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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY!

The Republic of France has a new president tonight. No, it is not Aristide Briand, whom everybody thought would be elected. Briand withdrew from the race after the first ballot.

In the Chamber of Deputies the voting took place with stately formality. The two principal candidates were Briand, the veteran Foreign Minister, and Paul Doumer, the equally veteran President of the ~~French~~ French Senate. And the first ballot showed that the votes were nearly evenly divided between the two men, though Doumer was slightly ahead.

Then, according to the Associated Press, Briand announced the withdrawal of his candidacy. He said it would be

1 undignified for him to go on and fight
2 for the presidency. If he were not
3 accepted with a quick enthusiasm, it
4 were better that he didn't become
5 president at all. He had no desire to
6 become head of the nation ^{without} ~~and not have~~
7 sufficient support. ~~The United Press tells us~~ He added that he
8 did not consider a close vote any
9 reflection upon his policies as Foreign
10 Minister, and that he would leave for
11 Geneva tomorrow to continue his diplomatic
12 work.

13 At the same time, a couple of
14 other minor candidates withdrew, and that
15 left Doumer practically alone. And,
16 according to the International News
17 Service, on the second ballot he was
18 elected overwhelmingly.

19 And so tonight Paul Doumer becomes
20 President of France. The president whom
21 he succeeds has a name somewhat similar,
22 and the two men may easily be confused.
23 The retiring president is named Doumergue,
24 D-o-u-m-e-r-g-u-e. The new president's
25 name is Doumer, D-o-u-m-e-r. And the shout
in Paris tonight is--vive Doumer!

SPAIN

Trouble is still flaring in Spain. The government has suppressed the disorders in Madrid and in some of the other large cities with a strong hand. But there was more ugly mob fighting today. The Civil Guard opened fire on a crowd. Throughout the whole country five people have been killed and several dozen wounded during the past twelve hours.

In some of the smaller and more remote towns, church burning mobs had their way. Half a dozen religious buildings were burned today.

The International News Service cables the report of a curious incident. A mob stormed a church. They took out the sacred relics and carried them to the mayor. They gave the relics to him for safe keeping. Then they returned to the church and burned it.

The general situation seems to be that while Communists and radicals are fomenting trouble, the government has things pretty well under control.

MEXICO

A revolutionary plot is reported in Mexico City. Two retired generals and several other military officers and civilians have been arrested, charged with a conspiracy to assassinate President Ortiz Rubio, and also Ex-President Calles, long styled the strong man of Mexico.

According to the Associated Press, the police claim that the idea was to follow up the assassinations with a call to arms and a general revolution.

1 They are entertaining an
2 interesting guest in far away China.

3 They are extending a hearty welcome to
4 the living Buddha.

5 Well, of course, we all know
6 that the Dalai Llama, the Buddhist
7 Pontiff who lives in the sacred ^{Tibetan} city
8 of Lhasa, is the living Buddha. ~~Well,~~
9 ~~he's not in China at all. He's still~~
10 ~~in his holy palace high in the mountains~~
11 ~~of Tibet.~~

12 But the Dalai Llama is not
13 the only living Buddha. There used
14 to be two great religious heads in Tibet
15 and the second one was called the Panchen
16 Llama. And he's a living Buddha also.

17 It appears that the Dalai
18 Llama and the Panchen Llama didn't get
19 along together so well and six years ago
20 the Dalai Llama chased the Panchen
21 Llama out of the country. So the
22 Panchen Llama went to Mongolia where
23 there are plenty of Buddhists. And now
24 he has traveled on and made his way to
25 China.

1 There's ~~is~~ an anti-religious wave
2 sweeping over China and it's against
3 Buddhism as well as other religions.
4 But the Chinese are entirely willing
5 to make a big fuss over the Panchen
6 Llama.

7 They say that the ~~is~~ trouble
8 between him and the Dalai Llama in the
9 first place was that the Dalai Llama
10 was under the influence of the British,
11 while the Panchen Llama was in favor
12 of the Chinese.

13 And so the whole thing turns
14 into a few moves on the chessboard
15 of international intrigues. The Chinese
16 are willing to do all they can for the
17 Panchen Llama so as to spite the
18 Dalai Llama and his friends the British.

19 According to the United Press
20 the living Buddha has just arrived at
21 Shanghai, and that's the first bit of
22 western civilization he has seen. Of
23 course, Shanghai isn't any New York or
24 Chicago for whizzing up-to-date
25 modernity, but just the same the living

1 Buddha was knocked flat by the marvels
2 he saw. He declares that the modern *gayety*
3 excitements of Shanghai have ~~got~~ it
4 all over life in the monasteries on
5 the ^{windy} mountain top^s of Tibet.
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1 Now, let's see--what was it that
2 Sherman said about war? Oh yes. But
3 apparently war isn't like that at all
4 in central Africa.

5 Two anthropologists from the
6 University of Chicago have been in
7 the tropical bush of Africa, studying
8 the customs of the natives. And they
9 tell us that war among the tribesmen
10 there is more like American ~~athletic~~
11 ~~games~~ football, ~~for example~~--only some
12 times not ^{quite} so rough.

13 A battle is carried on with the
14 loud assistance of a cheer leader, who
15 does a good deal of his cheering on a
16 big drum. Then there's a lot of
17 skirmishing around although things
18 never get very desperate. Of course
19 they do get a few knives and spears
20 into action. But compared with the
21 wars the white men go in for, it's all
22 not very terrible.

23 In fact, according to the United
24 Press, one puzzle seems to bother the
25 boys over there in Africa. The

1 tribesmen have heard something about
2 the World War. And what they can't
3 understand is this--When the battle
4 became so terrible, why didn't the
5 soldiers just turn around and go away
6 from there and head for home?

7 Well, that might be a question
8 hard to answer. It's a question that
9 many a man in the trenches asked over
10 there during those terrible years in
11 France. And he couldn't answer it
12 either.

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17 Londoners that His Royal Highness had
18 been undergoing a general process of
19 Americanization. They looked at the
20 clothes that the heir to the British
21 crown wore on his selling trip in South
22 America. They observed that his suits
23 were cut in American style, with square
24 shoulders. And sometimes he didn't wear
25 a vest. And he wore soft shirts with

PRINCE OF WALES

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1 I have to report this evening a
2 bit of excitement in dear old London.
3 It's about that declaration made by the
4 Prince of Wales in favor of American
5 business methods.

6 ~~I mentioned yesterday how His~~
7 Royal Highness [^] declared that Americans
8 ~~are~~ ^{are} successful in business because
9 American business men advertise and
10 advertise plenty, *in good times and bad.*

11 ~~Well, the leaders of British~~
12 ~~industry admit that the Prince was right~~
13 ~~and that it does pay to advertise, and~~
14 ~~that British business had better follow~~
15 ~~the American example.~~

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21 crown wore on his selling trip in South
22 America. They observed that his suits
23 were cut in American style, with square
24 shoulders. And sometimes he didn't wear
25 a vest. And he wore soft shirts with

1 collars attached. He even wore an
2 American boater--boater is what the
3 English call a panama hat.

4 And now they're wondering whether
5 he will sit in York House tilted backwards
6 in his chair, with his feet on his desk
7 and a long black cigar in his mouth.

8 Yes, sir, that would make the
9 Prince's royal ancestors scratch their
10 powdered wigs and wonder.

11 What hits those dear old chaps
12 in London the hardest is that H.R.H. is
13 the dictator of men's fashions in
14 England. And if he goes in for those
15 curious American ways, why all the dear
16 old chaps will have to jolly well go
17 Yankee also. *I say, what an alarming*
18 *situation that would be.*

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1 There seems to be a slight
2 difference of opinion here.

3 The Cincinnati Times Star
4 declares the whole spectacle is
5 sickening, but the Richmond Times-Dispatch
6 calls it an amusing case of practical
7 necessity.

8 What they are talking about is
9 that big carnival of divorces ~~they are~~
10 ~~having~~ at Reno, Nevada. They are
11 ~~grinding~~ grinding out divorces at an
12 average of one every six minutes.

13 You will see a striking
14 article in your copy of the new Literary
15 Digest ~~which will~~ ^{when it} reach ^{es} you tomorrow,
16 an article about that weird divorce
17 spectacle in Reno. The Digest reprints
18 a bit of very vivid description by
19 A. B. McDonald in the Kansas City Star
20 and he is a crack reporter. ^{McDonald} ~~He~~ was
21 awarded the Pulitzer prize for 1931 for
22 the best bit of reportorial work.

23 "The divorce mill", writes the
24 prize winning reporter, "is all set and
25 prime to grind out five thousand divorces

in the next twelve months. And the people of Reno expect that those five thousand wives and husbands, who will come here for divorces, will leave at least five million dollars in the town."

And so it seems that the old almighty dollar is at the back of it.

And the judge calls out that the divorce had been granted. "His pen scratches as he talks", writes prize winning reporter McDonald, "he blots the entry, tosses the paper over to the clerk of the court, and calls the next case. Generally it has all been done in two minutes."

It's all swift and efficient and then the one who has been divorced hurries out of court and kisses one of the pillars in front of the court house, for luck or for joy I suppose. At any rate, kissing that pillar has become a part of the Reno ritual.

Well, it's no wonder that some people in the country are a bit shocked by all these up to date doings, when the principal idea in the matter seems to be just dollars and cents.

ARMY POSTS

Some of the experts are saying that the government won't save much money by abolishing those army posts. As I mentioned last night, President Hoover's economy program started in with the War Department. And Secretary Hurley announced that a number of old army posts which are quite useless would be abolished. And that would save Uncle Sam a bit of money.

The posts to be abolished are old-time military stations established during the Indian Wars in the western states. And the only value they can possibly have now is an historical interest.

But, according to the United Press, old-time bookkeepers, who handle army accounts, claim that abolishing these posts won't save any particular amount of money. They say the amount spent in maintaining them is a mere trifle. In fact, there might be a chance that the business of abolishing them will lose money.

Soldiers kept in those old posts will have to be transferred, and new accommodations will have to be built for them. And that may cost more than will be saved by abolishing those venerable relics of the old Indian wars.

PERSHING

Here's a question that should be easy to answer. What man in the United States has the most medals and decorations?

Yes, he is General Pershing. The General has received military medals from nearly every country in the world. If he were to put all of his various decorations on at one time, he would look like Jacob with his coat of many colors. But ordinarily General Pershing wears just one, a tiny button which stands for his Distinguished Service Medal, the reward which his own country gave him for his services as Commander in Chief of the A.E.F. in France. For General Pershing is an exceedingly modest and unostentatious man,

1 A hundred years ago the United
2 States Government signed a treaty with
3 the Miami Indians. And now it's planned
4 to bring that treaty ~~up~~ before the
5 courts of Indiana, in which state
6 Indians of the old Miami tribe are
7 now living.

8 ~~The question at stake is~~
9 ~~hunting and fishing, which, as every~~
10 ~~school boy knows, was a favorite~~
11 ~~pastime with the Indians.~~

12 Recently a couple of noble
13 redmen have been in an Indiana hoosegow.
14 They were arrested on charges of
15 shooting fish. Yes, the boys got their
16 guns and ^{it} looked as if they were going
17 hunting. But they must have got
18 mixed up a bit, because they went
19 fishing instead. They went down to the
20 stream and began to shoot a few fish.

21 Well, the Indians claim that
22 they have a right to shoot all the
23 fish they want. Ofcourse, it's against
24 the game laws of the state. But what
25 have game laws to do with them? they ask.

1 Didn't the United States Government
2 sign that treaty with them a hundred
3 years ago, in which it was guaranteed
4 that there should be no attempt to
5 infringe upon the Indians' right to
6 to hunt and fish?

② 7 And so it seems as if the state
8 courts of Indiana will have to decide
9 upon the question of whether the
10 Indians are above the laws regulating
11 ~~in~~ hunting and fishing.

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The Board of Directors of the New York Central met today. The statements given out indicate that the railroad business last month was better than the business for the month before. Yes, and business during the month before showed a big increase over business for the two previous months. That makes the first quarter of 1931 show a constantly rising tide of commercial activity.

Well, the railroads are a good barometer, and when the business of the railroads goes up it indicates a general booming condition.

And An article in the New York Evening Post informs us that the Eastman Kodak Company today voted to pay the stockholders the usual dividend and also the usual extra dividend - meaning that business is also booming in the ~~field of amateur~~ ^{is} photography world.

And that's a pleasant picture.

1 Now let's buzz into this next
2 item. Yes, buzz is right. It tells
3 of a bit of buzzing that is costing
4 the motion picture companies thousands
5 of dollars.

6 And who's doing the buzzing?
7 Why, the ~~xxx~~ flies. They get into
8 the motion picture studios ~~xxx~~ while
9 pictures are ~~xxx~~ being made and proceed
10 to wreck the performance.

11 According to the New York Sun
12 the flies bother the actors while they
13 are making a picture. Just imagine a
14 scene in a Hollywood studio ^{with} ~~and~~ the
15 hero and the heroine ^{right in ^ the} ~~of the screen~~
16 ~~drama are putting on a~~ ^{middle of a sugary} love scene. *Yes, and*
17 *Right* in the middle of the beautiful
18 pose a big horsefly gets on the heroine's
19 nose and starts ~~xx~~ to walk around. Well,
20 either she slaps it off her nose, or
21 she doesn't. If she does, why it
22 spoils the love/drama ~~scene~~ and if ~~xx~~ she
23 doesn't, why she can't help squirming,
24 and of course, that may not help the
25 love ^{scene} ~~drama~~ along either.

1 And then the buzzing of the flies
2 gums up the [^]sound effect. Instead of
3 all those tinny ~~and~~ [^]noisy voices whooping ^{it up}
4 in undisturbed beauty, why, they are
5 accompanied by an orchestra of buzzing
6 flies.

7 The ultimate result ^{the magnates} is that ~~they~~
8 have to make a lot of ^{scenes} ~~sets~~ over and
9 as yet the geniuses of the film world
10 haven't devised a way to keep the flies
11 out of the studio.

12 Well, the flies are buzzing in
13 Hollywood, and as a matter of fact, I
14 think I'll buzz along too. So —

15 So long until tomorrow.

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