

Good Evening Everybody:

1 A good deal of pleasant
2 international courtesy is going around
3 these days. There's the visit of Premier
4 Laval of France to the United States.
5 The French cabinet today put its O.K.
6 on that proposed trip to ~~the United~~
7 ~~States~~ *our shores.*

8 The Associated Press interprets
9 the visit which the French Premier is
10 scheduled to pay to President Hoover in
11 Washington as an expression of good will
12 between France ^{and} the United States. The
13 French Premier declared ^{today} that his talks
14 with Mr. Hoover will be an attempt to
15 re-establish world confidence, and of
16 course plenty of people are pointing out
17 that France and the United States are
18 today the chief financial powers of the
19 world.

20 And then there's ^{beau coup} ~~plenty of~~
21 international courtesy in the fact that
22 the French government has chucked that
23 old list of ^{war} criminals into the waste
24 basket. Well, it's been a useless
25 document for a long time. Nothing much

1 was ever done about punishing the German
2 leaders who were listed at the end of the
3 World War.

4 The International News Service
5 reminds us that first came ^{the All Highest} Kaiser Wilhelm,
6 and then the Crown Prince. Hindenburg and
7 Ludendorf had prominent places on the
8 list. There were 300 names altogether,
9 including ^{of course, a few U-boat commanders.}
10 Yes, it was just so much waste
11 paper, that list of war criminals. But
12 it ~~would~~ remain ^{ed} a curious anomaly that
13 ^{Papa} ~~Von~~ Hindenburg, the ^{universally respected} President of Germany,
14 was marked down there for trial and
15 punishment as German Commander-in-Chief
16 during the World War.

17 But now that black list is out,
18 and the Germans say they appreciate it,
19 *danke schön mein Herr.*

1 There's one chap in this wide
2 world who is supposed to have a somewhat
3 different slant ^{than} ~~from~~ the rest of the
4 boys on the subject of this world-wide
5 depression. Yes, he's Ivan, the big bad
6 Bolshevik of Moscow.

7 ~~A lot of us have been saying~~ ^{A lot of us have been murmuring :-}
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9 "I wonder what the red leaders of the
10 Soviets are saying ^{about the depression?} ~~now?~~ Yes, and the
11 answer is that the Bolsheviks are
12 entirely inclined to give three cheers
13 and a loud ha ha when things don't go
14 so well with the capitalistic countries.
15 But it appears that there's more to it
16 than that. Any joy that Ivan the
17 Bolshevik may feel is somewhat crimped
18 by the fact that he himself is being hit
19 in the pocketbook. And that causes him
20 to have what is known as mingled feelings,
21 ^{perhaps also mangled feelings,}
22 ~~in Moscow~~ ^{The United Press correspondent}
23 ~~of Mexico~~ cables that the Soviet
24 Government is among the principal victims
25 of the general price decline in the
international markets. This has just
been made public by the Soviet Commissariat

1 of foreign trade at ^{Moscow.} ~~Mexico~~. During the
2 first half of this year Russian exports
3 to foreign countries were 10% higher
4 than they were ^{during} ~~for~~ the same period last
5 year. But the prices weren't as high this
6 year as last. ^{and as a} ~~as a~~ result, for 10%
7 more goods the Soviets received 21%
8 less money. During the first half of
9 last year foreign countries paid five
10 hundred ^{and} ~~and~~ seventeen million rubles to
11 Russia for merchandise, while the figure
12 for the same period this year is only
13 three hundred sixty-six million.

14 And so, old Ivan is making a few
15 funny faces. He just loves to see other
16 folks have hard luck, but he is ^{distressed} ~~depressed~~
17 to find that other folks' hard luck means
18 hard luck ~~xx~~ for him ~~too~~ also.

1 Reports come along this evening
2 of more fighting in Manchuria. The
3 Chinese claim that Japanese airplanes
4 have been bombing Chinese railroad
5 stations. The International News
6 Service passes along a dispatch from
7 Marshall Chang, the governor of Manchuria,
8 telling how four refugee trains left
9 Mukden crammed with Chinese. Japanese
10 aviators bombed one of these trains, and
11 ~~and~~ five people were injured.

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1 No, this next dispatch isn't
2 about disarmament. It's just the
3 reverse. There's one country that's
4 going to do some naval construction, and
5 that's Mexico.

6 It was announced today that Mexico
7 is going to build a Navy. But that
8 doesn't mean giant dreadnaughts and
9 battle cruisers. Mexico is going to have
10 a fleet of gunboats, coast-guard cutters
11 and armed motor launches.

12 The International News Service
13 reports that the ancient fortress of San
14 Juan Ulloa, one of the most famous
15 strongholds in the history of the Western
16 World, will be converted into a shipyard.
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Charles M.
Ripley -
engineer,
General Electric
Company,
Schenectady,
New York.
author, traveler.
(Ripley's part
is missing)
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1 Now for a bit of speed. No,
2 I haven't any aviator here with me this
3 evening who has burned up speed records,
4 or any of those other speed wizards who
5 try to see how fast man can go in one
6 way or another. It's just a case of a
7 business man who makes business trips.
8 Plenty of business trips, and he makes
9 them fast. He is Charles M. Ripley,
10 engineer of the General Electric Company,
11 Schenectady, New York. Mr. Ripley is
12 also an author and world-traveler.

13 Just recently he made a business
14 trip of 6 weeks in which he covered
15 12,000 miles -- 2,000 miles a week. He
16 flew from New York City to Indianapolis
17 in an afternoon. Next came a sky jaunt
18 in which he left Salt Lake City at 3:45
19 in the morning, saw the sun rise behind
20 the peaks of Yellowstone Park, and
21 arrived in Butte, Montana, in time for
22 breakfast. In flying over the Cascade
23 Mountains from Spokane to Seattle he
24 saw a forest fire below, and then looked
25 down into a valley so deep he couldn't



1 see the bottom, although it was at
2 mid-day. While flying high over the
3 San Joaquin valley he saw the full moon
4 rise blood-red behind the Sierra Nevada
5 Mountains. Then south, from El Paso to
6 Mexico City, 1100 miles, and finally
7 a swift return from Mexico City to Fort
8 Worth in less than a day. Then a single
9 hop to Cleveland, Ohio. Then back to
10 Schenectady.

11 Yes sir, that was a business
12 trip. And I've asked Mr. Ripley whether
13 in that swing around the country he had
14 witnessed any marvels that might be
15 appropriate for the Literary Digest Book
16 of Marvels. How about it Mr. Ripley?
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DOG

Yes, Mr. Ripley, you've got me in a daze of enchantment. You must be some kin to my friend "Rip", the believe-it-or-not man. But here's a marvel gone wrong. It looks as if another popular hero had fallen off his high pedestal. Yes, it's good old Balto, the dog hero.

Several years ago there was an epidemic at Nome, Alaska, and a supply of antitoxin had to be rushed through to the town up there among the snows. And that's where Balto became famous. The world was thrilled by a dash to Nome by a dog-team. Balto was the leader of the huskies. Newspapers all over the country printed columns about the heroic exploit. And in New York City a monument was erected to Balto in Central Park, a statue of the heroic dog.

But now I'm afraid we are in for a bit of disillusionment. Balto was a good dog. Yes sir, he was a fine specimen of the brave Alaskan husky. But it appears that he didn't make that dash to Nome.

Today the Vaccination Research Association presented a set of resolutions to Mayor Walker requesting the Mayor Of N.Y. to

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2 Park pulled down. The Vaccination
3 Research Association declares that the
4 famous dog-team dash to Nome was a "fake d.
5 pure and simple."

6 The International News Service
7 explains that Frank Sepalla, the driver
8 of the team, has admitted that the
9 great exploit was pure imagination. It
10 was just a fake, to produce a bit of
11 false glory. But just the same those
12 Alaskan huskies are splendid animals,
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1 Well, batt^{er}er up and play ball.
2 Let's see what has been the net result
3 about those baseball games played in
4 New York for the benefit of the unemployed.
5 Well, that net result certainly looks
6 good. It's exactly one hundred ^{and} seven
7 thousand, seven hundred seventy-seven
8 dollars and fifty ^{seven} cents. All that money
9 goes to the jobless.

10 The games were a huge success.
11 The baseball fans came in enthusiastic
12 throngs. The first game on September 9th
13 between the Yankees and the Giants drew
14 nearly sixty thousand dollars. Yesterday's
15 double header contributed a little over
16 forty-eight thousand. The New York World-
17 Telegram tells us that the two big
18 baseball shows were witnessed by over
19 104,000 people.

20 And so everybody connected with
21 the big effort to help the unemployed
22 is happy - that is, everybody except the
23 Brookl^yn Robins who lost both games of
24 yesterday's double header. Uncle Wilbert
25 Robinson, Babe Herman, Lefty O'oul and

1 their mates certainly do enjoy helping
2 the jobless, but they'd like to win
3 a game now and then. If they don't
4 some of them are liable to be jobless
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I have a news dispatch here the bare facts of which are enough to set one's imagination climbing and soaring. It's an International News Service cable that tells of a revolution in Kashmir. The Moslems have been trying to overthrow Sir Hari Singh, the Maharajah. There has been rioting and fighting, with 20 persons reported killed, in the beautiful Vale of Kashmir. Today, In Sringar, the capitol of Kashmir, 50,000 Moslems armed with guns, swords, daggers, axes, lathis, and viols of acid were gathered to resist the authorities. The London Daily Mail states that the man whom the Mohammedans want to put on throne is Inayatullah Khan, who for a brief space was King of Afghanistan.

Yes sir, there you have material for the imagination. First, there is the Vale of Kashmir, that garden of northern India, a land of flowers and beauty amid the giant uplands of the Himalayas. It is populated by Hindus and Mohammedans, and that ~~paradise~~ throws an apple of discord into that paradise. It is predominantly a Mohammedan country but the strange thing is that

the king is a Hindu.

Yes and he is the man against whom the revolt of the Mohammedans in Kashmir is directed. Yes, he's that same Hari Singh, who was Mr. A in the famous scandal that broke out in London some years ago. On a gay visit to Europe this scion of ancient Princes of Hindustan was victimized by a beautiful English woman. And the sensational case that resulted was one of the comedies of the day. It cost Mr. A plenty. It almost cost him his throne.

And then there's Inayatullah, Khan, whom the Mohammedans now want to make Maharajah of Kashmir. Yes the brother of the former King Amanullah, who also made a trip to Europe -- and that trip did cost him his throne. He and his wife, Queen Sourya were infected with Western ideas. And they took these Western ideas back to Afghanistan, including short skirts, for the secluded women of the harems of the fierce Afghans. They also took back frock-coats and plug hats for the barbaric Moslem chiefs of the mountain tribes.

In the revolution that followed Amanullah resigned

his throne to his brother Inayatullah Khan. But Inayatullah was King for only a day, three days in fact. The indignant Afghan mountaineers chased him out also. He was too fat to run so the British brought him out in a big airplane.

And then the water-boy became King of Afghanistan, a ferocious brigand. After a wild and savage reign, he too was chased out. And today the King of Afghanistan is another member of the old royal family, of the Durani Tribe.

Well, on a trip to forbidden Afghanistan I happened to make the acquaintance of Inayatullah, who now has visions of becoming Maharajah of Kashmir. I remember him as a fat jolly chap in the garb of a Mohammedan priest. His cheeks were like balloons, and he smiled with the happy contentment of a man who is well-fed and secure in the faith of the Prophet. He would make jovial, Falstaffian figure as the autocratic potentate of the beautiful Vale of Kashmir, famed for its lovely lakes, and its lovely women.

Well, I've gone straying away into whims and fancies,

but it's time now to come out of this oriental dream and get
back to the prosey earth. In fact, it's time to say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.