WAR DEBTS

There's no truth in the published report that France and Uncle Sam have agreed on some sort of a war debt settlement.

The Department of State announced today that there has been no such agreement. At the same time word has been received

in Washington that Belgium will join in the tariff truce which the United States recently proposed, and the State Department

has hopes ^{that} ~~that~~ other nations will follow suit. *And that sounds like good news.*

Meanwhile the President is continuing his conferences with foreign representatives concerning the economic problems

of the world. The principal visitors at the White House ^{today} were

Heesahmar Dr. Hjalmar Schacht of Germany, and Dr. T. V. ~~Sooong~~ ^{Sooong,} delegate

~~xx~~ from China.

SECURITIES

(The United States Senate today passed the Securities Regulation bill, the measure for which President Roosevelt asked ^{the one} providing for a strict control of stock

^{— and bond salesmen.)} promoters, You will perhaps recall that this ^{is} ~~was~~ ^{the} measure concerning which the President said, ^{the motto: "let} ~~that~~ ^{the} buyer beware

must no longer be respected." The principle of this bill ^{is that in} ~~is~~ the sale of stocks ^{henceforth} "Let the seller beware that he doesn't cheat the buyer." ^{And that lays down a totally new} ~~bit of legal philosophy.~~

A similar bill has already passed the House so all that is needed now is the President's signature.

RACKETS

The racket question was formally dragged before Congress today. Senator Doctor Copeland of New York wants Uncle Sam to take a strong hand. He introduced a Resolution calling for a Congressional investigation of the entire racket business, naming specifically the poultry racket, the beer racket, the food, laundry and drug rackets.

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GOVERNORS

~~The~~ Governor of the State ^{have} ~~has~~ always considered himself ~~quite a~~ big gun. But today ^{they are} ~~he's a~~ bigger gun than ever, ^{They've} ~~having~~ been promoted by the President.

Mr. Roosevelt has ordered that in ^{the} future the Army and Navy must give Governors a salute of nineteen guns. Hitherto they have ~~only~~ been getting ^{only} seventeen. The only officials in America ^{entitled to} ~~to get~~ nineteen guns up to now have been cabinet ministers; and of course the President gets 21. Foreign Kings get 101. ~~but they~~
~~So Governors are being notified from the White House~~
~~that in future they will rank with officers of the cabinet.~~

KIDNAP

Probably the most crowded building in all America today was the ~~historic~~ ^{picturesque} Town Hall of Provincetown, Mass.

The entire population of not only Provincetown, but the ^{Cape Cod} surrounding communities turned out to see the two Buck Brothers, Kenneth and Cyril arraigned for the kidnapping of little ten year old Peggy McMath.

In addition to ~~the~~ ^{the natives,} there were newspaper men and photographers from five states. Newspaper men on chairs, newspaper men standing, newspaper men on radiators, newspaper men on window sills. The Town Hall was surrounded by a cordon of Provincetown police and Massachusetts State Troopers.

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We learn by telephone that the Court ^(held) ~~has~~ ^{are holding} Kenneth and Cyril ^{Buck in a} ~~in bail for~~ ^{bail} ~~2~~ hundred thousand dollars each. Prior to arraignment Kenneth Buck had modified his first confession and claimed that a third man, whom the police had not yet arrested was most to blame for this crime. The State Troopers made an investigation and said they took no stock in it.

The official view is that the original confession made by the two Bucks is the real story.

EARTHQUAKE

Has anybody lost an earthquake? Or perhaps
I should say has anybody found one.

The seismograph at Fordham University, the
scientific instrument which records ^sprembing of the
earth, registered a severe shock somewhere or other about
seven o'clock this morning. Father Lynch, who is Fordham's
earthquake expert, ^{tells us,} ~~says,~~ he thinks it happened somewhere in
the Pacific Ocean off the Mexican Coast.

BURGLAR

Some of you may recall that little couplet from the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera "The Pirates of Penzance", which runs as follows:

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"When the enterprising burglar's not a-burglar~~ing~~,
^{When} ~~And~~ the cutthroat isn't occupied with crime,
He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling
And listen to the merry village chime."

Somewhere in New Jersey there is a burglar who fits that description pretty closely. He broke into a house last night and the first thing that struck his eye was the ^{spectacle} ~~right~~ of four little children sleeping on a mattress on the floor. Other signs around the house told him that it was the residence of somebody out of a job.

So, what did he do? He turned right around and walked right out again. But before he did so he left behind a dollar bill to which was attached a note, saying:- "I saw the little tykes, so I'll give you a break."

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~~So there is~~ ^{learn} ^{direct} by a telephone message from
the New Jersey police of Rummene^{there is}, one burglar who left a
house with less money than he entered with.

SAFETY

Here's a law that's going to affect millions of people, and a law that will be given three cheers by most of us. A few moments ago I encountered Mr. Lucius Boomer, head of the Waldorf-Astoria, and several state officials. They were discussing some news that affects every inhabitant of the Empire State -- I mean the State, not the building. Governor Lehman has signed a bill requiring every automobile in New York State to be equipped with safety glass, the non-shatterable variety.

But the bill doesn't go into effect in a hurry. If you have a 1922 model car you don't have to dash out and buy non-shatterable glass. It simply means that cars must have the safety glass commencing with the first of the year 1935. Buses have to have it by the first of the year 1934.

I was in an auto smash once. We were hit by another car, and hit such a tremendous jolt that the glass in our windows flew into ten million pieces. ~~It was~~ Pulverized.

ROYAL SCOT

Folks in the U. S. A. who have never seen what one of the crack British trains looks like, are about to have an opportunity to do so. The Royal Scot, ~~the~~ de luxe flier of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway which runs between London, ~~Edinburgh~~ Edinburgh, ^{and} Glasgow, ^{has now entered the U.S.A.,} ~~leaves Montreal tonight and will~~ ^{via Canada.} ~~enter the United States at Buffalo.~~ This is the first complete British train ever sent to this country.

^{The Royal Scot}
~~This train~~ covers the four hundred and one miles from London to Glasgow, without stopping, and is one of the fastest in the world, faster in point of fact, than any of the fliers in the U. S. A.

The Royal Scot is going to make a barnstorming tour of thirty-five cities in the east and Middlewest. ^{It's in} ~~It will be~~ ^{today} ~~shown in~~ Buffalo tomorrow and will be in New York May 12th and 13th. ^{then to the World Fair in} ~~Thence it will go along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad~~ to Chicago, ^{stop} ~~stop~~ at several places ^{enroute} ~~on the way~~, including Atlantic City. ~~It's going to be one of the features of the travel and transport section of the World's Fair.~~

EGGS

Well, National Egg Week is over. I suppose you folks all ate them three times a day, just to be patriotic, because after all it's a well-known fact that every American loves his chicken. ~~So I suppose~~ ^{probably} you had them soft-boiled, ~~and~~ hard-boiled, scrambled, ^{poached,} ^{souffle,} ^{sherry} benedict, [^] and sunnyside up. [^]

My last meal of Egg Week happened to be on board a Lackawanna train passing through that gorgeous hill country of New Jersey, between Morristown and Delaware Water Gap, on my way to Stroudsburg. This reminds me of that old, old song:

"Where do you work-a, John?

On the Delaware Lackawan. ~~a-ah, a-ah~~

What do you do-a, John?

I push, I push, I push,"

On the Delaware Lackawan - a-ah, a-ah.

and so on.

Well, on the Delaware Lackawan, Dining Car Conductor Frank Scholl gave me a leaflet entitled, "A Tribute to the American Chicken." In it I read that the egg is one of our greatest protective foods, full of ultraviolet rays, and so on,

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coming to us straight from the hen, wrapped in nature's sealed container, the contents of which have never been touched by the hands of man. Then it adds -- in case you are interested in this bit of information -- that in the course of the year, in this country, there are produced about 32 billion eggs. Furthermore, in case you are interested, that the average hen gives us eggs to the weight of twenty-five to thirty pounds per year. And the average hen consumes some eighty pounds of feed. And that's another bit of knowledge that came to me this weekend -- on the Delaware Lackawan.

HUBBARD

Everybody has heard of Father Bernard Hubbard, the distinguished Jesuit priest who is not only ^a clergyman but one of the ^{widely known} ~~most brilliant~~ explorers of the day. Father Hubbard has been ill in San Francisco for quite a while, but he is now out of his sick bed and off again to Alaska exploring more volcanic glaciers, on which he is today one of the foremost authorities, ~~in the world.~~ A dispatch ^{to me} from the N.B.C. ~~station~~ in San Francisco brings the information that Father Hubbard this time is taking a short wave radio ^{to the North.} ~~set with him.~~ He hopes to climb Mt. Shishaldin and to establish communication with the California University radio station at Berkeley.

NBC

SAILOR

A quaint little episode is reported from a large penitentiary. A new inmate arrived and the warden was making him the usual speech that wardens make to new arrivals. Said the warden:

"Now you'll have to work here and work hard. But if you haven't got a trade why we'll teach you one so that when you get out of here you'll be able to earn an honest living." And the Warden added: "And you can choose your own trade."

To which the convict replied: "Well, warden, if it's all the same to you, I think I'd like to be a sailor."

London Daily Mirror

HARVARD

The entire ^{collegiate} ~~university~~ world today is agog over the appointment of a professor of chemistry to the position of President of Harvard University. This is the ~~second~~ ^{third} time in the history of Harvard that the corporation has departed from the tradition of selecting presidents from either the clergy or from men devoted to letters and arts. Professor Eliot, the Five Foot Shelf of Books man, ^{so also was the retiring president Dr. Lowell,} was originally professor of chemistry, ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{but} to the world at large ^{they} ~~he~~ seemed more like a man of letters.

Harvard's new president is James Bryant Conant who hitherto has held the Sheldon Emery chair of Organic Chemistry at ^{Harvard.} ~~the University~~

He is only forty years old and consequently is one of the youngest

~~ever~~ ¹ ever to hold this position. ^{since John Harvard} established the Univ. in 1640.

FASHION NOTES

Here's a fashion note from London that may astonish travelers whose memories of visits to England consist considerably of shivering. Well, here it is:

Bare legs and bare arms are already being worn in the British Capital, not merely ~~at~~ the seaside resorts, but in ~~fact~~ ^{light} ~~fact~~ ^{hat} old London itself, and right on [^] Bond Street. There right in London's most fashionable shopping district were girls with no stockings and just light sandals on their bare feet.

Incidentally, a story is going the rounds concerning the late Mr. Justice McCardie, of England, who died ~~by accident~~ recently. He was known as the bachelor judge, and his pungent comments were frequently in the papers.

On one occasion Mr. Justice McCardie expressed his ignorance on ^{the} ways of women. In the course of a trial he asked counsel: "Tell me, do women dress to please men?" And the barrister replied: "My lord, they dress to please men and to annoy other women."