

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

1 *There's ~~an~~ important and unusual*
 2 *news from France tonight,*
 3 ~~well, now that John Bull has gone~~
 4 ~~definitely conservative and more his~~
 5 ~~neighbors across the Channel have gone~~
 6 ~~just as far in the opposite direction.~~
 7 Premier Tardieu took a ^{sound} ~~real~~ licking in
 8 the run-off elections ~~which took place~~
 9 in France yesterday. So Edouard Herriot,
 10 Mayor of Lyons and leader of the French
 11 Radical Socialistic party will be the
 12 new Prime Minister of France.

13 ^{Mussey}
 14 Monsieur Herriot took part in two
 15 landslides. One was a political one
 16 that swept him into office. The other was
 17 an actual one ^{of rock and earth that} ~~that~~ ^{ly} ~~bury~~ nearly buried him
 18 and several other people in the vicinity
 19 of Lyons.

20 Raymond Carroll in a dispatch from
 21 Paris to the New York Evening Post
 22 reports that the election returns are
 23 now virtually complete. And they show
 24 that the opposition to the Tardieu
 25 Government will have a majority of 100
 votes without even counting the
 Communists. ^{Mussey} Monsieur Herriot and his
 Radical associates gained 42 more seats

1 than they had before---that means they
2 now have 151.

3 These results, Mr. Carroll adds,
4 mean that Monsieur Herriot is now the
5 dictator of whatsoever government is
6 formed. Immediately upon receiving the
7 news ~~Monsieur~~ Tardieu announced that
8 he would resign promptly. His
9 resignation will be handed in to the
10 Chamber of Deputies tomorrow.

11 The French Parliament ~~you will~~
12 ~~meet~~ has to meet tomorrow in order to
13 elect a successor to the assassinated
14 President Doumer. Mr. Tardieu's
15 resignation will be accompanied by a
16 request that his successor be chosen
17 immediately; so the French Parliament has
18 two choices to make tomorrow, a President and
19 a Prime Minister.

20 A Washington dispatch to the United
21 Press in the New York World Telegram
22 has it that the victory of the radicals
23 is considered ^{by American authorities as a} ~~an excellent thing in our~~
24 ~~own capital~~ ^{As instance} some of Uncle Sam's
25 officials believe it means a better chance
of success for the Geneva Disarmament

1 Conference.

2 They believe it will also make
3 the French Government more friendly and
4 chatty with Germany. The so-called
5 parties of the left, in France, are
6 usually much more friendly toward
7 Germany than the others.

1 ^{German} Well, they ~~will~~ need a friendly
 2 ^{on the part of France} attitude, because the Finance Minister
 3 of the German Republic announced today
 4 that the new ^{German} budget will contain no
 5 appropriations whatsoever for reparations
 6 payments. Fritz is broke, he claims.
 7 ~~He~~ simply has neither the cash nor the
 8 credit nor any means whatsoever of making
 9 his payments, ^{he insists.}

10 "In spite of all our efforts towards
 11 economy," the ^{German} Finance Minister continued ^{today}
 12 "a year of the depression has accumulated
 13 an uncovered deficit amounting to
 14 \$285,840,000." Germany hopes to pay this
 15 off in the next three years on the
 16 installment plan. ~~You see~~ In order to
 17 prevent the collapse of certain big
 18 German banks, the German Government had
 19 to assume a guaranty of more than a
 20 billion marks. ~~It~~ 335,000,000 of these
 21 they ^{had} ~~just have~~ to kiss Goodbye---they simply
 22 ~~are gone~~ ^{vanihed - - went} fluey--kaput. #

23 ^ Meanwhile, Chancellor Bruening was
 24 telling the newspaper ^{correspondents today} ~~off~~ that instead
 25 of all these everlasting conferences

1 what was needed was quick and complete
2 action on reparations.

3 ~~"All thinking people realize that~~
4 ~~Germany is unable to bear the reparations~~
5 ~~burden. They also realize that ~~these~~~~
6 ~~payments have contributed in a big way~~
7 ~~to the general economic confusion~~
8 ~~prevailing throughout the world."~~

1 ~~By golly,~~ Somebody in Japan has
2 been throwing bombs at Uncle Sam. The
3 United States Consulate in Nagasaki
4 was set on fire ^{by a bomb} this morning.

5 It couldn't have been a ~~very~~
6 serious fire, because the State
7 Department at Washington reported that
8 the Consular staff put the fire out
9 ~~themselves~~ with a garden hose.

10 Our consul in Nagasaki is
11 Mr. Henry ~~H~~ Hitchcock. He reported
12 that the bomb had been thrown out of a
13 passing motor car, and that it was ~~x~~ of
14 very crude design. They don't attach
15 any particular international importance
16 to the incident. They've been expecting
17 a lot of bombs as the result of the
18 indignation of Koreans who don't like
19 the way they are being governed by the
20 Japanese.

21 I don't quite see where Uncle
22 Sam gets in there, but it's no use
23 inquiring very closely into the mind of
24 a bomb thrower.

25 And, by the way I found an article
in the current issue of the Lit. Dig. which puts a bright
bit of illumination on this story. The Japanese - it
seems, think we are both excitable and meddling.

John
Mulholland.

Vice-President,
American Society
of Magicians.

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1 And talking about things being difficult in the Far
2 East, here's one that has always bothered me. I've been in
3 India and around about over a lot of Asia, and everywhere I
4 encountered magicians of all shades and races, the gulley-gulley
5 boys we used to call them. And I never could figure them out.
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8 The subject of magic has always fascinated me. I have
9 a former schoolmaster here with me. He is Mr. John Mulholland,
10 now Vice-President of the American Society of Magicians. He still
11 looks rather more like a schoolmaster than a wizard, but I can
12 tell you that he is not only admitted by all his colleagues to be
13 one of the most consummate magicians of the day, but also one
14 of the soundest and most learned authorities on the history of
15 magic, etc. John Mulholland is one of the greatest, if not the
16 greatest magician in the world, and he's the author of an impor-
17 tant book, QUICKER THAN THE EYE, about magic and magicians
18 of the world. He journied around the world gathering his material.
19 Kellar, Thurston, Houdini and Mulholland are the only magicians
20 who have made WHO'S WHO.
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 Come on, John, you tell us something about the
wonder-workers of Hindustan.

Well, Lowell —

1 The magic of India cannot be classed
2 with [^]Occidental magic. The Indians have
3 a few well rehearsed tricks but their
4 reputation for supremacy rests rather
5 with the stories of their magic written
6 by foreigners. The stories are
7 miraculous, not the tricks.

8 One of the stories told by
9 travelers ^{concerns} ~~is~~ the rope trick. This story
10 of a boy climbing a rope until finally
11 - poof - and he is gone, is legend and
12 not fact. It is similar to our story of
13 Jack and the Beanstalk -- that is not
14 fact either.

15 A considerable part of the program
16 of an Indian magician is made up of
17 tricks borrowed from our Western
18 magicians. In our circuses these tricks
19 are a matter of casual amusement, while
20 in India they are a matter of awe. This
21 fact suggests the difference between a
22 pagan temple and a circus tent.

23 When the ^{Hindoo} ~~Indians~~ bring their tricks
24 over here they are still good, but they
25 lose all their flair of the miraculous.

1 Miracles of this sort grow stale when
2 brought so long a distance.

3 The Indian magicians I know most
4 intimately are members of the Bakhsh-
5 family. They trained me in all their
6 magic. They are Moslem, which strikes at
7 that popularly held theory that Indians
8 have their power because they are
9 Hindoos. There are Hindoo magicians also
10 but, every trick that the Hindoos can do
11 the Mohammedans can also do. ~~Hindoos~~
12 ~~likewise know the tricks of the~~
13 ~~Mohammedans.~~

14 It is often said that the Indian
15 holy man must not be confused with the
16 strolling performers, who do their
17 legerdemain for a few rupees.
18 Nevertheless, the descriptions of those
19 things which the holy men do are
20 descriptions of what the strolling
21 magicians can also do. This magic
22 business is a matter of training and
23 practice and not of fasting and prayer,
24 although many magicians have fasted
25 during their early days.

1 Well, John, let's turn to the magicians, sorcerers,
2 witch doctors, wizards, snake doctors at ---- Washington, D.C.

3 President Hoover certainly did a good job of magic --
4 better than the hat trick, when he made Congress quit fooling
5 and go to work. Following that caustic message in which he rapped
6 the legislators over the knuckles, numerous protests from the
7 homefolks arrived in Washington to back up the President.

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9 "Congress has been sobered by protests from the folks
10 on Main Street against further delay," reports Ray Tucker from
11 Washington in a message to the New York World-Telegram.

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13 The billion dollar tax bill reached the Senate
14 Floor today with a favorable report from the Senate Finance
15 Committee.

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17 Senator Reed Smoot, Chairman of the Committee,
18 announced that he expected the Senate to begin considering the
19 bill Thursday.

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21 Meanwhile the 2½ billion cash bonus bill for veterans
22 is believed, on good authority, to have temporarily passed out
23 of the picture -- but only temporarily.

(Here ~~is~~ ^{are} some bright spots to cheer ~~you~~ ^{us} up. They are items that the United Press has gathered from all over the country and ~~we find them this evening~~ ^{sent them along to} ~~in~~ the Brooklyn Daily Times.

First of all, ~~there~~ ^{there's} a large motor car corporation whose monthly report is expected to show that the April production was 33% or an entire third more than ~~that~~ ^{during} ~~for~~ March.)

Then in the Youngstown district, the steel operations were 2% higher ~~in~~ ^{for} last week than they were for the preceding week.)

In Detroit ~~the~~ ^{we hear that} sales of new passenger cars throughout the United States for the month of March were ~~xxx~~ ^{5%} greater than they were in February. ~~That's a very~~ ^{going up!} ~~tidy little raise.~~

In Scranton, Pennsylvania, a water company ~~had to~~ report ^s that its income for the year ended ~~in~~ ^{ing} February 29th was nobly over that for the preceding year. Well, we can do with a lot of news like that and then here's another thing from Detroit ~~also~~ ^{also} a motor car item — one company shows that its retail deliveries and shipments during April were the largest in the company's history.

1 *Well,* what a time Mrs. Massie had
2 getting aboard the ship to come back
3 to the states. Her mother and her
4 husband had no difficulty at all, but
5 just before she was leaving Mrs. Massie
6 learned that there was a subpoena server
7 trying to nab her and prevent her sailing.
8 They wanted her to testify against some
9 of the defendants whose previous trial
10 resulted in hung juries.

11 Mrs. Massie decided she had
12 had enough of the whole business and
13 wanted to leave with her husband.
14 Policemen with papers were chasing her
15 all over that vessel. For a while she
16 even hid in the steward's pantry. They
17 finally served the subpoena on her and
18 she read it, locked her stateroom door
19 and said "That's that." Her departure
20 was cheered by a crowd that had
21 assembled to watch the ship sail. In
22 the excitement of the occasion one of
23 the detectives even laid his hands on
24 Captain Wortman, Commander of Pearl
25 Harbor submarine base and immediate
superior officer of Lieutenant Massie.

1 And that came very near^{ly} getting him
2 into trouble, the detective, I mean, --
3 not Captain Wortman.

4 Mrs. Massie is declining to
5 testify in the third trial, ^{the trial of the other defendants,} on the advice
6 of Clarence Darrow.

7 "It would not have served the
8 ends of justice to have Mrs. Massie
9 undergo that ordeal a third time on
10 the witness stand," declared Mr. Darrow.
11 Meanwhile the Prosecutor is furious, but
12 it doesn't look as though there were
13 much he could do about it.

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1 In addition to turning out motor
2 cars, it seems that Detroit also goes
3 in for humorous judges. Some Saturday-
4 night-wag of the Michigan city thought he
5 would add to the gaiety of nations by
6 ~~by~~ turning in a false fire alarm. You
7 know the sort of person who thinks that's
8 fun.

9 Well, they caught this one.
10 Evidentially he couldn't run fast enough.
11 And the Judge fined him \$110, explaining
12 that it cost the city \$100 every time
13 the Fire Department turned out.

14 "That 's all very well," said the
15 defendant, "but why the extra ten bucks?"

16 "That", answered the Judge, "is
17 for Amusement tax."
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And they also had a
fire at South Nyack.

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1 You've heard of lefthanded
2 monkey wrenches. Here's a village that's
3 suffering with an epidemic of lefthanded
4 fire plugs. I don't know what a left-
5 handed fire plug is. I've never even
6 seen one.

7 Quoting Gelette Burgess I
8 might say I'd rather see than be one.

9 A good deal of alarm, it seems,
10 has been caused by this discovery. The
11 town in Question is South Nyack on the
12 banks of the Hudson River. The other
13 day the volunteer fire force of South
14 Nyack got an alarm from a school nearby.
15 They rushed to the scene of the fire and
16 found they couldn't budge the cap on the
17 fire plug and then they tried another and
18 had no luck. Finally they had to split
19 the cap with an axe. That was all very
20 fine, but meanwhile one of the school's
21 dormitories had burned down completely.
22 The scandal ^{has just been announced} ~~came to light~~
23 ^{to the world.} ~~today~~ The town barber, who is also
24 foreman of the volunteer fire department,
25 discovered that the plugs were southpaw

1 or at any rate had been installed by
2 southpaw plumbers. There are four of
3 these in that district altogether.
4 South Nyack is in a good deal of a
5 dilemma in consequence. The town can't
6 afford ~~any~~ new fire plugs at present so
7 the mayor has found the remedy of having
8 the lefthanded fire plugs painted
9 yellow and the ordinary ones will get
10 the usual coat of red. *But whose going*
11 *to remind the Nyack foremen which*
12 *is which.*

13 *But there's one thing that*
14 *nobody has to remind me about. And*
15 *that is — that it's time to say s-l-u-t-m.*
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