# The Curbstone Diplomat

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This Saturday, Mr. Franklin Roosevelt steps into the most honored position of this country and at the same time takes the country's toughest job. The honored position will not last much longer than during inauguration exercises. After this the tough job begins with the president accepting the responsibility for every one out of employment, hands up, etc.

Expenses are to be reduced twenty-five per cent. which means at least twenty-five per cent. salary cuts or else add a lot of government employees to the army of the unemployed.

Repeal of the eighteenth amendment is promised. Well, boys and we had better say "girls" too, when the much used toast is given, "Up to the lips, past the gums, look out belly, here it comes," the old bread-basket will get a slug of good spirits made under sanitary conditions, instead of the present day branch water.

Probably the people who are so red hot for repeal will have to back as much water as those who are so hot for prohibition.

Prohibition was going to abolish jails, insane asylums, poor houses, hospitals and give everyone prosperity, a chicken for every pot, two cars for every garage. No, pardon me, I am getting a few presidential campaign promises mixed in. Well all these prophesies have gone fluey. You can buy all the intoxicating liquor today you want, that is unless you look like a grafter, sneak and crook. If you look like this combination the bootlegger thinks you are a prohibition officer and won't sell to you. True the quality of present day liquor is bad and sends you to the hospitals, etc., and if this is the desire of the prohibitionists they are winning. The coming genrations they were talking about converting are taking to branch water early.

Repeal is going to save the sons and daughters, end the depression, do away with racketeering and many other things. This will be bunk just like prohibition was. Repeal will probably bring in revenue and improve the quality of "giggle water, suds, juniper juice, etc.," but just as much will be used if not more. As to end of racketeering, let us take a look at Al Capones reported statement. Al Capone said that when he started racketeering that prohibition contributed nearly all his income. When he was finally arrested for evading the income tax law, he was reported to have stated that he was in so many other illegal businesses that prohibition did not contribute more than forty per cent. of his income. Think how racketeering has increased.

Repeal will be a blow to the Eastern Shore as we will have no legalized liquor industry located here unless the price of grains go high and handsome, wheat $1.50 a bushel and corn a little better than a dollar would be just like throwing a life preserver to a drowning man. Let's have the life preserver.

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An aged lady in Chestertown has not been away from her house for several years. This week she heard a radio for the first time and is very much delighted with it. At least there is somebody in town that did not hear Phil Kratzer's loud speaker when he was located on High street. That loud speaker was a novelty at first but later on became an affliction. Such things are out of date now.

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The Ladies Aid up at Kennedyville have such a good time they should distribute some of their pleasure. A poem about it is elsewhere in this issue.

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In Queen Annes they have been enjoying a man hunt. Man is considered the most dangerous of all animals to hunt. It is reported the whole affair was right much fun, not for any of the victims however.

Have you ever heard this before. In the state of New Mexico Spanish is spoken in the legislature. All the speaking and law making is done in Spanish.

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The objective of the radio manufacturers seems to be to have them small enough to carry on the hip.

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A local merchant is flashing a telegram from New York that reads something like this, "Your credit is good for $50,000. Advise when wanted." It was signed J. P. Morgan. It was a hoax, however, that the merchant had fixed up to fool his neighbors. He says he lies awake at night thinking up new things to fool them with.

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If Saturday is a damp cold day in Washington a small fortune will be spent in cold remedies.

## Smilin' Charlie Says




"Timidity is quite often as great a protection & morality as is prudence!"

## This Week's Cartoon




## Odd - But True







## Story of TOM MIX by Tom Brown

THE first moving picture I ever saw was a Tom Mix picture. The hero of my early boyhood was Tom Mix. He still is.

It is his genuineness that makes him even more heroic to me now that I know him and can call him my friend. If I were called upon to give Tom Mix a nick-name, it would be "Iron Man," for that is exactly what this stern son of the West is in real life. At his age he leads a more strenuous life than most young men. He still thrives on adventure and action. That is the most remarkable thing to me about this great cowboy. Tom Mix will never grow old.

I never dreamed that someday I would be working on the same lot with him, and privileged to know him in real life.

I have seen the marvelous physique which has survived the wounds of 38 bullets. I have seen the knife cuts and battle scars he carries with him as a memento of the rough frontier days. I have seen the remarkable tribute to mans will for physical fitness which Tom Mix has in his right arm. Broken and splintered, he moulded it back again with exercise until it is more powerful today than ever before.

It takes a man to live through what Tom Mix has. Four wars. Constant warfare with outlaws, Indians, bad men. Looking fearlessly into the mouth of a six-shooter. Riding, fighting, winning for the side of the right—always. His convictions, religion, philosophy are as straight, true and firm as his trigger finger. No man has ever had anything to advance to cloud Tom Mix's name. He is the most open straightforward American man I have ever known.

That's why he is still my hero—more than ever.

I think his great battle with death from appendicitis was a glorious tribute to his stamina and iron will. His comeback on the screen, riding, shooting harder than ever was wonderful. No wonder that his popularity today is even greater than before sickness took him for a temporary fall.

Tom Mix stands for red blooded Americanism.

His kind carved this great nation out of the wilderness.

My hat is off to him!

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# FURROWS



BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

Today a new President of the United States will be inaugurated, and there will begin in this country a new deal. Nobody knows as yet what that new deal is goin to be. If it's goin to be just a shufflin up and passin out of the same kind of hands to a different set of politicians, it won't be much of a new deal. A whole lot of people in this country is expectin it to be just that way.

But, I fer one, expect Mr. Roosevelt to do a lot of things in a different way from the way most of his predecessors in office has done. Of course, the new President can't just wave a magic hand and say "Presto change" and bring prosperity back to the country. And just because he won't be able to do that a lot of his enemies both in the Republican and Democratic parties will say, "I told you so." They might as well say so now fer it ain't goin to be done.

But if Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt succeed in reducin the expenses of the Government and the White House by twenty-five per cent, a considerable load will be lifted from the shoulders of the tax payers of this country. He's goin to have a lot of opposition from all quarters. From Congress, from big business, from the farmer organizations, from labor unions, from silver producers, from high tariff advocates, from low tariff advocates, from prohibitionists, from the brewers and distillers, from the newspapers, from politicians, from women's organizations, from the bonus and pension advocates, from the Army and Navy, and from a lot of self-appointed critics will come opposition to his program. They all want special favors fer their crowd, and they are goin to make a lot of noise if they don't git what they want. It's a good thing that Mr. Roosevelt decided not to receive callers at the White House except on invitation.

Yet, in spite of all of his critics, and in spite of the tremendous opposition which he will have, in my way of thinkin, our new President is goin to fool a lot of people in this country. They say he is weak, but I say he is strong. He knows what he wants, and he knows how to git it done. He is big enough to know capable men when he sees 'em and he ain't afraid to follow the advice of big men. Mr. Roosevelt may have crippled legs, but he ain't got no crippled brain. He wuz a big man when he first went into politics and he had some mighty good trainin under a big man.

We've had about enough of this gospel of opposition in this country, and, in my way of thinkin, it's about time fer the people of this land to git behind our President and support him in his efforts to bring the country back out of the depths of the last three years of republican prosperity. Fifteen million people is out of work in this country, and they don't want charity. They want work. If everybody back at home, so to speak, will git his shoulder to the wheel and help push the wagon along in the right direction, beginnin with next Monday, we will have a new deal.

And now folks, as the ceremonies of inauguration begin, as the bands play, and the soldiers march and beat their drums, and as Mr. Roosevelt, in company with Mr. Hoover, rides up Pennsylvania Avenue and turns into the Capitol grounds, let us all stand and sing, "Hail to the Chief!"


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