

BIRDS

Good Evening, Everybody:

The first thing that struck my eye in the papers today was a new scrap between John Bull and Uncle Sam. The New York Sun ^{says} ~~says that~~ it's a family scrap and anybody can get in. It all started in the Manchester Guardian, one of the most important newspapers in the British Islands, ^{— in the world for that matter,} A correspondent wrote in roasting the late Joyce Kilmer for the poem ~~that~~ he wrote about the trees. ~~birds~~ He said Kilmer showed his ignorance about Ornithology the \$5 word ^{is} ~~which~~ means ~~the~~ science of birds, ~~when you use~~ ~~it~~. Robins, said the critic, do not nest in trees as Joyce Kilmer had ^{them} ~~been~~ doing.

In answer to that another correspondent wrote in to the Guardian and said ~~for that matter~~ the American robin isn't a robin at all. He added that the American gray squirrel isn't a squirrel either. The American squirrel is a rat.

Well, the story goes on to say that the English can pull our legs at peace conferences and do us in the eye in

disarmament treaties; they can call us Uncle Shylock, but they

cannot say ~~that~~ our robin is not a robin and our gray squirrel

is a rat -- ^{and get away with it. No siree!}
~~no, sir!~~ To settle the dispute the New York Sun

sent a reporter to the American Museum of Natural History. There

the curators of the Department of Mammals and Ornithology settled

the dispute.

First of all, the American robin is the American

robin. Just because it isn't an English robin doesn't mean

that it isn't a robin. What's more, ^{good} ^{robin} no American would want

it to be an English robin because our birds are larger and

stronger. ~~than the English robin.~~

As for that libel on our gray squirrels, the

truth is that squirrels and rats aren't even relatives.

Scientifically speaking, they are further apart than cats

and dogs. So, will the readers of the Manchester Guardian

please put that in their pipe and smoke it.

ALBANY

(The latest news in the case of Mayor Jimmy Walker is that his lawyers got a fresh injunction today to stop the Governor from removing him. That makes two injunctions on the Governor ~~for two separate~~ from two separate Justices of the

Supreme Court.) By the time they get through with this, there ought to be plenty of work for the lawyers, ^{and there ought to be} ~~Did I hear somebody~~

^{fat} ~~say~~ fees?
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The lawyer who got the latest injunction for Jimmy is J. J. Glynn, ^{Ex. Gov.} ~~who is~~ a nephew of ~~Al~~ Smith.
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(Governor Roosevelt has intimated that he would not be bound by these court orders. He claims that as chief executive of the state his powers are clearly defined by the Constitution.)
^{state}
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As such they are above any court ruling. The present action, brought by Mayor Walker's lawyer, will be a test of the Constitution.
^{N.Y.}
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Meanwhile, the proceedings in the executive mansion at Albany were dull and long drawn out. The Mayor's principal lawyer harangued the Governor in motions to dismiss the charges

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against the Mayor. He argued each of the fourteen charges one by one with long, long, long speeches.

At times he spoke quite sharply, if not rudely, to the Governor. Mr. Roosevelt had overruled many of counsel's motions, saying that he was not bound by the same rules as a justice of the Supreme Court. *Timmy's lawyer's* ~~Counsel's~~ reply in effect was that in that case the Governor cannot commit counsel for contempt. Accordingly, this lawyer spoke his mind as he would not dare to address a judge.

At one time he alluded to Judge Seabury ^{and} ~~of~~ the Investigating Committee as snoopers. This got Judge Seabury's goat and he jumped to his feet. The Governor merely smiled and ordered the offensive word deleted from the record.

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That farm strike out in Iowa is spreading still further. The Iowans have been joined by farmers in both South Dakota and Nebraska.

A dispatch to the Louisville Times reports that the opposing forces came to blows today. The Sheriff of Union County, South Dakota, was seized and his weapons taken away by an ~~xx~~ angry crowd of four hundred striking farmers.

Yesterday the farmers retreated in the face of organized force. But today they ~~xxx~~ gained the upper hand. They attacked ~~xx~~ a group of twenty deputy ~~xx~~ sheriffs at one point; ~~and~~ ^{there} were fist fights between the farmers and the officers on several highways. The result was that live stock and produce shipments were completely halted.

Fights are going on between farmers and law officers in many parts of the troubled area.

Then there's trouble in Christian County, Illinois. A coal miners' strike this time. The Governor has ordered the national guard to be in readiness to go to the scene of the trouble. Two long caravans of 4,000 union miners started a march on Taylorville,

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Illinois; their object is to induce union miners who are working on a new low wage scale to quit their jobs. The sheriff of the county has a guard of a thousand armed civilian deputies organized, in case of violence. The striking miners ~~will~~ protest that they hope to stop operations throughout Christian County by peaceful methods.

There's a gentleman in Kentucky who is piling up an almost Biblical record as a father. His wife has just given birth to his 34th child.

A dispatch to the ^{Memphis Press Scimitar} ~~Louisville Times~~ says this proud father is ~~6x~~ sixty years old and a coal miner. He is described as a lean mountaineer. He has been married twice. He has eighteen children by his first wife, including triplets and two sets of twins. By his second wife he has sixteen including only one pair of twins. The latest addition to his family is a healthy boy.

And that's what you might call some record.

BOY

Evidently the west has not yet lost its glamor for the young idea of America. A young man left his home in Windsor, Connecticut late yesterday. He is fifteen years old and he decided he was going big game hunting. He wanted to find the wild and wooly regions, to get him a wild buffalo for his dinner or maybe even a grizzly. Unfortunately, says a dispatch to the ^{Detroit News,} ~~Boston Traveller,~~ this fifteen year old adventurer did ^{it} ~~not~~ get very far. He was picked up fifteen miles from hom. ^e At his side ^{dangled} ~~was~~ a 32 calibre revolver and a bowie knife. He had Indian moccasins on his feet. On his head an old army hat. In his knapsack he carried ~~on his back~~ enough paraphernalia to set up housekeeping ^{in any the forest.} ~~anywhere.~~

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A sympathetic Connecticut policeman found him, listened to his story and took him home. There the young man decided that griddle cakes and syrup were better for breakfast than ~~wild~~ buffalo or grizzly, ^{steak,} especially if he ~~found~~ couldn't find the buffalo ^{or the grizzly}.

RICH MEN

An interesting feature of the political campaign is that several rich young men are taking up politics in a big way. There is Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, popularly known as Sonny Whitney. He is fabulously rich and among his possessions is one of the most famous racing stables in the world. It is estimated that he owns more than two million dollars worth of horses. ^{Wow} ~~See~~ what a lot of horses ^{fresh} we used to be able to buy out west for one-tenth of that!

Well, at any rate, Sonny Whitney will be the Democratic candidate for Congress ^{from} ~~for~~ the First New York District.

Another rich young man will run against him on the Republican side. That is, Robert L. Bacon. Young Bacon has been in the House of Representatives already for several sessions. He is the son of the late Robert Low Bacon, one of the partners of the house of Morgan.

And still another rich lad in New York, ~~who~~ has flung his hat into the political ring. This is young Trubee Davison, son of another Morgan partner. He is already Assistant

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→ Secretary of War in charge ^{for} ~~of~~ aviation. He is a candidate for the Republican nomination for ~~the~~ governorship of New York, ~~State~~.

~~In~~ ^{In} the west, there is another young man of means who wants to be governor. This is ~~David~~ ^{Dave} Ingalls of Ohio.

He resigned his job as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, likewise in charge of Aviation, to try for the Republican nomination for the governorship. Not only tried, but got it. In addition to being rich himself, he married into the enormously wealthy Harkness family.

PROSPERITY

~~Here's another prosperity item.~~ The big business leaders whom President Hoover has summoned to his Economic ^{Conference} ~~Congress~~ are hopeful of smashing up ~~the~~ hard times and bringing back ^{the good days.} ~~prosperity.~~

The Scripps-Howard newspapers today all carry interviews with the foremost of them. And all of them speak optimistically. In addition to which there were ^{reports} ~~reports~~ in all the ^{news} papers ^{today} from various parts of the country of more people going to work, ^{more} ~~and~~ plants reopening and ~~all~~ ~~of-an~~ increase ^d ~~in~~ production.

TALL

^{now for}
~~I have here~~ a Tall Story of a new kind. It's right
in the fashion of the day. Statesmen ^{lots of} and other people are
sounding ^{well-known} the note of optimism. And the habit is spreading to the
Tall Story Club. This item was sent in by John C. Stradling
of Hatboro, Pennsylvania. It ^s is a clipping from the local
Hatboro newspaper, and reads as follows:

"An old Bucks county farmer was asked when he thought
hard times would be over. 'Well,' he said, 'I've lived through
a good many such days as these and I've noticed that they about
last out three pairs of pants. I'm on my third pair now and the
seat is so thin, if I sit on a penny I can tell whether it ^s is heads
or tails, so I think we're near out of the woods.'"

~~Well, that one ought to come pretty near getting a
prize among the depression whoopers.~~

That's what the old boy says and
here's hoping he's a good prognosticator —
and o - l - u - t - m.

BALLOON

~~Well,~~ I suppose most of you listened in last night to
N. B. C.
that exciting broadcast from Switzerland when Professor Piccard
went up into the stratosphere in his balloon. It is pleasant
to be able to announce that Professor Piccard landed safely in
Italy ^{today.} He came down at a place called Desenzano ^{Dayszentgano} on Lake Garda
at the foot of the Alps.

He and his assistant crossed the Alps from Switzerland,
at an almost incredible height. They went higher up from the
earth than any living thing has ever ^(soared.) ~~gone~~ ^{is} estimated that
they reached an altitude somewhere between ten and eleven miles
above the surface of ^{this} ~~our own~~ planet.)

The dispatch to the Boston Traveller says that these
two explorers of the ether handled their unwieldy craft almost
like an airplane. They were first observed over Desenzano ^{Italy,} about
two o'clock this afternoon. That is, 2 o'clock European time.
They remained station^{ed} ^{any} about two and a half hours, being then
at a height of ^{not} more than 10,000 feet.

As Professor Piccard told you himself last night, ^{by short wave radio,} he
was not trying for any records and he didn't make his strange

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flight as a stunt. He went to make scientific observations and upon coming down he reported that his spectacular journey had been eminently successful.

He was in constant communication with us earth-bound mortals by radio.

The dispatch says further that Mrs. Piccard was overjoyed, as you may well imagine, when American newspapermen told her ^{that} her husband had landed safely.

In addition to Prof. Piccard's, there are a number of other aviation projects pending ^{or under way at present.} J. A. Mollison, a Scottish flyer, started from Ireland early today on a proposed round trip flight to New York ^{and back.} Mollison is called the Lindbergh of England. He is flying in ^{a Baby Puss moth,} a plane so small that he ^{could} ~~can~~ hardly get into the ^{cockpit.} ~~cab.~~ He plans to land at ^{Grace} ~~Harve,~~ ~~France,~~ Newfoundland, refuel, and come to New York, after which he will try to get back to Ireland within three days. ~~He is flying a baby puss moth plane.~~

Then those two ladies who have been flying over Long Island for ninety-⁵~~6~~ hours, trying to break the women's

endurance record, are still up in the air. Strong wind and rainstorm are making things decidedly uncomfortable for them, but according to last reports they were still flying around and around and around and around over the Curtis Airport. And from the way the wind was howling around my perch, high up in the Empire State Building, this afternoon, I don't envy them. If they are still up at this hour tomorrow, in what the papers have been calling their flying boudoir, or their flying kitchenette, they will have broken the record, which is 123 hours.

Then today, an aviator, my friend Captain J. Errol-Boyd to be precise, advertised in the New York papers for a passenger game to pay eight thousand dollars for a trans-Atlantic flight. Out of the profits, Captain Boyd hopes to finance himself for a flight around the world.

MONTREAL

There's going to be quite a celebration in Montreal ~~next~~^{this} weekend. ~~That~~^{It} will be the annual air pageant race festival at the St. Hubert Airport. Planes and crack aviators from all over the ~~country~~^{continent} will be in the Canadian metropolis. Fifty of them will leave New York Saturday morning. Uncle Sam is sending some of ~~his~~^{his} fighting planes to ~~the festival~~. The Navy will dispatch ~~a~~^{an air} squadron of marines from Quantico to pay the respects of Uncle Sam to his northern neighbors. The army will also be represented by a squad^{ron}. Some of the best known flyers in the United States are included in the list of those who plan to take off from the fields near New York on Saturday. The military ~~and~~^{and} naval planes are expected to reach Montreal Friday.

The Canadians ~~expect to present~~^{plan to stage} a real three ring air circus. There will be fancy aerobatics, military manaeuvers, sham battles in the air and ~~some~~ speed events. ~~thrown in for good measure.~~

OTTAWA

It looks like ~~a victory for~~ Uncle Sam ^{isn't coming out so} ~~in the~~
^{badly after all as a result of the}
British Imperial Conference at Ottawa. It was feared that ^{by some}
preferential agreements between the various British dominions
might mean the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars to
business interests in the United States.

^{But} A dispatch to the Montreal Star indicates that Uncle
Sam's nephews apparently have won their fight against excluding
the use of ^{U. S.} ~~United States~~ products in branch plants of Uncle
Sam's factories throughout Canada and Great Britain.

United States industrial concerns have invested
a billion and a half ^{Dollars} in Canada alone. These would be seriously
affected if the use of ^{U. S.} ~~American~~ products and ^{labor from the States} ~~American labor~~ were
completely forbidden. ^{But the latest news is that}
the ~~British~~ Imperial Conference at
Ottawa is giving Uncle Sam a square
deal.

LOTTERY

A United States Senator and six other individuals were indicted today by a Federal grand jury in New York for ~~an~~ operating

a lottery. The Senator is James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, who was

formerly a cabinet member, ^{known to his many friends as Puddler Jim. Sen. Davis} ~~is~~ is now a candidate for re-election.

But today he

~~He~~ [^] is named in two indictments charging him with operating, and

conspiracy-to-operate, lotteries for the Loyal ~~and~~ Order of Moose.

In other indictments the ^{Fraternal Order of} Eagles ~~and~~ [^] also mentioned. ^{And The} Western Union

Telegraph Company has ~~also~~ been indicted as a corporation *in connection with the affair.*

Among the other men indicted ~~is~~ is Conrad H. Mann of

Kansas City. Mr. Mann is a personal friend of President Hoover, and

a leader in ~~the~~ Republican politics in Kansas City. He is also President

of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, a member of President Hoover's

Unemployment Commission, and a high official of the Fraternal Order

of Eagles. The New York World-Telegram which started the investigation

declares that at least five million dollars had been obtained from the

sale of lottery tickets, ^{and} ~~^~~ Only ~~\$225,000~~ two hundred and twenty-five

thousand was paid out to prize winners.