

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

(The twentieth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Senator Norris's Lame Duck amendment, is now an accomplished fact. Secretary of State Stimson has attached his signature to a document certifying that this amendment is now definitely a part of the Constitution.)

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It seems to be the fashion nowadays for various states to declare war on each other. The Mayor of New York City recently gave tongue to a proposal to tax all commuters. That is, all people working in New York and living outside the city limits. This aroused the goat of New Jersey. A resolution has been adopted in the New Jersey Assembly condemning Mayor O'Brien's proposal, and the Jersey legislators further indicate that if New York's Mayor attempts to go through with it, New Jersey will close the Holland Tunnel which goes under the Hudson between New York and Jersey City, on all Sundays and holidays.

It is not quite clear how New Jersey could close the

Tunnel, because it is under the control of the Port of New York Authority, and is owned in partnership by the states of New Jersey and New York.

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Norman Thomas who has just been making a tour of the Middlewest, speaking and listening and looking, has returned to New York, prophesying a dictatorship for the U.S.A. He found people in general of a cynical turn of mind, even more so than last autumn. He told the reporters that politically most of the people with whom he talked seem disposed to give Roosevelt a break. Nevertheless, he said, "I think the trend is toward a dictatorship but as yet there is no dictator in sight."

He believes the dictator, when he comes, will be of the Mark Hanna type, talking the language of Huey Long.

Now isn't that an interesting picture?

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(Then Chief Justice Hughes, so Washington gossip has it, is in a high state of indignation. He feels that the

burlesque-ing of the Supreme Court in the musical show "Of Thee I Sing" is excessively irreverent.) What the Chief Justice objects to particularly is having the Justices of the Supreme Court in that play do a clog dance wearing long whiskers which almost sweep the floor.

Well, be that as it may, when I get to the long-whisker stage I hope I shall be able to clog dance.

BARRY

The comedy of the article that Mr. Barry, ~~the~~ Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate wrote for the New Outlook, bids fair to turn out none too comically for Mr. Barry. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate ^{has} ~~today~~ turned in its report. By a unanimous vote it recommended the immediate dismissal of the aged Sergeant-at-Arms.

~~The New York Evening Post adds that~~ This recommendation ^{has} ~~was~~ carried out by the Senate. ~~this afternoon~~ Senator Robinson of Indiana had offered a proposal to allow Mr. Barry to resign,

but this was defeated by a vote of eleven to four. *There was a heated debate over the matter on the floor of the Senate. One member wanted to have Al Smith brought to Washington put on the carpet.* The Committee is going to have another meeting

Thursday at which time it will consider whether or not to ask the District Attorney of New York, where the New Outlook is published, to prosecute Mr. Barry for criminal libel. Inasmuch as Mr. Barry mentioned no names, it is rather difficult to see where a charge of this nature will lie.

Thus the Senators have vindicated the dignity of their togas by dismissing the seventy-three year old Sergeant-at-Arms. Comments from ~~the~~ newspapers in general indicate that the rest of

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the country takes the whole episode with a suppressed giggle. The net effect of their action has been to deprive Mr. Barry of one month's salary and to give nation-wide publicity to his article.

~~Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger says it's come about because Mr.~~

Mr. Barry thought the article he wrote for Al Smith's ~~magazine~~ ^{magazine} called

~~The New Outlook~~, would not be printed ~~until~~ ^{until} after March 4th, by

which time he would have left office.

Paul Mallon, an experienced Washington correspondent, declares emphatically that nobody buys or sells congressional votes. Things are never done so crudely, he adds. Some Congressmen have been influenced by gifts of stock in corporations, but cash is never used. Such is the ~~ultimatum~~ ^{observation} of an experienced observer.

GERMANY

The end of parliamentary government in Germany seems much nearer. A violent tirade against Jews by a Hitlerite at a parliament committee meeting had the effect of breaking up the meeting. You will find an interesting account of this in your favorite evening paper.

It was a session of the Permanent Committee for safeguarding parliamentary rights, otherwise called the Control Committee. This is the committee that represents the parliament during the interval between the dissolution of one Reichstag and the election of the next. It has the right to call the government to account for its actions.

Today's session was for the purpose of remonstrating with the Chancellor on account of the new decrees which limit the rights of free speech and public assembly. The Chairman of the Committee, former President of the Reichstag, is a Socialist. Now many socialists in Germany are Jews. Consequently the Hitlerite members of the Committee refused to meet under the chairmanship of this Socialist leader.

The tirade against the Jews was delivered by Chancellor Hitler's legal expert. The meeting broke up in disorder and correspondents feel that this is another indication that parliamentary government in Germany is on the skids.

*There is a lot more to it
that you'll find in your evening paper.*

CUBA

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The New York Herald Tribune this morning carried an interesting ~~xxxxxx~~ statement on the state of affairs in Cuba. *It was* by General Menocal, a former president of Cuba, and the ^{*exiled*} political enemy of the ^{*General*} ~~R~~ present President Machado. General Menocal is quoted as saying that General Machado goes about in an armored car heavily protected by soldiers. Furthermore, his whereabouts are carefully concealed. It is said that he claims nineteen attempts have been made on his life.

General Menocal declared further that martial law has reigned almost uninterruptedly in Cuba since November of 1930.

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CHINA

The Chinese government evidently fears that Japanese forces will penetrate further and further into Chinese territory.

~~The correspondent of the Newark News. In Peiping, cables that~~

the ~~priceless~~ numerous treasures that once belonged to the rulers of the Celestial Empire have been removed from the

Forbidden City. They have been shipped southward and will ~~all~~

be kept in modern bomb-proof vaults in Shanghai. The treasures consist largely of jades and ~~practically~~ ^{other} priceless works of art, as well as jewels. They are valued at anywhere from

twenty million dollars up. — and anything that is figured in millions is priceless!

GLASS

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~~The latest from Washington is that~~ Senator Glass of Virginia will probably decline to be Secretary of the Treasury in Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet. He has not yet given a definite reply to the President-elect, but his friends say that his age and ill health are bringing him to the conclusion that he cannot undertake the burden of that secretaryship.

Another aspect in the Cabinet situation is that,

~~according to reports~~, no less than four of the men Mr. Roosevelt is

believed to have selected are Senators. It is felt by the leaders in the

Democratic party that this ^{would be poor strategy.} ~~is bad policy~~. If those Senators

~~could~~ leave the Senate to become Cabinet ministers it might weaken

Mr. Roosevelt's support in that branch of Congress, support which

he will seriously need.

^{correspondent} Meanwhile ^{says} George Van Slyke ~~writes the New York Sun~~

that people seeking jobs are ~~just~~ flocking by droves into Miami,

Florida. Miami is the nearest point of contact to Vincent Astor's

^{the} yacht ^{is} Nourmahad on which Mr. Roosevelt ~~has been~~ vacationing.

In fact, Jim Farley, National Chairman of the Democratic Party,

has ~~xxxx~~ set up ~~his~~ headquarters in Miami. ~~There are~~ Demands for jobs are pouring in ^{literally} by the tens of thousands.

Two of the rumors running around Miami are that Newton D. Baker, President Wilson's War Secretary, will be Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, and that Swagar Sherley of Kentucky, is to be Governor General of the Philippines.

KHAKI SHIRTS

After the terrific row last summer ^{concerning} ~~over~~ the expulsion of the Bonus & Expeditionary Forces from ~~Washington~~ Washington, the formation of a new organization called the Khaki Shirts was reported. It now looks as though that organization is an accomplished fact. ~~The Philadelphia papers today quoted~~

The Commander in Chief of the Khaki Shirts ~~=~~ announcing ^{to} ~~he~~ ~~has~~ establish ~~the~~ national headquarters in Philadelphia, ~~the~~ building ~~has been~~ leased and the program outlined.

^{present}
The leader of this organization is Captain Art Smith who is described as a soldier of ~~xxxxxx~~ fortune, ex-marine, ex-aviator and ex-policeman. He claims to have ^{enrolled} a membership of no less than six million Khaki Shirts, and ~~he believes~~ that by 1936 the movement will be strong enough to pick and elect a president. In the last ~~xxxxconvention~~ election the Khaki Shirts supported *the* Roosevelt ~~and~~ Garner *ticket*.

The political planks of the Khaki Shirts are for *plenty*:-
immediate payment of the Bonus, direct Federal unemployment relief,
repeal of the 18th amendment, abolition of the electoral college,

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election of ~~the~~ Supreme Court justices, and ~~for Uncle Sam to have~~
for your Uncle Sam.
the largest army and navy in the world. These ~~were~~ only a few
items on the program.

~~his own press notices~~ *c-in-c Art Smith*
According ~~to accounts~~ *Commander in Chief* Smith is a ~~terrible~~
seems to be a monumental sort of person.
~~picturesque fellow~~ He ran ~~xxxxx~~ away from ~~his~~ home in

Smithport, Pennsylvania, at the age of ten; ~~He~~ joined the forces
in Mexico,
of Pancho Villa, and when the world war broke out he went to
England and enlisted in the British Army. He is said to have been
attached to the Royal Air Force ~~of England in~~ *with* the rank of captain.
When Uncle Sam entered the ~~war~~ *rumors* he joined up with the Marines.
After the war he ~~joined~~ *became* a Cossack ~~regiment~~ *with the White Army in Russia,* served with the French
Foreign Legion in Morocco and the forces of Abd-el-Krim in the
Riff. In his spare time he was a St. Louis ~~cop~~ *cop*, a Texas
Ranger, and Canadian royal mounted policeman. That sounds like
quite a lot of things to have been and done in one lifetime.

CORBETT

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~~I'm sorry to have to relay~~ ^{The} ~~bad~~ ^{from} news ~~about~~ Gentleman
~~Jim Corbett~~ ^{is not so good.} ~~His condition~~ ^{Tim Corbett's} This morning ~~was such that his~~
physician ~~has~~ abandoned all hope for his recovery. The grand
old man of American boxing ~~might~~ ^{may} last a week or even a month, ~~or~~
~~But there's no chance of his getting better~~ ^{maybe not.}

MOTORS

Automobile Sales picked up during January, particularly the industrial centers. Many of the boys on farms have the old bus on jacks and are saying "giddap, Dobbin!" But gains in car sales are reported from cities in agricultural regions.

The Automobile Shows have been a striking success. The Automotive Daily News cites some interesting facts about the motor car industry.

POLAR TOOTHACHE

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Did you ever know that toothache is a much more serious matter in a cold climate than it is in a mild one? No, I'm not going to advise you to start buying some particular toothpaste. I'll leave that to good old Bill Hay, who sets the stage for Amos 'n Andy. But a curious thing happened last evening. I had an item about Sir Hubert Wilkins and that important South Pole expedition ~~that is to~~ get under way shortly, ^{to be} the one led by Lincoln Ellsworth and Bernt Balchen. ~~And~~ When I came out of the studio there was a long distance telephone message from Delaware. On the other end of the line was Sir Hubert Wilkins in person, saying that he and Lady Wilkins were in Delaware getting their teeth fixed. Why should that be interesting? Well, just this:-- Some polar expeditions have failed because a man got the toothache at the wrong time. ^{Toothache in the polar regions} ~~It nearly makes them~~ [^] ~~crazy~~ makes a man half-crazy.

On one recent expedition it did just that. So if you are thinking about ^{Arctic traveling} ~~crossing either of the polar regions~~ don't start for either the land of the polar bears or the land of the penguins without seeing your dentist.

BASEBALL

The magnates of the baseball world are ~~waging~~ watching Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with an eagle eye. The reason is that they have to hold off ^{making out} ~~on~~ their schedule of games for ^{the} ~~the~~ coming season until they find out whether or not Pennsylvania is going to repeal its age-old Blue Laws and allow Sunday baseball.

On this issue good news ~~came~~^s from Harrisburg, ~~today~~. The Pennsylvania House ^{has} ~~has~~ passed the bill permitting open air sports throughout Pennsylvania any Sunday afternoon between two and six P. M. Box fighting and wrestling are exempted.

3 The bill will not become a law, of course, until it is also passed by the Senate and is signed by Governor Pinchot. The baseball magnates and fans alike hope this will be achieved. This situation affects only one team in the American League, the Philadelphia Athletics. But it affects two in the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Phillies.

LIAR

I have a letter from an ~~old~~ friend in ~~Milton, Pennsylvania,~~
who says to me:

"We've ~~got~~ a club out here in ^{Milton} ~~Central~~ Pennsylvania
which has your Tall Story Club skinned a mile. It is known as
Willis Faber's 'Liars' Club'. There's one adjective that ^{is included} ~~is~~
in ~~the~~ the name of that Club which the ^{radio} ~~rules of the air~~ forbid me to
mention ^{— you know,} ~~because~~ it rhymes with ham. Anyway, Willis Faber's
'Liars' Club,' ~~this Club,~~ continues my friend, "meets
for lunch every Friday in Milton, ~~Pennsylvania.~~ They have a lot
of fun not only swapping lies, but assessing each other once
a month and using the proceeds to bring children from the slums
of New York into the fresh air of Pennsylvania. The King of the
Club, Willis Faber, is a veteran trout fisherman. The theme-
story of the Club runs as follows:

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"There was a man who fished a mountain stream all ~~and~~
day long didn't even get a bite. But he brought with him a
jug full of ^{clixer that} ~~cheering liquid~~. After ~~so~~ many hours ^{of} fishless fishing
he sat down in the corner of ^a ~~the~~ cornfield and drank himself

blotto. While he was asleep a couple of jokers came by and planted a scarecrow with outstretched arms right in front of him.

"When the fisherman came to, he saw this scarecrow with arms stretched out. Sitting up he blinked his eyes. And said the fisherman: 'You're a so and so liar. There ain't no fish that big in the creek'."

But I'd like to say to my friend of the so and so Liars Club that we have some Tall Story Club Grand Ananiases who can make that yarn look like a Supreme Court Affidavit.

BANDITS

Here's ~~the story of~~ a plucky woman. Two hoodlums invaded a grocery store in Brooklyn. ~~today~~. The owner, ~~of the store,~~ Mrs. Josephine Raymond, is seventy years old. ~~then~~ The ruffians walked in with their right hands in their coat pockets, ~~in~~ ordered ~~her~~ ^{her} to keep ~~quiet~~ and show them the cash drawer. ~~well~~ What did she do? Instead of showing them the cash drawer she pushed ~~the~~ ^a table at which ~~she was sitting against~~ the legs of the hoodlums, ~~then~~ ~~she~~ ran round and ~~tried to~~ beat them with her hands. When they attempted to seize her she broke away and rushed over to the shelves, ~~and then she~~ ^{and} started heaving a barrage of canned goods at them.

They returned her fire with other cans, one of which struck her in the head and knocked her down. But even then she would ~~not~~ ^{not} give in. When they laid hands upon her she grabbed them by the hair and wouldn't let go until they beat her half unconscious.

Well, the upshot of it is: ~~that~~ ^{though} they tied her ~~up~~ and gagged her, ~~her~~ ^{her} gallant fight ~~Mrs. Raymond~~ had ~~put on~~ prevented them from robbing her. The only unfortunate part of it is that

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she was so busy fighting ~~them that~~ she was unable to notice
what they looked like and so couldn't ^{furnish} ~~give~~ a description to
the police.

Well, ^{the referee} ~~I should say the~~ decision for that fight
^{certainly goes} ~~should go~~ to Mrs. Raymond, and s-l-u-t-m.