

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 Things look darker than ever in
2 Spain tonight. Darker for King Alphonso.

3 The Associated Press reports that
4 the attempt to switch from a dictatorship
5 to a cabinet form of government has
6 failed -- ~~failed~~, in spite of King
7 Alphonso's concessions. ~~As I mentioned~~
8 ~~last night~~ King Alphonso called upon Senor
9 Sanchez Guerra to head the government.
10 Senor Guerra represents political elements
11 that want to make Spain an exceedingly
12 Democratic monarchy. Guerra tried to
13 line up enough support to govern the
14 country, but today he informed the King
15 that the Republicans and the Socialists
16 have refused to cooperate. So that plan
17 has fallen through.

18 According to the United Press, Senor
19 Guerra advised the King to call upon an
20 even more radical leader, Alvarez, by name,
21 to take a shot at the difficult task of
22 forming a ministry. But ~~a~~ ^{states that} ~~according to a~~
23 lateⁿ International News Service dispatchⁿ
24 Alvarez has refused.

25 Meanwhile, there are reports that

1 the Conservative elements are dissatisfied
2 because the King has yielded to the
3 Radicals. Some think that the army will
4 take a hand in the game.

5 *Alfonso* The United Press cables that the King
6 has had a talk with one of his generals
7 in which he declared he would step down
8 from his throne and leave Spain if he
9 thought it for the good of the country.

10 Here is a still later ^{the} International
11 News Service cable which reads:

12 "Censorship has been clamped on again.
13 All troops are being kept in barracks
14 ready for action. The Queen is hurrying
15 back from London and the report is that
16 the King will do nothing definite until
17 he talks things over with her."

18 Indications ^{tonight} are that ^{Alfonso} ~~he~~ will either
19 abdicate or establish another military
20 dictatorship in a last effort to save his
21 throne.

GERMANY

A cable from Berlin this evening tells of a radical plan to deal with the unemployment situation in Germany. The Berlin correspondent of the New York Evening Post wires that the Berlin Government intends to provide jobs for the German jobless by initiating a five-day week. Employers not only will be required to put a five-day week in force among their workers - they also will be required to employ enough new workers to keep the total number of working hours up to what it is now.

There are 16,000,000 people at work in Germany at present and 4,000,000 out of work. It is estimated and hoped that the five-day week will provide jobs for most of the 4,000,000 jobless. And that would solve Germany's most serious problem.

1 I might announce this evening
2 that we won't have any more news dispatches
3 about troubled political conditions in
4 Germany--that is, I might announce it
5 if I took this next bit of news seriously
6 enough.

7 It states that the way to avoid
8 revolutions is to give the people plenty
9 of fresh vegetables to eat.

10 This new theory is propounded by
11 Dr. Dimkin, of Berlin, ~~and he's~~ an
12 authority on vitamins. The International
13 News Service quotes the Doctor as asking:
14 WHY DO PEOPLE USUALLY START REVOLUTIONS
15 IN MARCH? And then the Doctor answers:
16 BECAUSE THEY DON'T RECEIVE SUFFICIENT
17 VITAMINES DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

18 He explains that people don't
19 get enough vitamins in the winter
20 because fresh vegetables are not plentiful
21 in the winter. The result is that when
22 spring comes around they're suffering
23 from indigestion. And indigestion
24 causes discontent.

25 Well, I suppose the German government

1 will act on that hint and provide the
2 Germany people with carloads and
3 carloads of fresh vegetables--cabbage,
4 for example, tons and tons of sauerkraut.
5 And so of course there won't be any
6 more revolutionary news ^{from} ~~in~~ Germany--maybe!

INDIA

Two men held a momentous conference today in a brand new city out in a land of old cities. The two men were Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India and Mahatma Gandhi, the emaciated saint. They talked for four hours, while thousands of British officials and millions of swarthy Indians wondered what they were saying.

They were debating across a table in the hope of coming to some agreement about the future of India.

~~The Associated Press tells us that~~ when Gandhi emerged from that conference he had a smile on his thin, care-worn face. "I am satisfied, even optimistic," he exclaimed. What the two men told each other is a closely guarded secret. ~~Perhaps well~~ hear more about it tomorrow.

This meeting is a fitting climax to the ceremonies which have just taken place the ceremonies, inaugurating the new hundred million dollar city of Delhi. I was in India while they were building that new city and it is a colossal thing. Miles of great buildings of red sandstone, vast halls of government palaces, hundreds of handsome bungalows, long streets of them. This is

the new Capital which Great Britain has built there in the heart of India. It is called the new Delhi and it adjoins the old Delhi, the Capital of the magnificent Moguls.

The Plain of Delhi has always been a site of great capitol cities. Time after time Delhi has been the seat of an Empire that has decayed. This new Delhi is the seventh city. Six times before Delhi has been mighty and great - and then has fallen.

The Hindus declare that he who builds a new Delhi is always fated to perish in its ruins and for that reason the brown men of the East were saying when I was there that the building of a new Delhi by the British was a sign of the coming collapse of the British Empire in India.

Well, I was with Clemenceau, the Old Tiger of France, one day when he visited this massive new city. His remark was:- "Perhaps this Delhi will be the greatest ruin of them all." Who knows?

1 I've an item here which tells of ~~a~~
2 picturesque European statesman ~~who~~ is
3 coming to America. In fact Americans may
4 see a good deal of him next autumn---
5 and hear a good deal from him, too.

6 Who is he? Well, he is that
7 prodigious Englishman, Winston Churchill.
8 And, he is coming over for a grand tour
9 of America.

10 I'll never forget the impression
11 Churchill made on me when I first met
12 him. For years I had been hearing
13 fantastic stories about this spectacular
14 man who was the son of the famous Lord
15 Randolph Churchill, and the grandson
16 of the Duke of Marlborough.

17 I had heard of his adventures with
18 Kitchener in the Sudan; of his capture
19 and escapes in the Boer War, and of his
20 experiences on the Afghan Frontier in
21 India. I knew of his part in the World
22 War, that he had held nearly every office
23 in the British Cabinet. I knew that he
24 was a soldier, a brilliant writer, a
25 great statesman -- in fact, the most

1 versatile man in England.

2 ~~And, when he came to call on me in~~
3 ~~London--~~ Well I half expected to
4 encounter a roaring lion, or something
5 of the sort.

6 He wasn't that way. ^{Far from it.} ~~at all~~. But he
7 was impressive all the same.

8 He's a huge fellow, with stopped
9 shoulders. He has a head and neck that
10 would ^{go} ~~look~~ well ^{with} ~~on~~ a prizefighter. ~~is~~
11 ~~shoulders~~. The curious thing was when
12 he talked. He's one of the most
13 brilliant public speakers of our time,
14 and I was rather startled when ^{I heard} ~~he spoke~~.
15 ~~He talked with a decided~~ ^{him} ~~lisp~~. But that
16 was only for an instant. As he warms
17 up to his subject, the lisp disappears
18 and the eloquence pours out.

19 ~~Well,~~ Winston Churchill's
20 approaching visit to the United States
21 is the result of political happenings
22 in Great Britain. Churchill, always one
23 of the leading figures in the Conservative
24 Party, has broken with his ^{colleagues} ~~party~~ this time
25 over the question of India. He's playing

a lone hand now, and that gives him a bit of leisure. So he's going to use that leisure for what is a favorite amusement of English notables -- which is -- coming to America for a lecture tour.

It will be a spectacular tour, I'll lay a wager on that.

1 There's nothing new on the Bonus
2 Bill situation tonight. It's being
3 discussed by the Senate Committee. The
4 International News Service reports that
5 it may not come up for a vote in the
6 Senate for several ^{more} days.

7 Another news item from Washington
8 tells us that an increase in postal
9 rates is in sight. The United Press
10 informs us that President Hoover will
11 soon send a message to Congress pointing
12 out that the Post Office Department will
13 be facing a deficit of a hundred million
14 dollars this year, and that something
15 will have to be done. And that something
16 will be to charge more for sending matter
17 through the mails.

ROBBERY

Word came in today of an exciting robbery on a train in Georgia. 7 passengers were lounging in the observation car of the Crescent Limited as it thundered through the night. In walked a man with a gun in each hand. HANDS UP! he demanded. Keeping at a safe distance from the passengers the bandit ordered a negro boy on the train to collect all the valuables. He didn't get much -- about \$300.

Then, according to the Associated Press, the robber pulled the emergency cord, as the train slowed down he jumped off. The alarm was given and a railroad flagman opened fire on the fleeing robber. There was an exchange of shots, but the bandit vanished.

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1 Out in the Nevada Desert they
2 are getting ready to build a new city.
3 It is to be shaped like a triangle,
4 entirely different from any other
5 city ever built. It is to take care of
6 the vast army of men, and their wives
7 and children who will be connected
8 with the giant Hoover dam, the world's
9 greatest reclamation project.

10 A ~~The~~ United Press dispatch
11 states that the building of this full
12 grown city is to be placed in the hands
13 of a Denver engineer, a Mr. DeBoer.
14 It will be called Boulder City. He
15 will build it complete, with homes,
16 churches, schools, ~~and~~ theatres,
17 playgrounds, ^{Parks,} hospitals and business
18 buildings, right in the midst of the
19 white hot sands of the desert.

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COW

Now, let's see. This item is about a cow going to school. No, not a cow going to school to learn, but a cow going to school to teach.

According to the Associated Press, the Board of Education in Los Angeles has discovered that 25% of the school children out there have never seen a cow, and 50% have never seen a calf. So the Board of Education has made arrangements for the kids to have a chance to see both a cow and a calf.

Each day a truck drives in from out of town, and in that truck are a cow and two calves. It makes the rounds of the schools and the youngsters come out and take a look at the sight of the strange animals. I suppose they find old Bossy and her horns as weird as the fabled unicorn or hippogriff.

Remember the old saying of Vice-President Marshall's that what the country needs is a good five cent cigar? Well, ^{this week's} ~~the new~~ Literary Digest, ~~which will be on the stands tomorrow,~~ quotes the Publishers Syndicate as saying: THAT ANOTHER THING THIS COUNTRY NEEDS IS A GOOD FIVE CENT TIP. ~~Well,~~ I agree with that, ^{but} ~~and~~ ^{what} will add that ^{is} this country also needs a lot of taxi drivers, and waiters, and porters who'll take a five cent tip—with a smile.

The talkies are coming in for a lot of digs these days. Here's one which says: THAT IMAGINATION IS WHAT YOU NEED WHEN A FRENCH KING IN A TALKIE SPEAKS WITH A KANSAS IMITATION OF COCKNEY. The Digest quotes that one from the Muskogee Phoenix. And it goes on to tell us that the Nashville Banner has a comment to make upon Sir Hubert Wilkin's submarine expedition under the ice to the North Pole: ^{Says the Banner:-} ^{and} SIR HUBERT WILKINS IS SELECTING HIS CREW ^{and} "WE HAVE SEVERAL CANDIDATES", ~~remarks the Nashville Banner,~~ "ONE OF whom we are not which."

A writer in the Duluth News-Tribune, as quoted by the Literary Digest, tells us that the next time the leader of a jazz band asks radio listeners to send in requests for what they want the gang to play, that writer in the Duluth News-Tribune is going to ask the gang to play checkers or dominoes.

WHAT IS MORE PLEASANT THAN A COLD BATH BEFORE BREAKFAST?

The answer is: NO COLD BATH BEFORE BREAKFAST. The Digest reprints that one from Punch.

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1 My News Item of the day is something
2 that's not in the newspapers. I had a
3 very interesting visitor. He is Captain
4 Richard St. Barbe Baker.

5 Now, Captain Baker is one of the
6 most English of Englishmen, but he has
7 spent most of his life in the wilds of
8 Africa. In fact, he is known as the "Man
9 of the Trees."

10 One of the strangest things he told me
11 about was a dance called the dance of the
12 trees. All over Africa the forests are
13 being destroyed and the land reduced to a
14 desert.

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25 Among those black men of Kenya nothing

1 ever happened unless there was a dance.
2 So the wise Captain called several of the
3 leading men together and told them about
4 the dance of the trees.

5 That sounded good to the natives, and
6 on the appointed day 5,000 warriors came,
7 all equipped for the dance, with shields,
8 and spears, and ferocious warpaint.

9 The Captain informed them that anyone
10 who wanted to dance would have to join
11 the ancient and honorable order of The
12 Men of the Trees.

13 ~~And those warriors just flocked up.~~
14 ~~to become Men of the Trees and take part~~
15 ~~in the dance of the trees.~~

16 Captain Baker made them all promise
17 to plant trees. The government nurseries
18 would provide them with the seeds. Well,
19 the boys all joined the new lodge, and
20 then the dance went off in grand style to
21 the beating of tomtoms and barbaric shouts
22 and the stamping of feet.

23 And That's how the order called the Men
24 of the Trees began. The idea spread.
25 More dances of the trees were held. And

1 thousands of trees were planted. And now
2 hundreds of square miles, that were turning
3 into desert, are covered with magnificent
4 growths of tropical forest.

5 Yes, and the Captain thinks we'd
6 better get busy and reforest America before
7 it becomes like the Sahara. I agree with
8 him. In fact, I wish he'd stay and make
9 everyone of us become a "Man of the Trees."

10 Well, Captain Baker and I chatted
11 along for a while, and then he said, in
12 his very English way:

13 "I say, old chap. ^{I'm off for Australia.} I think I'll be
14 toddling along -- so -- quaheri".

15 "And what does quaheri mean?" I
16 asked.

17 "Oh, that means cheerio, or as you
18 say 'so long,' ~~until tomorrow.~~

19 Well, quaheri sounds like a noble
20 word to me. And so I think I'll conclude
21 by saying: quaheri, folks, quaheri, --
22 and, so long until tomorrow.