

Good Evening, Everybody:

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain came to the bat today on Germany's side. This is what he said:

"Germany knows perfectly well that Great Britain does not oppose her claim to be regarded as equal at the Disarmament Conference. She also knows we are very anxious to bring her and her neighbors into relations of greater confidence." So said Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, ~~is~~ making <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ strong plea to Germany to <sup>re-</sup> <sub>^</sub> consider her refusal to attend the Four Power Conference at Geneva.

Another feature of the British Prime Minister's declaration was a boost for the League of Nations which recently has been the target for several attacks, especially one from Former Prime Minister, David Lloyd George.

The British government, said Mr. Ramsay

MacDonald, cannot think of Europe and the world without the League of Nations. We stand by the League, he adds.

The importance of this statement is that it's the first time in some years that Britain has officially signified her intention to stick by the League despite all attacks.

## IRELAND

The breakdown of the negotiations between John Bull and Ireland was admitted in London to be complete today. So says a dispatch to the New York Evening Post. There was a dramatic finality to the departure of President de Valera and the other delegates of the Irish Free State from London. It is generally believed that this means Ireland will definitely break away from the British Empire. This, however, cannot be done immediately, says the dispatch to the Post. When Mr. de Valera and his government took office the mandate they received from the Irish electors ~~does~~<sup>did</sup> not authorize them to sever relations with Great Britain.



INSULL

Uncle Sam <sup>has</sup> given up any idea of bringing back Samuel Insull from Athens. The State Department today notified the American Legation to drop all efforts to get Mr. Insull's passport.

A dispatch to the Cleveland Press said that there was a rumor Mr. Insull thought of going to Turkey. This today he characterized as bunkum and rubbish.

Meanwhile, however, he is being watched by Athenian policemen. Four plain clothes men follow him even when he leaves his hotel to go ~~■~~ for a walk in the National Garden which is <sup>the principal</sup> a park in Athens.

ADD INSULL

~~At~~ A later bulletin reported a plot to kidnap Samuel Insull from Greece to a country from which he can be extradited. This story came from Mr. Insull's son, Samuel, Jr. The gist of the conspiracy was that four Greek-American detectives were on their way from the United States to Greece to abduct the Chicago utilities potentate and take him to some country with which the United States has extradition treaties.

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The trouble with this little yarn is that such an act would be a gross breach of international law, and arrest in such a case would not be recognized and the Courts would immediately set him free.

MOSCOW

There's a rumor in Moscow that another prominent Communist has been placed under guard by the authorities. A dispatch to the Newark News reports him as being Nicholas <sup>ro k</sup> Bucharin, Former Secretary of the Communist International.

It is believed in Moscow that Bucharin <sup>k</sup> will be exiled because he's suspected of having been ~~■~~ implicated in the plot against Stalin. ~~XXXXXX~~



PIG

A story of several pigs that went to market comes from Vienna. The Customs guard<sup>s</sup> on the frontier between Austria and Hungary were struck by the number of young Hungarian peasant women who would cross the border every day with children in their arms. The thing that aroused their curiosity was the fact that these fond mothers left the babies on the Austrian side when they crossed the frontier again at night to go back home.

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On the following morning, however, the same young women would cross over into Austria again with apparently the same baby. So ~~an~~ one inquisitive guard stopped a good looking young peasant damsel and investigated the baby. It wasn't a baby at all. It was a young pig. The high duties levied by the Austrian tariff on Hungarian pigs had suggested <sup>this</sup> economy to the thrifty Hungarian peasants. They would take the young porkers, dress them up in baby's clothes with a handsomely embroidered bonnet covering the head. But their ingenuity

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didn't stop there. In order to prevent the pigs from squeeling at the sight of a Customs officer, they ~~just~~ first fed them with grain soaked in alcohol, which put the porkers to sleep.



ALASKA

Here's an interesting letter that came in today.

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Bob Crawford, musical director of the Newark Music Foundation, tells me that he has just made a little trip back home to see the folks. Where? Why, Alaska. Did he go by train, steamer and dog team? Not at all. He flew all the way from Newark to Alaska, carrying his soprano, Ruby Mercer, and pianist Potter along with him. It certainly is a novel way for undertaking a concert tour of Alaska. All went well except that shortly after they had flown over the Alaskan mountains past Mount McKinley, the highest peak on the continent, they were caught by a severe storm, had to make a forced landing ~~ix~~ not far from Hurricane Gulch, and broke up the plane a bit. Then they put on parkas and mukluks and mused on to Fairbanks, to sing Brahms, Debussy and Chopin.

GRAF ZEPPELIN

And here's an interesting announcement just made by one of the big American air lines. At the present time the German dirigible authorities and the officials of Transcontinental and Western Air are discussing the possibility of bringing the famous dirigible Graf Zeppelin to the United States, to use it permanently for passenger air travel in this country.

For more than a year now the Graf Zeppelin, veteran of so many famous aerial expeditions, has been flying back and forth across the <sup>South</sup> Atlantic <sup>between Germany & Argentina</sup> <sup>(almost</sup> with the regularity of an express train.

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BANDITS

A report to the Detroit News says that an American missionary has been killed by bandits in Manchukuo. The identity of the dead priest is still <sup>in doubt.</sup> ~~uncertain~~. The Japanese officials from whom the news comes, seem to be uncertain whether it was a Presbyterian missionary from Seattle, or a Roman Catholic missionary from Lawrence, Massachusetts.



SLEEP

Out in Oak Park, Illinois, a young girl is ~~waking~~  
waking up from the longest sleep that's ever been recorded,  
at least so far as the doctors know. Of course, there's the  
celebrated nap taken by the beautiful princess in the fairy  
tale. And then too, everybody's heard of the Seven Sleepers. *And*  
*there was my old neighbor Rip Van Winkle.*  
But there were no medical records in those days.

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A dispatch to the Indianapolis Times reports that  
this Oak Park young lady who is twenty-seven years old, has  
been slumbering for eight months. She started to doze off on  
January 19th and by February 24 was fast asleep. All this  
time her heart action was regular and she's been breathing  
constantly. Doctors<sup>s</sup> have contrived to feed her by mechanical  
means. Yesterday she turned over for the first time in all  
those months, and today she's ~~is~~ able to raise herself to a sitting  
posture. She still is too <sup>drowsy</sup> ~~sleepy~~ to talk to her mother.

## TALL STORY

The Sunoco Tall Story Contest is bringing to light a number of remarkable facts. At Manor, Pennsylvania, C. W. Robbins has a car that, until recently, was not very satisfactory. But that's all different now.

"I've started to use Blue Sunoco," writes Tall Story Teller Robbins, "and the way my car runs is something wonderful. It's running so well that I've been able to teach it a few tricks. I have trained the old car to stop for blondes, pick up brunettes, and back-up for red heads."

Another sentimental whopper comes from Charles Lawrence, Jr., of Woodmont, Connecticut.

"Since I've been using Blue Sunoco," writes Brother Lawrence, "my car has been showing some rare turns of speed. The other morning, just as I was about to kiss my wife goodbye I accidentally stepped on the accelerator, and the old bus went so fast that I found myself kissing a woman in the next town.

TARIFF

A group of a hundred and eighty economists have sent a petition to President Hoover begging him to bring about a revision of the tariff ~~which~~ of the United States. They represent sixty-three colleges and universities.

These same experts a year ago petitioned <sup>the</sup> President ~~Hoover~~ to veto the Smoot-Hawley bill on the ground that it would result in retaliation by other countries. This they claim has happened. And they are now asking the President to use his power under the flexible tariff provisions to ~~reduce~~ <sup>reduce</sup> ~~produce~~ what they call inequality. <sup>ies.</sup>



CHILD

Whenever the education of children is being discussed you hear ~~so~~ much talk about the average child. Well, it seems the modern idea is that there's no such thing as ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> average child.

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Experts in the education of children from thirty-five states are ~~now~~ holding a convention of the Child Study Association of America. One of the experts told the five hundred assembled specialists <sup>at the Hotel Pennsylvania</sup> today <sup>^</sup> that each child is different from any other ever born. It's a bad idea, says this expert who ~~reminds~~ goes by the picturesque name of Dr. Kugelmass, to think of any youngster as being average. <sup>making children conform to</sup> ~~Standardization of~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~children~~ is exceedingly bad for them.

SAVINGS

Here's a story that pops up in the news at least once a year.

These may be hard times, says a story from Albany,

but a large number of people have ~~xxx~~ money lying in the banks of New York State which they're neglecting to withdraw. There is a total of some three million dollars lying idle in New York banks, money that was deposited and apparently forgotten.

Among the people who deposited this money are folks of all sorts and conditions, ranging from a prince to a former inmate of Sing Sing prison.

Have you folks forgotten any of yours — a hundred grand or so?

DOGS

Long Island is having a giggle at the expense of a well known assistant District Attorney of Nassau County. This eminent young barrister went to Paris recently and there saw very handsome bronze figures of Scotch terriers. He thought these would make nice gifts for friends when he returned, so he bought quite a collection of them, brought them back to the States and paid Customs duties on them.

He distributed them among his friends, most of whom were quite delighted. One of these, however, had not heard the popular saying about not looking a gift horse in the mouth. At any rate, he didn't apply it to not looking a gift dog in the tummy. He turned one of these bronze figures upside down, and there stamped in plain letters on this Paris object of art, was the legend "Made in Long Island City."



## LIONS

Everybody in the Middle West today is <sup>cheerfully</sup> ~~giggling~~ at the expense of the promoter of the great lion hunt which took place in Southeastern Missouri. It was what you might call a synthetic lion hunt. The two animals which were to be the objects of the brave hunters' prowess were a couple of young circus lions born in America. *About as dangerous as a couple of Pekinese dogs.*

A dispatch to the Louisville Times says they were bought by a well-to-do leather merchant of St. Louis, <sup>from a trusted circus.</sup> They were only ten months old, but the new owner soon found that with a lion as with an automobile, it's not so much the original cost as the up-keep. Those ten months old cubs needed twelve pounds of raw meat a day for their nourishment. So the leather merchant organized the hunt.

For four days he and two guests accompanied by a troop of news-camera men and reporters, traveled from one end of Missouri to another, looking for a place for their lion hunt. Sheriffs in various counties forbade him to carry out <sup>the great adventure</sup> ~~his plans~~ in their

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territory.

Finally he took them to an island in the Mississippi River. Hundreds of spectators lined the high bluffs of the river opposite the island. The cage was opened but the lions would not come forth. The hunters wanted to tempt them out with a live pig, but they could find no farmer willing to sell a pig for such a purpose. Eventually the poor brutes were prodded out of the cage, and bounded off into the woods. Then the amateur hunters with a pack a dogs started on their safari.

Late this afternoon a couple of uninvited guests joined the hunt. They were deputy sheriffs. ~~One of the~~ While the deputy sheriff's were eating lunch, the two hungry <sup>lions</sup> lions came bounding and purring towards them, looking for a hand-out. The deputy sheriffs promptly killed them with sub-machine guns.

And today there is one furious, ~~dis~~ disappointed amateur hunter in Missouri, the leather merchant who organized the party.

He was almost weeping as he told reporters: "Ever since I was a small boy I've dreamed of the day when I might become a lion hunter." It's just too derved tough when at this moment strangers come along and kill my lion."