

Good Evening, Everybody:-

I'm back on the Atlantic coast tonight, but
~~Well, here we are back in New York again,~~ still somewhat

shaken by all the exciting things there were to see and hear in Chicago last week.

(The furore created by the nomination of Governor Roosevelt and Speaker Garner has not subsided yet. And that Democratic platform is still the principal topic of conversation all over the country.

Here are some of the reactions that became known ~~today~~ today. *that*

exceedingly independent

~~The~~ Republican senator, Hiram Johnson of California, issued a statement

in Washington. In this he praised Governor Roosevelt for, as he puts

it, ^pscrapping old traditions. He also admired the New York Governor's

courage in flying to Chicago to tell the Democratic delegates exactly

how he felt and ^{for} showing no fear ^{when it came to} ~~in~~ expressing his candid views. This,

~~said~~ says Senator Johnson, is contrary to all precedent for

presidential candidates.

It is expected that Mr. Johnson's statement will cause

^{much} ~~terrific~~ argument in Republican ranks. The reporters asked ~~xx~~ the

California Senator, nominally a Republican, whether he would support

the Democratic nominee in preference to President Hoover. Senator

Johnson declined to amplify the written statement he had given out.)

Then an interesting prophesy is reported from Buffalo, New York. It was issued by Norman E. Mack, former Democratic State Chairman and a life member of the Democratic National Committee, but not to be confused with the Judge Mack of Poughkeepsie who nominated Mr. Roosevelt in Chicago. Well, Mr. Norman E. Mack predicted a plurality of more than a million votes for Governor Roosevelt in New York State, and Mr. Mack points out that Mr. Roosevelt was elected Governor in 1930 with a plurality of almost 750,000.

Meanwhile, Democrats all over the country are organizing for a long, hard fight. (By his dramatic action in flying to Chicago to accept the nomination then and there, Governor Roosevelt has lengthened the period of the campaign to four months. Political reporters observed that all is not peaceful within the Democratic ranks. The followers of Alfred E. Smith are sore) and accusing Mr. McAdoo of the double cross.

Today firecrackers were exploding in the streets of Chicago where yesterday the Democratic chiefs were rushing for their

PROHIBITION

Of course there's tremendous excitement today on the subject of Prohibition. Everybody wants to know what part will be played by Senator Borah of Idaho.

According to a United Press dispatch ^{to} ~~in~~ the ^{Cleveland Press} ~~Trenton Times~~

not only Senator Borah but Senator Brookhart of Iowa was sounded out today by the Drys. Doctor Leigh Colvin, Chairman of the Prohibition Board of Strategy, ~~was~~ ^{them} questioned on their willingness to run for President on a Third-Party ticket. The results of the conversation ^s were kept secret. Neither Mr. Borah nor Mr. Brookhart would discuss ~~the result of~~ the Conference. Both of them ^{have} ~~had~~ repudiated the Republican Party platform and have indicated that they will not support President Hoover for reelection. But Senator Borah has put ^a ~~the~~ damper on ~~all~~ any hope of ~~the~~ a Third Party movement, based on Prohibition.)

According to reliable reports Mr. Borah believes that a third party to be ~~successfully attempted~~ must be founded on economic issues. He believes also that the nomination of Governor Roosevelt has lessened the chance of a third party movement. Any such third party, he thinks, would not be supported by the Progressives because the Progressives consider Governor Roosevelt one of them.

On the other hand Senator Brookhart announced that a liberal group in Kansas City has asked him to be their candidate for President. He told them that though he was interested in the ^{idea} ~~strength~~ of a third party, he liked the Democratic Platform in general, but ~~that he~~ ~~exceedingly~~ disliked the Anti-Prohibition plank *in it.*

Meanwhile, there's a ~~Prohibition~~ Prohibition Convention going on in Indianapolis ^{today.} Most of the Dry leaders arrived there ~~today~~ to discuss plans for fighting the Wet tendencies in both the Major parties. The Prohibition ^{Board} ~~vote~~ of strategy issued a scathing denunciation of both the Republican and the Democratic platforms. The Prohibitionists, ^{most} ^{of them apparently} are not only opposed to Repeal. They are opposed to the submission of any proposal either to repeal or modify the 18th Amendment to the people. The Drys consider that national prohibition, although it might be ^{drier} ~~better~~ ^{is really} ~~is~~ a success.

And in Washington, Senator Sheppard of Texas, the father of the 18th Amendment issued a statement. ^{Sen.} Sheppard wanted to correct the impression that has gone out, after a statement he made last week. He explained that he had prepared it hurriedly and that it did not accurately express his position. The father of the 18th Amendment opposes any

resubmission of the Prohibition measure to the states. He will not vote for it unless he is directed to do so by a representative referendum of the people of Texas.

Meanwhile, the citizens of South Carolina have just elected a wet U. S. Senator, although the new Governor is a dry.

CONGRESS

(There's going to be a serious attempt in Congress this week to put over a measure legalizing beer, immediately.) In addition to the ~~measure~~^{plan} offered by Senator Bingham of Connecticut there are no less than five measures for the same purpose ~~which may be brought up~~^{coming up} in the House. At least so ~~the~~ report ~~says~~^{has it}.

But both the Republican and Democrat^{ic} floor leaders of the Senate are going to do their utmost to prevent another record vote on beer ~~But~~^{during the present session.} Senator Bingham's proposal received the support yesterday of a western Democratic senator who has been voting dry throughout the entire session of Congress. He apparently wants the matter determined at once.

Meanwhile it looks as though ~~the~~ Congress ~~would~~^{will} adjourn early this week and ~~business men tell me~~^{many observers say} that's good news.

GOLD

Here's a news event which eclipses in importance all the hubbub about National politics. At least so says an article in the current issue of the Literary Digest. This event is America's victory over the gold raid attempted on Uncle Sam by Europe.

The Kansas City Star states that approximately one billion one hundred million dollars had been withdrawn from America's reserves by European banks within the last nine months.

Recently the Bank of France completed its program of converting American dollars into gold. It bought \$55,133,000 of the metal in New York. Thus Europe's long raid on American gold comes to an end. What is more important is that the stability of the American dollar remains unshaken.

According to the Providence Journal, this means that the new financial power of Uncle Sam is no mere flash in the pan. The country has withstood the most terrific onslaught on its gold reserves.

And that ought to cheer somebody.

BONUS

The Bonus Army in Washington had planned a rather formidable Independence Day parade today. But the rain washed it all out. So instead of a parade, a group of fifty veterans, headed by Walter Waters, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bonus Force, marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a wreath.

Meanwhile a bedraggled division of twelve hundred more veterans from California reached Memphis, Tennessee. This rain-soaked division arrived in Memphis in a fleet of cars and on top of a freight train. The boys have two airplanes, but the weather was too bad for them to be used, and the planes were kept on the ground at Little Rock, Arkansas. Memphis police are trying to find a way of hustling the boys out of town as fast as possible.

FEUD

Well, Harlan County, Kentucky, certainly is on the rampage.

Ten people are dead as a result of shootings which took place over the weekend.

The latest victim was a deputy constable who was himself credited with seven ^{notches on his gun,} ~~killings~~. This deputy constable was killed while he was telling other officers how his companion, a miner, had been shot from ambush while ^{they were} walking along the road ^{together.} ~~with the deputy~~ ~~deputy constable~~.

Eight deputies were listening to his story. In the middle of his narrative a brother of the chief of police of Harlan walked right up to this constable and shot him. A second man also placed his shotgun ~~right~~ against the constable's stomach and pulled the ~~gx~~ trigger. Thereupon a group of men came out of the underbrush and prevented the ^{eight} ~~eight~~ deputies from arresting the killers.

Previous to this, ^{last Saturday,} two men were killed near Prestonburg, Kentucky, in a fight over a school election. ~~xxxxxxx~~ And a school election in another part of the county resulted in more deaths. In addition to all this several other persons were wounded and may die.

So there was a lot of shooting in Harlan County, Ky., and it was in celebration of the 4th of July.

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FLOODS

All of southwestern Texas has been affected by the floods which raged there over the weekend. At least nine lives were lost and probably a million dollars worth of damage was done. And the whole countryside is going to work to relieve distress and restore order.

The waters have ^{not} receded yet and the sections immediately affected are still almost totally isolated. Traffic both over the highways and the railroads is practically at a standstill. It began when ~~a~~ backwater from the Leona River, which is normally a dry stream bed, suddenly went on ^a ~~the~~ rampage and created a lake five miles wide and fifteen miles long. This is near the home of Speaker Garner of the House of Representatives.

More ~~x~~ than fifty families ^{were} ~~have been~~ taken from their homes in boats. Villages are inundated and some ~~ix~~ towns are ~~fix~~ cut off. The only communication service in one of these towns ^{being} ~~is~~ an amateur radio station.

GROCCERS

an item about
Here is [^] a couple of smart lads in Illinois. They have found one way and a useful way to collect money that's owing them. The lads in question run a grocery store in Joliet.

According to a United Press dispatch to the ~~Cleveland~~ *Indianapolis*

~~Times~~ ^{Times} ~~News~~ [^] these grocers found that sixty percent of their customers were unable to pay their bills. Then they hit upon an idea. "These folks owe us money, and can't pay it," said one to the other. And the other replied "Well, we can't build a new store until they do." Why not let the customers build the store for us?"

And that is what is now being done. They are breaking ~~ground~~ ground for their new building tomorrow, and the customers are going to work out their grocery bills--at the rate of fifty cents an hour.

I hope my Pawling grocer, Mr. Harry Holmes, isn't listening in tonight.

YACHT

Five of Uncle Sam's revenue cruisers are hunting a missing yacht. This is the boat Curlew, which started last week on the annual boat race from Montauk, L.I., to Bermuda.

The Curlew was expected in Bermuda last Friday, but nothing has been either seen or heard of her since she left Montauk Point.

DEBTS

Germany today virtually rejected the plan to settle her troublesome reparations problem. This was the plan unanimously devised by Great Britain, France, Belgium^{um}, Italy and Japan. Many hopes had been founded on this plan. It was expected to make possible a final solution of Europe's economic problem.

The German Chancellor met in conference with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain. After this conference it was reported that the German delegation did not consider the project a definite and final solution.

It had been proposed that the German Republic should pay a sum amounting to about a *bi*llion dollars into a European reconstruction fund. The Germans found this too much. They also objected to a clause which would oblige Germany to pay more in case Europe's war debts to Uncle Sam are not readjusted.

The Germans have another objection. It has been suggested that they begin paying this money as soon as economic prosperity is restored after a moratorium of three years. It is understood the Germans insist on a moratorium of five years.

It is believed that Chancellor von Papen offered Mr. Ramsay MacDonald an alternative proposal. But its terms were not made known.

So the negotiations look like a deadlock. The conference at Lausanne will have to be continued beyond the original date at which it should have ended, that is, July sixth.

INDIA

They are having riots again in India. That's an old refrain. The ancient feud between the Moslems and the Hindus has broken out once more. Five persons were killed and fifty injured in Bombay.

Detachments of British troops were called out to pacify many communities. In some districts police were compelled to disburse crowds with gunfire.

OIL

And here's a story from Paris which affects all consumers and producers of oil. Representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Rumania held a joint conference in Paris today. Their purpose is to reach an agreement to curtail oil production throughout the world.

If they come to an agreement, the terms of their arrangement will be forwarded to Russia. They hope to swing the Soviet Government into line.

TREASURE

Here's another real treasure story. What's more, it's a pirate treasure story. It comes from an orange grower in Lindsey, California.

And according to this report, the pirate treasure estimated to be worth sixty million dollars, was found on Cocos Island, in the Pacific Ocean, ~~off the coast of~~. For years and years expeditions have been going to Cocos Island, searching for that treasure. And our lucky orange-growing friend is a member of an expedition which left Vancouver, British Columbia, last February. The expedition was headed by a former army officer and an inventor. The instrument which this inventor had devised is called a metallophone. It is described as a sort of electrical divining rod.

Well, according to a United Press dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press, the expedition went out to investigate the legend of the treasure left on Cocos Island by a certain Captain Graham. The Captain was at one time a British naval officer and he turned pirate. He must have been quite a pirate to accumulate sixty million dollars. One of the many expeditions that have sought this same

treasure was headed by Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British Speed Ace. Well, this expedition from Vancouver is reported to have found the treasure buried just about thirty feet away from where Sir Malcolm Campbell had his camp.

The successful venture is said to have worked under the protection of the Government of Costa Rica. And Costa Rica has provided a guard to keep intruders out until the treasure has been removed.

TALL STORY

Now I've a new member for the Tall Story Club. His name is Earl Killam, and if his story don't kill 'em, or at least bowl 'em over, I miss my guess. Mr. Killam lives in Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania. He also has a hunting lodge in Pike County, Pennsylvania. A remarkable feature of that lodge is that there is in the neighborhood an unusual echo. According to Mr. Killam this echo takes eight hours to come back. To be exact, he says it reverberates in seven hours, fifty-nine and one-fourth seconds.

Well, Mr. Killam has his echo trained. All he needs is eight hours every night. So every evening when he is ready to go to bed he puts his head out of the window and shouts: "Hello, Killam, it's time to get up." Seven hours, fifty-nine and one-fourth seconds later the echo returns and wakes him.

All right, Killam, you're elected. And I'm sure those sentiments are echoed and re-echoed by all the members of the Tall Story Club.

We haven't any Pike County echo in this studio. Nevertheless I can hear a still small voice whispering to me that it's time to say -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.