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Good Evening, Everybody:-

An entire island off the coast of Greece has sunk, disappeared below the sea. The island of Amogiana, not far from the city of Salonica. Two hundred families of refugees had fled to the island yesterday, right after the earthquake. So it is believed they perished -- simply swallowed up. Students will be interested to learn that the Island of Stagira, ancient home of Aristotle, also vanished beneath the surface of the sea.

PORTO RICO

It is now known that the total number of people killed in that hurricane which swept Porto Rico amounts to at least two hundred. In addition, ~~to which, says~~ a dispatch to the Hartford Times, ^{tells us that} at least a thousand have been injured.

The damage to property is described as immense. What is almost as serious is that floods are interfering with the work of providing relief for the sufferers. Later reports indicate that the storm was on its way to Haiti ^{having struck Santo Domingo} but with no loss of life.

BOB

It's cheering to be able to welcome home an old friend, -
Captain Bob Bartlett, ~~the~~ veteran Arctic explorer and ~~the~~ right
hand man to Admiral Peary. His schooner Morrissey is tied up at
a wharf in Staten Island waiting for the time when she'll take
another voyage toward the icy North.

Good Old
~~Bob~~ Captain Bob and his crew ^{have} returned ~~yesterday~~
from ~~the~~ a fifteen week expedition to the Arctic circle ^{and the Polar Rim.} There they
put up a monument to Admiral Peary at the highest point on Cape
York, ~~in~~ Greenland. Captain Bob said the job of erecting the
sixty foot shaft to his former chief took only thirty days. *Quick*
work Bob, and a fitting tribute to Peary.

JAPAN

The trouble that ^{seems to be} always brewing in the Far East broke out again yesterday. A city on the border between Manchukuo and Russia was invaded by Chinese troops. It was a force of six hundred under the command of General ~~Sob~~ Ping-Wen. They overpowered the Manchukuo frontier guard^s and took them prisoner. The invaders then demolished the military barracks, pulled down the Manchukuo flag, and made ^{captives} ~~prisoners~~ of all ^{the} customs officials - Japanese, Manchukuo, and Russian.

— that new, independant province of old Spain.

Here's a dog story from Catalonia. [^] The Deputy Mayor of the town of ^{Molyuh} Molla is an ardent Republican. He is also a dog fancier. To celebrate the establishment of the Spanish Republic and the subsequent independence of his own province, Catalonia, he's been giving his dogs the names of illustrious statesmen. One pup he christened after the Spanish Premier. Another he named Macia in honor of a popular Catalan patriot, etc.

In spite of the fact that he's Deputy Mayor the police were shocked by this ~~behavior~~. There's a law in Catalonia for the defense of the Republic which gives the police considerable latitude. So they arrested the Deputy Mayor, fined him 500 pesetas, and also ordered him to remove from his kennels the tablets bearing the offending names.

The Deputy Mayor payed the fine but refused to remove the names. Thereupon the police arrested him again and are going to bring him up for trial in a Superior Court. It will then be up to this court to decide whether it ^{'s} ~~is~~ an insult or a tribute for a statesman to be called after a fine, well-bred dog. *Personally I think it's a tribute.*

ENGLAND

The cabinet crisis in England arrived today on schedule time. Three liberal ministers walked out on King George and Prime Minister Ramsay McDonald this morning. ^{Eight other free} ~~It is believed~~ ^{trade members of the Government} followed suit. ~~that other resignations will follow.~~

A dispatch to the Toronto Star announces that the immediate cause of the resignation was the agreements made at the Imperial Conference in Ottawa. The three ^{leading} ministers who resigned were Viscount Snowden, the crippled Chancellor of the Exchequer; also Sir Herbert Samuel, the Home Secretary, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State ^{for} Scotland.

The correspondent ^{for} the Toronto Star ^{was} informed that Sir John Simon, ~~of~~ the Foreign Secretary, and his followers will remain in the Cabinet. ~~But it is expected that seven followers of Sir Herbert Samuel will quit the ship.~~

The question is now:—What is Ramsay McDonald going to do?

BASEBALL

(The big show of the baseball year opened today.)

Up to noon it was doubtful whether the first game of the World Series could be played. But Old Sol smiled and everything was hunkey dorey.

This was one day when the experts were vindicated.

(That Yankee offensive just waltzed into the Chicago Cubs and left them strewn all over the place. Twelve to six is a pretty heavy score for a World Series game.)

A remarkable feature was that the Cubs got more hits than the Yanks. Stephenson, the most dangerous of the Cub hitters lashed out three bingles in five times at bat. (But the hero of the day on the Yankee side was not the Sultan of Swat, but the Crown Prince-- Buster Gehrig whose homer in the Fourth put the Yanks in the lead.) The Cubs had started with a lead of two runs in the first inning. Sad to relate, it was an error credited to Babe Ruth that let them in.

But the sixth was the big inning, one of those rallies for which the fence busting Yankees have long been famous. They batted the formidable Guy Bush, star pitcher of the Cubs, clean out of the box, and brought in five runs.

~~the inning by passing three men in a row.~~

~~After that the Yankees not only held their lead comfortably, but added to their total. So all in all it was a great day for the New York fans.~~

~~Incidentally, the fans present were not so numerous.~~

It was the smallest World Series crowd seen in any New York ball park since the Yankee Stadium was built. ~~It's estimated,~~ that there were ^{about} only forty thousand spectators. For this, say the papers, the Baseball Commission has itself to thank. The necessity of buying reserve seats in sets of three ~~XXXX~~ scared off many a man and boy who would like to have seen that game. There were vacant spots even in the bleachers. And you should have heard the speculators howl. They were stuck with large numbers of tickets.

TAXES

Here's a large figure -- Nine hundred and nine million dollars. Let's see what it means.

In the current issue of the magazine, Nation's Business, is an article about taxation. The article is written by ~~one of the foremost figures~~ *leaders in the oil industry,* Mr. J. Howard Pew, ~~President of the Sun Oil Company,~~ and it begins *with* that imposing figure, -- nine hundred and nine million dollars.

That's the tax bill the oil industry is called upon to pay this year.

~~Well, the tax collector never did pass up the oil industry to any great extent. And then along came that much debated tax bill which Congress, passed during its last session, added~~ ~~it added~~ ^{ing} two hundred million dollars to the taxes which your gas and ~~my gas~~ ^{mine} must pay, ~~and~~ ^{ing} bring^{ing} the total up to 909 millions.

~~Just~~ By way of contrast Mr. Pew points out that the total amount that the government took in for customs receipts and duties last year was only three hundred and seventy-eight million dollars. And in 1928, the tiptop year for prosperity, the total of the income tax was something over a billion dollars, only about

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one per cent more than this year's tax bill for the oil industry alone.

How does this ~~curious~~ state of affairs come about?

Well, ~~it happened this way.~~ When Congress refused to put through a general sales tax, ~~they~~ ^{it} decided to shove the ~~tax~~ burden on ^{to} a few industries. And ~~the~~ oil industry was the principal victim.

~~And now~~ what's the result of this lopsided ^{policy?} ~~taxation~~

~~Let me quote a few lines from Mr. Pew's article:~~

"These taxes", ^{Mr. Pew,} ~~he~~ says, [^] "have resulted in wholesale tax dodging, 'bootlegging' of gasoline, ^{and} corruption of officials. ^{This has} ~~They have~~ put a premium on fraud and a penalty on honesty. If persisted in, ^{it} ~~they~~ must eventually bring one of America's largest industries under control of gangsters and racketeers."

^{J. Howard Pew}
Mr. ~~Pew of Sun Oil~~ [^] explains his personal slant this

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way: One of the leaders of Congress declared that "the science of taxation is the science of getting the most feathers with the

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least squawking of the goose." To this Mr. Pew remarks, "I am
rising to enter my squawk." Well, that ~~is his~~ ^{is his} good-natured way

of putting what seems to be a serious grievance. And I'm
sure all users of motor cars will join him.

FARMS

There's one consolation for the farmers today. It was announced at the White House that the farmers who borrowed money on their crops from the Government will be asked to pay only 25% of the amount due. The Government has taken into consideration that present low prices make it practically impossible for wheat farmers to repay these loans in full. No further payment will be required ~~until~~ until Congress has had a chance to pass on the question.

THRIFT

Sometime ago I was talking about a town in Pennsylvania whose citizens would have to pay no taxes for 1932. Mr. John Adams of Avilla, Indiana, says his city can go the Pennsylvanians one better. He ~~says~~ ^{tells us that} the town of Avilla has paved streets, all cement sidewalks, ~~own their~~ ^{its} own waterworks, electric lights and sewers, ~~The town has~~ ^{and} no indebtedness. On the contrary, it has a surplus of \$14,000. and its inhabitants will pay no taxes in 1932-1933.

Then a dispatch to the Rochester Times Union reports that the town of Litchfield, Connecticut, thanks to Yankee thrift, has been able to close its fiscal year with \$13,000. ^{to the good} in the treasury. What's more, the city fathers are going to put through a cut in the tax rate.

There's no doubt that many communities in the U. S. A. have been taking lessons in thrift.

A story in the Albany Evening News says that every county, village, city and hamlet in New York State, ~~have~~ ^{has} been doing what ~~is~~ ^{was} thought ~~was~~ ^{old} impossible in the way of paring down the budget.

In this move women played an important part. White aproned housewives and women office workers have both done their share. They have appeared ~~xxx~~ on speakers' platforms, before board meeting and before gatherings in Town Hall, and told the men their ideas of what ~~xxx~~ economy means.

HOOVER

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Most cities are in high ^{feather} ~~fever~~ when they're expecting a visit from the President of the United States. But Des Moines, Iowa, is anticipating the coming of President Hoover next week in ~~fact~~ fear and trepidation. A dispatch by Ray Tucker to the Scripps Howard newspapers reports that city and state officials^s, Republican leaders and police authorities ^{fear a} ~~are afraid of~~ that a ~~hostile demonstration, there will be a serious~~ ^{And that would a} slight to the President. ~~In fact, officials have asked the Republican National Committee why a more peaceful place than Des Moines could not have been selected.~~ They say that the appearance of the President will probably be made the occasion of parades of hostile farmers and loud protests. It is expected that the Mayor of Des Moines will refuse a parade permit to the organized farmers. ^{But} The farmers threaten to drive in and march anyway. ^{The} Chief of Police is lamenting that his entire force, including his stenographers, consists of only 167 coppers. ^{He apparently is} ~~and is~~ afraid this is not enough to cope with the occasion.

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Incidentally, there's going to be a protest parade
at Sioux City tomorrow. The striking farmers of four states
will make a demonstration ^{setting forth their slight} just as Governor Roosevelt arrives
~~there~~ to make a speech.

CONGRESSMEN

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Putting the little woman on the payroll has been a long time custom with Congressmen. Not only the wives, but the relatives of representatives have been freely eating out of the public trough. But after this election the boys probably will be a little ~~bit~~ more modest about it. A dispatch to the Baltimore Post observes that at least thirty-four members of Congress who had relatives on the public payroll, will not be members of Congress after this year. They have either retired or been given the ax by the voters.

MOUNT VERNON

Anybody who's motoring in the neighborhood of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, ~~ought to seize the opportunity of seeing a~~ ^{will see a} remarkable spectacle. ~~It's~~ ^{That's} the one town in ~~the~~ ^{the} Buckeye state which bears the name of George Washington's home on the Potomac; ^{naturally} and it has been celebrating the Washington Bicentennial ^{celebrating} with an ^{immense} display of early American ^a ~~antiques~~.

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It began with six merchants turning their windows over to a display. The idea caught on. All the women in the neighborhood began ransacking their closets and attics. Pretty soon the whole business section of the town was swamped with ~~Paisley~~ shawls, family bibles, spinning wheels, ~~hooped~~ ~~skirts~~, Currier & Ives prints, luster pitchers, Staffordshire dogs, and other old family heirlooms. People from miles around are visiting Mt. Vernon, ^{Ohio,} to see this exhibition.

MUSTACHE

Here's a cutting story from West Kingston, Rhode Island. A dispatch to the Albany Evening News says that a gentleman named Mastro Stefano, a seventy year old mill worker, used to be ~~ed~~ ^{ceaselessly} proud of his mustache. It was one of ~~these~~ ^{the} turned up ~~things~~ such as ~~the ex-Kaiser used to wear~~ ^{Wilhelm variety.} The other day he went into a barber shop and evidently was snoozing in the chair, because the barber cut off that famous mustache.

Well, Mr. Mastro Stefano sued the barber for two thousand dollars damages. He told the court that it was a beautiful mustache, and that it had taken him forty-seven years to grow and train it that way.

On the other hand, the barber who cut it said: ~~it~~ "huh, it looked to me like any other shaggy ^{Walrus} bit ~~of~~ whiskers. I thought I was doing the community a favor in taking 'em off."

Well, the court ^{awarded} ~~gave~~ Mr. Mastro Stefano twenty-five ^{damages} dollars on the ground that he'd been the victim of "technical ~~re~~ trespass on the face." ^{How's that?}

Both sides are dissatisfied with the verdict and

declare they will appeal it to the Supreme Court. Wouldn't
it be interesting if that mustache case eventually came before
Chief Justice Hughes of the U. S. Supreme Court?

WOODCHUCK

Winter's coming early this year, and it's going to be severe. So say the woodchucks and the prairie dogs of the Philadelphia Zoo. Curators of the zoo have noticed that these animals usually start their winter digging in October. But they've already dug their holes in the ground and thrown up unusually high mounds. They've fattened themselves more than ever before. Also they're storing food as fast as they can. When interviewed, the woodchucks and prairie dogs said nothing, but looked wise.

I talked this over with Dr. James Kimball at lunch today, and he said no living man could prophesy accurately. But maybe the woodchucks know better. I've got a colony of about two hundred up at my farm. I think I'll run up and talk it over with them, so -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.