GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: -

And now three cheers and a loud hoorah! A

Presidential hoorah. It was addressed to the General

Federation of Women's Clubs. But it was meant for the

ears of all of us. The President declares:- "We have

crossed the threshold of the new era. We enter upon the

new year with the opportunity of improving conditions, of

making our country a batter home for more than a hundred

and twenty million people."

And finally, the President told the ladies:"I ask that we, the men and women of the present and new
generations, continue to work together."

And, by the way, you will be able to hear the President over the air again tonight. He will speak at half past ten before the Woodrow Wilson Foundation at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

Ah, and the statesmen are girding their loins! How I would like to see the statesmen do that? They are doning their helmets and waving their spears -- ready to back up the President. Some of them are. The Democratic whips have been wearing out shoe leather, canvasing senators and representatives, and from what they say both houses of Congress will wind up by giving President Roosevelt what he wants. Some of them have wants of their own, special bits of legislation to please the folks who voted for them. But in the main, they are for the Roosevelt program. So the story goes.

For instance, there's Senator Tom Connolly of Texas,
who paid a visit to the White House today. He told the President
that Texas in general and he in particular, approve of the
Roosevelt ideas about money. But he also said that many members
of the Senate are in favor of taking away the gold now held by
the Federal Reserve Banks and putting it into the Treasury. In
other words, he believes the Federal Reserve should be treated
just as individuals are treated - it must not be allowed to hold
on to its gold.

Speaker Rainey of the House of Representatives also had a conference with the President. If the prophecies, of the Speaker are to be believed, the session which is to begin next week will be just another love feast. Said he: "We will pass a liquor law, the tax bills and the supply bills. I don't think there will be any new legislation on banking, but", by the Speaker,

added, "there probably will be a new law about money." While he would not admit that this meant currency inflation, the phrase has an ominous ring. However, he intimated that everything would be lovely and the boys and girls expected to get through in time to go home early in May. Thus spake the Speaker.

one of the New Year's presents for which Congress will be gobert asked is more dough for the Some The Many Department wants to build all the ships and replacements allowed by the treaty of London. This will mean an expenditure of some half billion dollars more than the sum appropriated at the last session of Congress so that great ships or war may plow the seas.

Well, some people say "yes" while others say "no".

Some blare on the trumpet of war while others tootle on the pipe of peace.

A petition presented at the White House today by the

National Students Council and the League for Industrial Democracy.

These professional pacifists ask the President to abolish the

Reserve Officers Training Corps in all colleges and other schools.

They also want him to use all funds hitherto spent by the government on military training for educational purposes.

Down in Texas five people have pleaded guilty to bootlegging. But it wasn't liquor, that they beetlegged, it was oil. The Department of the Interior hauled them the coals for running what is described as "hot oil" across the decided to plead guilty and pool their fines, the highest of which amounted to thirteen thousand dollars. Hot oil!

Among the holiday guests folks over the country are having is that chilly fellow with icicles on his whiskers - Jack Frost. And he's likely to be with us for an indefinite stay - some guests are like that. In New York it was the coldest day in three years, - nine below. But think of the folks up in the neighborhood of the Great Slave Lake -- sixty below they had it.

Uncle Sam's weather sharks in the middlewest are prophesying snow by Saturday, which means a slightly rising temperature.

However, the experts seem to have their fingers crossed and I'm not going to quote any predictions that may be held against me. I predicted a hurricane once, and the wind that came along wasn't strong enough to fly a kite. And yesterday I told how it had been snowing just about everywhere, and today I've a telegram saying they've got no snow in Atlantic City.



Two interesting records have been set up in the world aviation. Finish United Air Lines have flown sixty million miles, which is Top figure for any air transport system in the world. Of this twenty-seven million miles were flown at sanight, which constitutes another record.

Page Solomon in all his wisdom. A judge at Yankton, South Dakota, was up against a problem that would have baffled the royal author of the Proverbs. It came up in a suit for divorce. The plaintiff in the case was a farmer whose wife had given birth to twins. This farmer claimed though he was the father of one of them, but not of the other.

The court was astounded by this plea. But the farmer pointed out that one of the twins looked like him, but the other did not. What is more, he found physicians in Yankton who upheld his claim and there were previous decisions in the law books which showed that this situation is not entirely new. So the judge decided that the farmer was right -- that he was the father of one half of the pair of twins. I wonder what Solomon would have said about that?

A judge xx of the Superior Court in Los Angeles gave the country something to talk about today. A woman was brought before him, charged with stealing twenty-seven thousand dollars from the department store in which she was employed. She was convicted. Instead of publishing her, that judge put the woman on probation.

man who had stolen one dollar in nickels from a coin telephone box. In this case the prosecutor had recommended probation.

But the judge sentenced the man who stole one dollar xxx to San Quentin penitentiary for an indeterminate period of from one to fifteen years. Page Solomon again!

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Those loud sobs you may or may not hear emanate

from a bold bad bandit out on the Pacific Coast. Today he

is a sad bandit. He approached a man in the streets of San

Francisco with the usual phrase:- "Stick 'em up! Hand it over."

His intended victim gave him a long sad story. "Look here, old man," said the victim, "I'm in a tough spot. No money in the house, my wife sick, my three children starving." And he would up with the pathetic plea:- "Why don't you be a good scout and help me out. You'll never regret it."

By this time the bandit was in tears. He pulled down his cap over his eyes, snuffled, handed over a dollar and went on his way. This afternoon he learned from reading the San Francisco papers that the man who had \*\*\* talked him out of the dollar was a prosperous insurance salesman with a bankroll in his pocket.

The Literary Digest gives the following account of
the way one girl treated a proposal of marriage. Said she to
the young man: "Will you always let me do just what I like?"
And the Young man replied: "Of course I will". Then the girl
asked: "Will you let my mother live with us?" "Gladly",
answered the young man. Then the girl continued: "Will you
resign from all your clubs and give me money whenever I ask
for it?" To which the man replied: "Darling, I'll do anything
you want, if you'll only marry me." Then the young lady said:
"Nothing doing! I would never marry such a sap."

Literary Digest

It looks as though in future all policemen on radio cars will not only receive messages from headquarters but will be able to make reports direct, without going to a phone. The first experiment in this direction has been under way several weeks at Bayonne, New Jersey. And now Piedmont, California, across the bay from Kram San Francisco, has followed suit.

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A gentleman in Eldorado, Arkansas, had made complete plans to be married to a lady in Prague. The wedding was to take place by trans-Atlantic telephone.

A judge in Eldorado was to read the ceremony.

The lady came from her home in Czecho-Slovakia

to the American Consulate in Prague all ready for the wedding.

There were the bride, groom, judge, and everything all set.

But at the last moment, Uncle Sam stepped in, and said

"Thumbs down". He said this through the mouth of the

American Consul-General in INKKNKKK Prague who declared

that the gentleman in Arkansas had not sufficiently

proved that he is an American citizen.and one of Uncle

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bridegroom has to show faxxiox of far is a bill from
the telephone company, and a hopeful disposition. Thumba

Now all you cave men gather round. Here's a yarn about the cave woman. It comes from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the big science and knowledge men are holding the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A Professor from the University of Illinois read a paper concerning a skeleton believed to have been that of a woman who lived in the Stone Age. The dimension of her skull, said the Prof, indicates that the little woman in those days was not a little woman at all. The standard height appears to have been six feet. What's more, those Stone Age gals had brains as big as their feet. At any rate, they were resourceful and far better equipped in this respect than the average best friend and severest critic of today.

The New York coppers are having a tough time with melodrama of Asiatic intrigue and tragedy with Mount Ararat.

They threw into jail two more Armenians today in connection with the church-isle murder of the Archbishop. They've locked up nine people - and they have twelve different stories explaining the crime. It's not only the most mysterious but one of the most fantastic affairs. Imagine a political reud from the slopes of Mount Ararat, leading to a murder before an alter in modern New York! The law has seldom been so bewildered as by this quarrel among the folk of the ancient Kingdom of Van, the race which traces its descent from the grandson to Japhet.

Ah, a cold message, written in the shadow of thousands upon thousands of icebergs. The good ship Jacob Ruppert is almost smothered with ice-bergs amid foaming Antarctic seas. A Mackay radiogram from Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole estimates that they have seen no less than six thousand bergs.

Big bergs - not one-horse bergs. The Commander of the good ship Jake, although an experienced whaler and explorer in frozen waters, says never in his life has he seen so many bergs at one time.

Another narrow escape for the Jake. Some water had got in, not the beer, the oil, the fuel oil. The consequence was that her fires went out just as she entered the huge fleet of icebergs, and for hours she drifted helplessly.

MACKAY

All Europe is still bubbling as a result of Premier

Mussolini's threat to take Italy out of the League of Nations

unless the League is reformed. John Bull has been particularly

excited over this ultimatum from the Duce. So a wireless from

Rome by way of London has a peculiar, timely importance.

Italy's leader has invited the British Foreign Secretary,

Sir John Simon, to come to Rome and talk things over. Sir

John will be in the Italian capital next week.

Here the first big bit of winter sports news. They held the International kkm Ski Races in the Italian Alps this afternoon. The results -- Italy first, Austria second, Great Reviva spagheth.

Here's news - super news, about super-men. Hitler Germany's super-chancellor is indeed earnest about turning his countrymen into a race of supermen. His latest decree concerns university undergraduates. He was super-university graduates. Previously, his interference was confined to limiting the number of Jewish people at the universities both as professors and as students. But a ukase issued today today screws down an even tighter clamp. Only the best specimens in every respect will be allowed to matriculate. They must be not the only the best mentally, but physically, morally, piously, patriotically and -everything - the works. There will also be restrictions on people who want to enter the professions. In future the government will decide which profession a young man may study. Of course, it's a well-known part of the Hitler creed that lady doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc., are not wanted. They must all be super-cooks, and super-wives. And that brings me to a super- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.