

Good Evening, Everybody:

A story in tonight's news that struck me as being particularly significant, is one which tells about the invention of a non-crashable airplane. The story is cabled <sup>by Harold Knickerbocker</sup> to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, ~~from Berlin by H. B. Knickerbocker.~~

If this invention <sup>lives</sup> ~~leads~~ up to even part of what is claimed for it, it will mean that the most cherished dream of aviation fans has come true. In the interests of accuracy and temperance I should perhaps point out that there is an "if" in the story. At the same time it should be added that the claims of the inventor are supported by the official German experimental institute for aviation.

The invention is an airplane without a propeller but with revolving wings. As Knickerbocker indicates, it might be called an airwheel, side-wheel, or paddle-wheel airplane. Whatever you call it, it promises to bring about a revolution in aviation engineering. Moreover, ~~it~~ -- and remember the "if"--

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*f* the claims are fulfilled, it will not <sup>merely</sup>~~only~~ make flying safe, it will make flying safer than any other form of rapid transportation.

The inventor is Dr. ~~Adolf~~ Rohrbach, ~~who is~~ head of <sup>well known</sup> an airplane construction company. He has been at work in the field of aero-dynamics more than thirty years. In 1914 when he ~~is~~ was only twenty-five years old, he was chief engineer of the Zeppelin works. He has designed and built many famous lines of air<sup>craft</sup>~~ships~~ and contributed much to the science.

As for what this new ship will do -- and remember the claims have been substantiated by ~~the~~ official ~~experiment~~ institute in Germany -- for one thing it will ascend vertically. No other type of plane ~~can~~ can do this, even the autogyro needs a <sup>little</sup> send-off. The new German plane will also come down vertically at any speed you want, with or without the motor. It will also hover, <sup>and even</sup> ~~can~~ stand still in mid air for an indefinite period. It can also fly backwards as well as ~~turning~~ around in mid air on



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its vertical axis.

As for speed, it is supposed to be able to fly as fast as the ordinary airplane up to one hundred and twenty-five miles an hour, carrying a load equal to that of the ordinary plane.

The one thing which it can't do, say its inventors, is to crash. It can't nose dive or tail spin or get out of control. If the pilot becomes unconscious, ~~say~~<sup>adds</sup> the story, the plane will automatically descend at a speed not great enough to break an egg, let alone a head.

Well, all this falls into the category of stories—  
important if true. <sup>and Mr. Kinnerbocker is one of the foremost</sup> If these claims are not exaggerated, <sup>^</sup> or if they even are only half true, it's safe to say that a new era in aviation is about to begin.

*correspondents of our day,*

LONG

(The week-end came and went. ~~x~~ Already we're well into the new week and good old Huey Long is still talking. New plans for ending the depression come and go and Huey Long is still talking. The thermometer falls and rises, again spoiling all our skating, and Huey Long is still talking. In fact, Huey <sup>with his filibuster</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> literally paralyzed the Senate <sup>of the United States.</sup>)

~~xxx~~ The Washington correspondent of the New York World Telegram points out that the Louisiana kingfish has ~~just~~ <sup>just about</sup> thrown <sup>the</sup> most complete load of sand possible into <sup>over the</sup> ~~the~~ parliamentary machinery ~~in~~ the U. S. A. ~~He is literally stopping all business in the Senate.~~ (He's been talking five days now against the bank reform bill ~~and~~ of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia.) In order to stop him those senators who want to get along with the session's business ~~have~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~to~~ get a two-thirds majority, and it is doubtful whether that can be obtained.

Huey Long's filibuster is obstructing among other things the attempt to override President Hoover's veto of the



Philippine Independence bill. But there are lots of other important things that need to be brought up on the floor of the Senate, such as beer, <sup>the farm bill,</sup> and appropriation measures. But so long as Huey keeps the floor, <sup>nix hammer zone -</sup> ~~of the Senate,~~ nothing can be done.

<sup>His own colleagues, the Democratic leaders,</sup> ~~His opponents~~ are trying to get that two-thirds majority which is necessary to <sup>shut</sup> ~~close~~ him up. But so far they have only thirty-nine votes. <sup>For instance</sup> Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas,

father of the 18th amendment, wanted to make an anniversary speech about <sup>prohibition:</sup> ~~the~~ He asked Huey Long to yield. Huey's ~~Long's~~ reply

was "If the Senator will withhold his remarks on the birth of the 18th Amendment until the end of this week, he can deliver them ~~on~~ ~~its death~~ in commemoration of the death of the 18th amendment."

One way to stop Huey might be to have all-night sessions of the Senate so that his strength will give out. But if that were done there will be Senator Wheeler of Montana and Senator Thomas of Arizona to pinch hit for him, ~~or rather I should say to pinch talk.~~

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, tried to get unanimous consent for an immediate vote on the presidential veto of the Philippine bill. But Huey objected, so unanimous consent was impossible. *And the garulous Kingfish is still talking.*



JAPAN

There's considerable excitement today in the world's foreign offices over the accusations made against Uncle Sam in Tokio. Uncle Sam ~~today~~ was busy denying <sup>them,</sup> ~~the accusations.~~

The charges, as you may have seen in this morning's papers, were that the United States was secretly supplying money, arms, and munitions of war to China. The accusations were official. The Information Bureau of the Japanese War Office issued a statement claiming that "a supply of arms to China, especially to Marshal Chang, has been made principally by the United States and Germany. Americans have sold the Chinese airplanes and motor cars, while the Germans have delivered heavy artillery and machine guns.

Well, today Uncle Sam's Ambassador in Japan stated emphatically that there is no understanding or agreement to supply arms between United States and China. Ambassador Grew states further that there is no basis whatsoever for any other rumors that have been published, especially not for the rumors that the United States has agreed to loan four million dollars

to the Nanking Government.

All these charges made by the Japanese against the U. S. A. have been played up heavily by the newspapers in Tokio.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office is quoted as emphasizing the

fact that aviators of <sup>the</sup> Chinese army are being taught by American

~~aviators~~ <sup>airmen</sup>. He claims that these are mostly non-commissioned officers

of the United States Army <sup>men</sup> on the active list. This rumor was,

of course, promptly denied by American authorities.

A <sup>Washington</sup> dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that

this denial was corroborated today by Secretary of State Stimson.



RECORD

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Another record <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ broken. Today ~~and~~ a new record set for transcontinental transport airplanes. A plane with a heavy cargo took off from Los Angeles at four P. M. eastern Standard time yesterday with Buddy Jones at the controls. At six A. M., six o'clock this morning, Eastern Standard Time, Harry Van Lieu, brought that same plane to land at Floyd Bennett Field. In other words, a coast to coast record of fourteen hours ~~was~~ established, fourteen hours with a heavy cargo.

PENNSYLVANIA

~~Electric~~ The first electrically driven train between Philadelphia and New York, left ~~the Pennsylvania Railroad~~ Station this morning at nine o'clock. On the return run the first electrically hauled train left Philadelphia at one P. M.

The completion of the all-electric equipment between ~~Philadelphia and New York~~ <sup>Phily and Manhattan</sup> will eventually mean a cutting down of the operating time.

## HOLD-UP

I am not, I hope, a blood-thirsty fellow. But the following hold-up story seems to me to have a decidedly comic element, comic if perhaps a trifle gruesome.

A life insurance collector was making his rounds in New York this afternoon. A couple of gentlemen from Bridgeport undertook to hold him up. One of them waylaid him on the stairs of an apartment house, and the other ~~standing~~ stood guard at the foot of the stairs.

Well, the end of it all is that one of the hold-up gentlemen is dead. His pal at the foot of the stairs got nervous, his trigger finger twitched, the gun went off, and instead of hitting the insurance collector, plunked bandit number one and killed him. The nervous bandit then tried to beat it, but ran into a policeman. The cop's aim was sure and the nervous robber is in the hospital full of lead.



TECHNOCRACY

( Well, Technocracy, right or wrong, has certainly got the folks ~~talking~~ talking. And it seems to have got plenty of goats, even among the engineers. One prominent engineer, a member of the American Engineering Council, described it today as the "cleverest pseudo-scientific hoax yet perpetrated." And a report to the New York Sun says that at a meeting in Washington the American Engineering Council <sup>declared</sup> ~~said~~ that one trouble with technocracy was that it wasn't spelled right -- there should be a "z" in it. In other words, it should be called technocrazy.)

As for me, <sup>in the words of the late Bert Williams,</sup> ~~I take the same position I held in the~~

"Brother, I am  
~~election~~ neutral."

BARTER

( A group of economists in Princeton came out today with a statement urging the Federal Government to promote and help the system of barter which has been springing up in several parts of the U. S. A.) The idea is that the government should ~~not~~ ~~especially~~ establish or finance ~~the establishment of~~ barter exchanges all over the country. This group of economists recommended that the President name a special committee to investigate such bartering as is going on and to obtain information on the best systems and methods. They also ask the President to urge the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to permit the various states to use the money they have borrowed from Uncle Sam to help in properly organizing exchanges.



AUTO SHOW

Now that the National Show in New York is over, Philadelphia is having ~~an~~<sup>an</sup> automobile ~~show this~~ week. It began today in <sup>the</sup> ~~New~~ Convention Hall. This is the thirty-second year that ~~this~~<sup>the</sup> show has been held in Philadelphia.

An interesting feature in connection with ~~this show~~<sup>it</sup> for the last two years has been what is called ~~the~~<sup>The</sup> Antique Derby -- a road race between automobiles of ancient and obsolete vintage.

Last year this race was won by Harry Pierce and Earl Atkins, in a one-cylinder ~~Catalax~~<sup>of 1903,</sup> Cadillac. This year they didn't have

such good luck. They left Milford, Delaware yesterday morning, <sup>in the</sup> ~~old bus.~~

<sup>one good</sup> When they got to Dover they dropped a wheel. At Odessa, fifteen miles below Wilmington, their engine caught fire. The fire ruined the body of the car, but didn't hurt the intrepid racers.

Last year they covered ninety-seven miles in seven hours. This year the trophy offered by the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin for the antique car covering the greatest distance was won by two

gentlemen of Lemont, Pennsylvania, in a 1911 Franklin, ~~it~~<sup>a 22 yr. old car.</sup>

<sup>It</sup> covered two hundred and five miles, averaging forty miles an

hour. *Not so bad!*

Oh ~~■~~ yes, and ~~by the way~~, an interesting new gadget for cars is reported in the current issue of the magazine, Automotive Industries. This is a radio knob on the dashboard of the car which opens ~~xxx~~ and closes garage doors. It is considered more burglar proof than any ordinary lock.



TWINS

Two ladies in Philadelphia held a unique celebration today. These two ladies claim to be the oldest living twins in

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America. <sup>Both</sup> ~~And they~~ are ninety-nine ~~years old~~ - Mrs. Henrietta  
Dannenbaum and Mrs. Jeannette Lauchheimer.  
Well, here's gesundheit to them both.

WAGNER

Few people in public office have had or ever will have the experience that befell a member of the Pennsylvania legislature. His name is Charles Wagner, and he comes from *the fair* city of Washington, <sup>Pa.</sup> ~~Pennsylvania~~. He was elected as a representative on the Democratic ticket.

According to the Philadelphia Bulletin not only does he come from a normal Republican district, but he is himself a Republican. What is more, he did <sup>it</sup> ~~not~~ know he was running for office. In fact, it was not until six weeks after the election that he knew he had been elected. *A modern Rip Van Winkle. There must be a story behind that! I wonder what it is?*



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Out in the rural parts of Pennsylvania they had a fire early today which recalled the good old days, the days when rival companies of fire fighters used to engage in pitched battles for the privilege of quenching the flames. Meanwhile, of course, the house usually burned to the ground.

Well, a story in the Trenton Times relates that there was a fire in ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>a group of barns on the</sup> ~~a large barn in~~ <sup>pilsae,</sup> Bristol ~~Pa.~~, two miles above Bristol, Pennsylvania, about four o'clock this morning.

~~This~~ <sup>These</sup> barn<sup>s</sup> used to be part of the winter quarters of the old Buffalo Bill Wild West show. The first fire fighters on the spot were the Bristol Consolidated Fire Company. They were soon followed by Volunteer groups from Fallsington and Headley Manor. The job of fighting flames was going on ~~at~~ a pace when suddenly the Bristol firemen accused the Headley Manor volunteers of squirting water ~~upon~~ them. ~~Whereupon~~ the Bristol ~~Company~~ <sup>lads swung</sup> ~~took~~ <sup>round</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>two of their</sup> ~~high~~ pressure lines and knocked most of their rivals off their feet.

Meanwhile, as in the good old days, the barn ~~was~~

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<sup>ed down</sup>  
burning ~~to the ground~~ and a number of old circus wagons ~~were~~ went up  
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in smoke too.  
~~destroyed.~~ ^ Fortunately the third company of fire fighters on

the ground remained neutral and managed to save four of the *group*  
barns.



BLAKE

(1) An unusually touching <sup>tale</sup> ~~story~~ occupied a prominent place in <sup>all of</sup> today's <sup>papers</sup> ~~news~~. It concerned the author of a famous song, particularly famous since it was made so by <sup>no one other</sup> ~~no less~~ ~~a potentate~~ than ~~former governor~~ Al Smith. I am glad to be able to relate the happy ending to what seemed at first a <sup>tragedy</sup> ~~to be a tragic tale~~.

The song, of course, is the ~~good old~~ "Sidewalks of New York", <sup>and so on.</sup> ~~with its "East Side West Side" refrain that so many~~ of us have ~~happily~~ ~~yelled at one time or another~~. Some of you may have read in this morning's papers that <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ seventy year old author, James W. Blake, was down and out, <sup>on the Sidewalks of N.Y.</sup> ~~and~~, like many others, for no fault of his own. For twelve years Blake had worked hard and well as a velvet salesman. But this morning he and his sister and blind brother were reported absolutely penniless.

The reporters went to Al Smith shortly before noon today and asked whether he had seen the story. And Al Smith

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~~replied~~ replied: "Sure, I read about it at breakfast.

That's all been attended to. He and his brother and sister

~~will be~~ <sup>are</sup> taken care of." )

And ~~there's your~~ <sup>that's the</sup> happy ending. And that's my  
happy ending tonight, & so-l-u-t-i-o-n