

WAR DEBT

Good Evening, Everybody:

Something happened today in Europe that few people ever expected to see. The war debt question was settled. (Germany has finally been relieved of all but a shadow of the heavy burden of reparations. That's the gist of it.

The nations represented at the International Debt Conference in Lausanne, agreed today to postpone further payments of war debts until prosperity returns.) This will not affect the debts owed by Europe to Uncle Sam. But they hope over there that in the meanwhile the United States will take some similar action and scale down the payments due us from Europe. However, Congress as well as both our major political parties, has expressed itself as flatly opposed to any reduction of Europe's debts to us. The best they can hope in this respect is a further moratorium on December 15th when the next payment becomes due.

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The report of the agreement was greeted with cheers in Lausanne, also elsewhere in Europe as soon as the news was telegraphed. The House of Commons in London, applauded lustily when the information was read aloud there today.

This agreement ended the expectations that were born of a postwar hysteria of a golden German goose that would discharge golden eggs for seventy years. The U. P. report to the Buffalo Evening News adds that the World War really ended at Lausanne today. It ended when Edouard Herriot, Prime Minister of France, emerged beaming from the conference of statesmen, and shouted: "C'est fini! c'est fini! c'est fini!" "It's done! It's done! It's done!" So saying, he seized a blonde German woman and a brunette French woman, hugged them both and kissed them with enthusiasm. Both were reporters covering the conference. The ~~xxx~~ crowd in the street roared its approval.

These negotiations had lasted so long and there'd been so many deadlocks that the world had finally come to despair of any settlement.

The Allied powers had asked Germany to pay a total

of sixty-five billion dollars for the cost of the war. Today Germany agreed to pay 643 million 140 thousand dollars. <sup>That's</sup> Just one cent on the dollar of the fantastic sum originally asked, <sup>one cent on the</sup> dollar.

In the last twelve years there have been no less than forty conferences over this question. These 640 ~~million~~ million odd dollars which Germany is to pay will be used for a European Reconstruction Fund, <sup>and as I mentioned</sup> Germany is not expected to begin to pay until prosperity is restored.

Opinions are divided as to the effect of this settlement upon us, <sup>in America.</sup> On the one hand it is expected that it may have a favorable effect on the collection of American short term private credits from Germany. This means the credits that have been extended by ~~the~~ private individuals and not by Uncle Sam as a nation. But on the other hand, William Simms, Scripps Howard Foreign Editor in Washington, declares that the agreement ~~knocked~~ ~~knocks~~ into a cocked hat all hope of ever collecting the eleven billion dollars which the Allies owe the United States.

The cheerfulness created throughout Europe by the agreement was reflected today in the London Stock Exchange.

FLYERS

Well, I'm glad to be able to report that Jim Mattern and Bennett Griffin have been found. <sup>They're safe!</sup> They landed safe, sound and only slightly bruised on Soviet territory near the Polish frontier.

~~According to~~ <sup>A</sup> U.P. dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press <sup>tells how</sup> their machine was wrecked. The boys certainly had tough luck. After beating the record of Post and Gatty as far as Berlin, after completing half the third lap of their schedule away ahead of time ~~their~~ <sup>the</sup> steering gear jammed and they had to make a forced landing in a rainstorm.

The news came after Mattern and Griffin had been apparently lost for 37 hours. They were ahead of the record when they crashed. But now there's no hope of their breaking the record this time, or even of continuing their flight. They went to Minsk and from there <sup>caught a</sup> ~~took~~ train for Moscow.

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Meanwhile ~~in~~ the U.S.A. Captain ~~But~~ <sup>Lon</sup> Yancey, the New York-to-Rome flier, ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> reported missing. The story ~~comes~~ <sup>came</sup> from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Yancey was making a long tour in a ~~an autogyro~~ <sup>windmill</sup> plane. He had already covered 6500 miles through 19 states.

<sup>Yesterday,</sup>  
On Thursday, he had flown from Rapid City, South Dakota, and landed on the Flying-V Ranch at Newcastle, <sup>Wyoming,</sup> Thursday afternoon.

At 4:30 p.m. he started to fly the 200 miles to Cheyenne where he should have arrived by 7:30, <sup>last evening.</sup>

Fears for his safety were increased by the fact that he was flying with a broken hand. According to one report he had devised a mechanical contrivance to ~~help him~~ <sup>make it easier to</sup> handle the plane.

<sup>Lon</sup> ~~But~~ Yancey is a <sup>well-known airman,</sup> ~~crackerjack flier~~ and has come eye to eye with disaster <sup>several</sup> ~~many~~ times. He narrowly escaped death three years ago on his good will flight through South America. On that occasion his ship was forced down and burned on a lonely island in the West Indies.

<sup>Well,</sup> Later <sup>this afternoon</sup> ~~in the day~~ an autogyro identified as that of Captain Yancey was seen flying over a town in Wyoming, not far north of Cheyenne. So that seems to relieve fear for his safety.

It's curious that the day on which Captain Yancey breaks into the news in this fashion the pilot who flew his ship on the New York to Rome trip should also be in the headlines. On that trip to Rome of course Captain Yancey was the navigator and Roger Q. Williams was the pilot. Well, now Roger Williams is planning an ambitious flight of ~~his~~ a new kind. He <sup>s</sup> ~~is~~ going to try for a new world distance record in a plane carrying a crew of three with one passenger.

The flight he plans is from New York to Athens, Greece, a distance of 5200 miles. In addition to its crew and passenger the plane will carry 500 pounds of mail for Rome and an assorted cargo for various European cities. Roger Williams hopes to start within three weeks. His crew and passenger have not yet been selected.

SUBMARINE

They <sup>have just</sup> found that sunken submarine off the French coast <sup>— the one I told about last night.</sup> ~~early today,~~ by dint of using seaplanes and seacraft, <sup>on the floor of the sea,</sup> They discovered the Prometheus <sup>^</sup> lying in a deep hole on the *Cherbourg* Channel bed in <sup>some</sup> 246 feet of water. A telephone in the submarine which had been released automatically, was found floating on the surface, and led to the discovery of the wreck.

Two French Admirals said this afternoon that the sinking of the Prometheus was due to mishandling of the controls by inexperienced members of the crew. This had caused the diving compartments to be flooded before the hatches could be closed. The submarine filled with water almost instantaneously. She went down by the stern in 37 seconds. The Commander of the <sup>submarine who was one of the seven saved,</sup> ~~vessel~~ <sup>^</sup> tells that he was below ~~deck~~ at the time. Hearing a noise he rushed up on deck and felt the ship literally sinking under his feet. <sup>They</sup> He was ~~immediately~~ blown into the water with the six other men who were with him on <sup>top.</sup> ~~the deck~~ <sup>^</sup>.

The two fishermen who saved these seven survivors from the Prometheus, were the heroes of Cherbourg today. They rescued

the submarine sailors just as these <sup>seven men</sup> ~~men~~ were on the point of  
exhaustion.

PERU

Well, there's another young revolution in Peru.

In the city of Trujillo a force of rebels led by an unidentified Commander, engaged the Federal troops in a battle that lasted ten hours. At the end of the battle they were victorious<sup>and</sup> and seized the city.

Federal troops, a warship, naval and military airplanes have been ordered out against the revolutionists. Meanwhile martial law had<sup>s</sup> been declared throughout<sup>Peru,</sup> the country for a period of thirty days.

~~Rebels have attacked posts of civil guards in other parts of Peru. Several rebels have been killed, but the exact number of casualties on either side is not known.~~

POLITICS

It looks as though there will be plenty of political parties in the forthcoming campaign. Just as the Prohibitionists have adjourned in Indianapolis, here comes news of another convention. This time in Cleveland, Ohio. According to a United Press dispatch to the Brooklyn Times, this latest convention is composed of America's leading intellectuals and liberals.

*America* - ~~these so-called~~ <sup>^</sup> America's leading intellectuals and liberals are assembling in Cleveland for a two day convention which will begin tomorrow. It is under the auspices of the League for Independent political action.

America's leading Intellectuals and Liberals are satisfied with neither Herbert Hoover nor Franklin D. Roosevelt. The probability seems to be that America's leading Intellectuals and Liberals will <sup>endorse</sup> ~~introduce~~ <sup>^</sup> the Rev. Norman Thomas who is the candidate of the Socialists.

America's leading Intellectuals and Liberals are under *that leading intellectual and liberal* <sup>^</sup> the leadership of Professor John Dewey of Columbia. America's leading intellectuals and liberals have a program which was drawn

with the assistance of a ~~M~~ mere hundred economists and experts of the Government. America's leading intellectuals and liberals are emphasizing unemployment, taxation, the tariff, power, public utilities, agricultural<sup>a</sup>, international relations, banking and social legislation.

America's leading intellectuals and Liberals feel that neither of the two major parties has any social planning in its platform.

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But America's leading intellectuals and liberals must not be confounded with the Liberty Party whose headquarters are in Kansas City. The so-called Liberty Party has also been making eyes at the Socialist candidates. But to all these embryo parties the Socialists themselves say in effect - Run along little boys, and fly your own kites.

The Socialists don't unite with any other parties. They play their own game.

Meanwhile from Norwalk, Connecticut, comes another

political proposal. The Chairman of the platform of the Farmer Labor Party is on a vacation in Norwalk, and he took occasion to make known ~~the~~ fact that he is rigging up a plan to unite the Farmer Labor Party with the Prohibition and the Liberty parties.

The Chairman of the Farmer Labor Party has written to Senator Borah of Idaho, asking if he would accept the presidential nomination of the combined party. He also wrote to former Congressman Upshaw, presidential candidate of the Prohibitionists. Likewise to Colonel Webb, the candidate of the Liberty party.

If this sort of thing goes on, the ballot we'll have to vote on next November will be about the size of an ~~large bed quilt,~~ *elephant's blanket.*

ROGERS

Will Rogers of Oklahoma is being made the target for brickbats today. I mean Will Rogers, the schoolmaster, not Bill the <sup>chicle-</sup> ~~gum~~-chewing, rope throwing jokester.

Schoolmaster <sup>will</sup> Rogers won the <sup>t</sup> primary ~~elections~~ for Congressmen-at-large by a large majority. He led twenty-five candidates.

Thousands of people voted for the schoolmaster because they thought he was the humorist cowboy philosopher.

So now his political opponents are accusing him of having changed his first name deliberately so that he would be mistaken for the comedian.

They point out that his name originally was <sup>not Will but</sup> Willie.

Schoolmaster Rogers denies the soft impeachment, <sup>and says</sup> "tut, tut."

⊗ "I changed my name from Willie to Will because Willie is a sissy name, and I didn't like it", <sup>rejoins</sup> ~~says~~ Schoolmaster Rogers. <sup>anyhow</sup>

One of his <sup>unsuccessful</sup> opponents is planning to file a protest.

## GOLD

Out West they are making a desperate effort to revive the good old gold rush days of '49 and <sup>'98 and so on,</sup> ~~other years~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~in the last century.~~ According to a United Press dispatch to the Baltimore Post, at least 10,000 men and women are diligently panning the once famous gold streams of California.

They are attracted, of course, by the <sup>one</sup> ~~chance~~ <sup>^</sup> in a million of striking ~~the~~ a bonanza, ~~large or small.~~ Most of them <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>^</sup> drawn from the ranks of the unemployed. Many ~~of them~~ are eking out a meager living from fifty cents a day up, <sup>panning gold.</sup> <sup>^</sup> But others who've no experience in the use of pans, rockers, and sluice boxes, are having their labors for nothing.

Nevertheless, California's output of gold has been increased by almost two million dollars in one year.

3 } Apropo of this, Randolph Walker, an editor and motion picture executive, is in Washington trying to ~~ix~~ assist the government in grub-~~st~~ <sup>e</sup> ~~aking~~ <sup>^</sup> the unemployed. Rannie Walker, who once ran for Mayor of Denver, Colorado, wants the Government to start thousands of the jobless on their way to the Rocky Mountains.

He suggests that the President shall ~~not~~ mobilize trucks, tents and supplies <sup>from</sup> ~~of~~ the army and navy for this purpose.

On the other hand, Colorado's Commissioner of Mines describes this idea as a delusion. Between 8,000 and

10,000 persons today are whipping the streams of Colorado to

a froth placermining for gold. <sup>They are actually doing this along Cherry Creek in the heart</sup> ~~So states the Colorado Mines~~

~~Commissioner. But He adds that to his knowledge their average~~

~~pick does not exceed fifty cents a day.~~

of Denver.

## WEDDING

City clerks all over the United States report that weddings fell off considerably last month. But here's one couple whom apparently nothing could discourage.

In Albion, Michigan, there was a wedding ~~last week~~ in which the bride and groom were both 77 years old. Furthermore, they were the youngest members of their wedding party. They had six ushers and six maids or matrons of honor, I don't know which. And all of them are <sup>members of</sup> ~~over~~ the Over-Three-Quarters-of-a-Century Club.

Did you ever hear of bats going on a bat? Here's a tale of some bats that did exactly that. Furthermore it was a bat that cost 3,448 dollars.

The story comes from White Plains, New York. The prisoners there have been kept awake for nights by a lot of these <sup>night</sup> flying creatures. When they killed one that had a wing spread of 18 inches they decided it was too much, so they complained to the sheriff.

The Board of Supervisors decided to put in screens. And that's where the <sup>bucks</sup> \$3,448 ~~is~~ comes in. And that's an expensive bat.

## SNOW PLOW

Now for an item to cool you off. Or are you hot? The trustees of a township in Ohio perspired for thirty minutes today. And what do you think it was that troubled them? A snow plow.

The township's snow plow has been in storage for eleven years. The storage bill is one hundred and eighty dollars. Well, paying for a snow plow in weather like this seemed to the trustees too much like paying for a horse after it is dead. They wrangled and wrangled; and finally decided to postpone the discussion of the payment of that bill until snow flys..

BISHOP

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What do you think of a Bishop's wife who captured a burglar?

Well, it happened in Buffalo last night.

The Right Reverend Cameron Davis, Episcopal Bishop of the Western ~~New York~~ <sup>of New York</sup> Diocese returned home yesterday evening with Mrs.

Davis. As they got inside their front hall they heard a noise upstairs.

The Bishop went to the telephone to notify the police but Mrs. Davis <sup>marched</sup> ~~went~~ <sup>night</sup> upstairs to investigate.

As she opened the door of her dressing room she saw a young man inspecting the toilet articles on her dresser. What did she do? She told the young man to get out of there and walk ahead of her downstairs. What did the young man do? He did as he was told? And when he made motions to open the front door and walk out Mrs. Davis told him to stay right where he was. What did he do this time? Once again the young man did as he was told. He waited right there until the police came. Evidently being a Bishop's wife lends to your voice ~~and~~ an authority that not even a modern burglar can withstand.

And that ends the authority of my voice for this week — and so long until Monday.