

---

**Franklin D. Roosevelt — “The Great Communicator”**

**The Master Speech Files, 1898, 1910-1945**

**Series 1: Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Political Ascension**

---

**File No. 65**

**1917 January 20**

**New York City, NY**

January 20, 1917

[Speech in NYC]

0065

## FOES SURROUND US, SAYS SENATOR LEWIS

Dinner Discourse on Our Friend-  
liness by His Senate  
Democratic Whip.

### CALLS ON NATION TO ARM

Believes That Japan, Russia, and  
China are Engaged in a  
Threaten Us After This Year.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Mississippi predicted last night what he believed to be the future of the world. He said that the United States and Great Britain were at the end of their rope and that they would have to make peace with Germany, Austria, and Italy. He said that this country would be forced to fight in the world and that it would either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

Senator Lewis said he believed that when we were a Roman Empire we were the greatest power in the world. He said that we were now in a similar position and that we must either stand or be crushed by all the other nations.

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

## THIEVES WITH DRUGS ROB 23 APARTMENTS

Believed to Have Had Collision  
on Fingers and to Have  
Chloroformed Their Victims

### LOSSES TOTAL THOUSANDS

Surginals Entered From Five Blocks  
South of Operations Near  
14th St. and Lenox Ave.

Twenty-eight petty thieves from five blocks south of 14th Street and between 5th and 6th Avenues, New York City, are believed to have been the perpetrators of a series of robberies in the city. The thieves are believed to have entered the apartments from the south and to have chloroformed their victims. The losses from the robberies are believed to total thousands of dollars.

### ELUDED BRITISH SOLDIERS

Keeny, Irish Rebel, is Admitted by  
Best Immigration Officials.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Immigration officials here today admitted that they had been deceived by a man who claimed to be a British soldier.

The man, whose name is Keeny, is believed to be an Irish rebel. He is believed to have been in the United States for some time and to have been active in the Irish cause. He is believed to have been in contact with other Irish rebels and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### REALTY AGENT ARRAIGNED

Rider Clapham is Indicted on Charge  
of Kissing a Girl.

Alfred H. Clapham, a real estate agent and a member of the New York State Bar, is believed to have been the perpetrator of a series of robberies in the city. He is believed to have been in contact with other criminals and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### SILVER SOCIETY'S CAT SHOW

To Be Held in January of New York  
Women's League Headquarters.

The Silver Society will hold its fourth annual cat show in the New York Women's League headquarters. The show will feature a variety of breeds of cats and will be open to the public. The show is expected to be a great success.

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

## WOMAN FIGHTS 6 BANDITS

Wife of Jackson Park, Resident  
of Queens, Fought Six  
Lords Chase—\$1,000 Taken.

Report to The New York Times.

A woman, Mrs. Jackson Park, is believed to have been the perpetrator of a series of robberies in the city. She is believed to have been in contact with other criminals and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### T. R. HOST TO HOME FOLK

Report to The New York Times.

T. R. Host is believed to have been the perpetrator of a series of robberies in the city. He is believed to have been in contact with other criminals and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### CALL FOR SWISS RESERVISTS

Consul Here Sees No Great Signifi-  
cance in Demand for Fighting Men.

The Swiss Consul in New York is believed to have been the perpetrator of a series of robberies in the city. He is believed to have been in contact with other criminals and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### ARMY AGENT ARRAIGNED

Report to The New York Times.

An Army agent is believed to have been the perpetrator of a series of robberies in the city. He is believed to have been in contact with other criminals and to have been planning to return to Ireland.

### WOMAN FIGHTS 6 BANDITS

Wife of Jackson Park, Resident  
of Queens, Fought Six  
Lords Chase—\$1,000 Taken.

Report to The New York Times.

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

...and the fact that the United States is now in a similar position to that of the Roman Empire...

face with a situation that our history has never before reached. In our effort to maintain neutrality we have far from won friendship. We have succeeded in awakening the opposition of all the nations of the earth.

England and Germany Against Us.

Germany, believing we have wounded her in our munitions and supplies to the Allies and enabling them to maintain the war against her, has neither appreciated the spirit of our neutrality nor our real motives. Britain feels we have fed the Central Powers through indirect means and fees that, instead of feeding her our money at high rates of interest, we should have our children fighting the battle she is fighting.

"In the East there is Japan and China. We have put up the bar sinister against them, they feel. These nations are raising their voices against what they think is the indignity we have subjected them to. The eyes of the world are turned to us. Do you feel that the Orient will continue to endure this?"

"When the time comes after the war is over, Japan, speaking for Asia, will turn to France and to Britain and say that I helped you in the hour of your extremity, now you help me. Demand your assistance in forcing America to admit our citizens on the same footing as yours. We were engaged to be your comrades in the war, how about now? Britain and France, actuated by a feeling of the duty of reciprocity or the fear of being driven out of the Orient, will be bound to help Japan.

"We hear that millions would spring up to meet the foe. Meet them where, for Heaven's sake? Do you suppose that Japan would land an army to march on from our shores? No! When we fought Spain in 1898 we did not go to Cuba. We took Cuba and said to Spain: 'Come and get it.' Japan will seize the Philippines and say to us: 'Come and get them.'"

Sees Peril in South America.

"Bear in mind the enmity in Central America to this country. Panama, Honduras and Nicaragua, we have incited, actuated by acts we thought right in support of the Monroe Doctrine. Do you believe they would refuse a powerful enemy the right to base its supplies on their shores. There is Mexico, we know the feeling there. Do you think they would refuse to open their ports to a powerful enemy of the United States?"

There is the Panama Canal, \$100 worth of dynamite would destroy it. And where would be our fleet. There would be no navy for it on the Atlantic and the Philippines would be 5,000 miles away. There would not be enough naval power on the Pacific Coast to defeat the smallest enemy fleet. How would you defend the Pacific Coast or see the Philippines back?"

"Russia has just declined to enter into a new trade treaty with us. Her reasons may be excellent, but she we do not seem disposed to repay the debt she owes us because she prevented European fleets from helping in the Russo-Japanese War and because she believes we aided Japan in the Russo-Japanese War. When Japan has seized the Philippines, will not Russia turn her eyes towards her former possessions and try to reach that storehouse of treasure, Alaska?"

"We must meet the patriotic duty of the hour," he said. "It is to teach the people of the Great Middle West that they are interested in possessions, that where the ports of the Atlantic are seized, their grain will rot and they will become paupers. Go to the West and teach them that they are not enemies of New

York and the millions of men among us as soon as possible Kenny deserted the ship. He then made his way to his sister's home, where he has been staying since.

## REALTY AGENT ARRAIGNED.

### Elder Clapham is Indicted on Charge of Retaining-Rents.

Alfred H. Clapham, a real estate and insurance agent of Sea Cliff, charged with retaining \$200 he had collected in rents, was arraigned yesterday at Mineola before Judge Lewis J. Smith of Nassau County to plead to an indictment. Clapham's son, Donald, is under a suspended sentence on a charge of looting Summer cottages with gains obtained from the office at his father's.

Donald Clapham was arrested with Mrs. Ruth Taylor Conroy, who is separated from her husband, on June 10, 1918. They were charged with lawless articles stolen from Summer houses to raise money to attend theatre and sangre teas in Manhattan. They pleaded guilty.

The charge against the elder Clapham was made by Harry I. North, a wealthy Sea Cliff property owner. Clapham acted as his agent and failed, North alleged, to turn over rents he collected from North's tenants. Clapham claims most of the \$200 is due him as commissions, and the remainder is in disbursements. He was paroled for a week to furnish \$500 bail.

## SILVER SOCIETY'S CAT SHOW

### To be Held for Benefit of New York Women's League for Animals.

The Silver Society will hold its fourth specialty cat show in the Winter Garden of the Hotel McAlpin, next Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 22 and 23. Medals, trophies, and cups will be awarded by a dozen cat clubs to the best and most dignified cats and kittens competing. Entries for the exhibition have included the best specimens of 14 different breeds. The programme of the show will go to the New York Women's League for Animals.

The committees having the show in charge include Mrs. Norval H. Boney, Mrs. Arthur H. Churchill, Mrs. George Brayton, Mrs. James F. Speyer, Mrs. Herbert Kelson, Mrs. W. Van Dine, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Franklin L. Hutton, Mrs. Stanley Prince, Miss Edith Matthews, Miss Mrs. Sadie Seaman, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Mrs. Kate G. Werner, and Mrs. H. L. The judges are Mrs. F. Y. Mathis.

July and the millions of men among us as soon as possible Kenny deserted the ship. He then made his way to his sister's home, where he has been staying since.

Battlements on the part of those living in the neighborhood made it impossible to obtain a complete list of the robbers, but it was learned that one of the other pairs entered was that occupied by James Schwaiger, 50 the fifth floor, 25 E. 50th st. and two West 10th

July and the millions of men among us as soon as possible Kenny deserted the ship. He then made his way to his sister's home, where he has been staying since.

Advertisements of lost and found articles may be found on Page 4, Section Eight.