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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Japanese were embarrassed at Tientsin today -- a comic episode of the blockade of the British concession. It was an answer to the Japanese action in searching five young Britishers, forcing them to strip off all their clothes - this for the amusement of a crowd of Chinese. The obvious intention to make the British ridiculous.

Today, blockading Japanese sentries were on duty, when suddenly four young white men in the concession hurried up to them, and swiftly took off their clothes. They were disrobing themselves without being asked - and were the Japanese embarrassed! The joke was being turned on them - always embarrassing. In high indignation they made the four strippers get their clothes back on as fast as they could.

( The Mikado's men have turned on the electricity <sup>at Tientsin</sup> Yesterday they put a fence of high tension wires around the concession, and today they turned <sup>on</sup> the current, making it death to touch the wires. They're enforcing the blockade, with the ever-present threat of electrocution. )

The American Charge d'Affaires at Tokyo made representations to the Mikado's foreign office. We are told that he mentioned the Japanese blockade of foreign concessions at Amoy, but anyway it doesn't appear that the American representations had anything to say about the much more important blockade of the British at

**The United States sent a protest to Japan today.**

~~Tientsin~~ The most important point in today's protest concerned the way Japanese warplanes <sup>are</sup> fighting against the Chinese, ~~have~~ been bombing American property. And our Charge d'Affaires asked the Tokyo foreign office for permission to publish previous negotiations that have been going on - previous complaints about the bombing of American property. This permission is necessary according to international courtesy. And the request is being taken quite seriously in Tokyo. A late dispatch tells that it has been placed directly before the ~~Mik~~ Mikado himself, the Emperor Hirohito. The reason is simple. The Japanese are afraid that if the United States government should now publish the negotiations about the Japanese bombing of American property, it would influence American public opinion, create American public sympathy for the British in blockaded Tientsin.

## WINDSOR

In Paris the two Number One social events of the week are a couple of birthday celebrations. And in each case the social celebrity having the birthday is named Windsor - the Duchess and the Duke.

Last night the Duchess of Windsor celebrated her birthday with a small and exclusive party. How old is Wally. She's forty-three. And what did the former sovereign of the British Empire give to "the woman I love," for whom he abandoned the throne of the world's greatest empire? His birthday present to her was a set of clasps studded with rubies and emeralds, and a bracelet <sup>of</sup> ~~with~~ rubies and emeralds. The Duke and Duchess have birthdays close together - the former Edward the Eighth will celebrate his on Friday. He's <sup>45</sup> be forty-five. What birthday present will the Duchess give him? <sup>?</sup> That's a deep secret. She hasn't told anybody - not even her private secretary.

Such is the news about exiled British royalty in France - while the reigning British royalty was performing a kingly duty today. George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth, returning from their American tour, were on the high seas aboard the Canadian liner EMPRESS OF BRITAIN. Today, some



six hundred miles southwest of the EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, another liner was steaming in the opposite direction, a much greater liner. ~~It was~~ The new MAURETANIA, Britain's latest queen of the seas, on her maiden voyage to America. The MAURETANIA wirelessly - "Respectful and loyal greeting to Your Majesties". Whereupon the reply was flashed: "Their Majesties send thanks and good wishes."

From England we have word that would seem a little short of blasphemy to the British - also to the Canadians. There is to be one huge royal destruction. They're going to destroy simply countless pictures of the King and Queen - miles of motion picture film. During the royal visit to the United States, the newsreels went for the King and Queen in a big way - I know, because I put the voice on a dozen or so of Movietone releases illustrating the royal progress. The United States was kept amply informed - and special reels were prepared for Canada of copious length. Moreover, there were special shipments of film to England - film by the mile. Britain was enthusiastic about the royal triumph over here - but the film caused difficulties. All because of the new British tax law, which



imposes a tax on all imported film, a tax of six pence a foot, six pence being twelve cents. Twelve cents a foot - and Heaven knows how many thousands of feet of royal film were sent. Mighty expensive! The British authorities wouldn't throw off the tax - not even on pictures of the triumph of their sovereigns. So today it's announced that most of the film will be destroyed - to avoid the taxes. Only a minimum of footage is being <sup>exhibited in</sup> ~~shown in~~ England - just enough to show the number one highlights of the royal tour. ~~tion has been impounded ever since.~~

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BERGDOLL

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We have a new ray of light today on the return of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll - the Number One draft dodger who has come back to the United States to serve his sentence in prison. The Department of Justice reveals that Bergdoll has asked for the return of half a million dollars' worth of property. This represents part of the Bergdoll fortune - it was seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the World War - after Bergdoll ran away from the draft and fled to Germany. The half a million has been impounded ever since.

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## SQUALUS

There was a solemn roll call at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, today. There they're holding the naval hearing on the loss of the SQUALUS, and today the principal witness was Lieutenant Naquin, Commander of the sunken submarine - his second day of testimony.

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The solemn roll call came after a lot of mechanical technicalities - about what caused the loss of the SQUALUS. The technicalities all boiled down to Lieutenant Naquin's opinion that some small fault in the working of the main induction valve might have prevented the valve from closing - thereby letting the ocean water into the after-section of the submarine.

The naval inquiry called upon the Commander of the SQUALUS to report on the conduct of his crew in the emergency of the disaster, and he told how well and bravely the survivors behaved. He gave especial praise to chief <sup>electrician's mate</sup> ~~electrician's mate~~ Lawrence Gainor of Honolulu. The chief electrician's mate, disregarding danger, dashed to the forward battery tanks and disconnected a switch - shutting off the electricity and thereby ~~xx~~ averting the peril of a fire in the sunken sub. So there's a new hero of the SQUALUS. <sup>P</sup> Lieutenant Naquin likewise cited four



others of the survivors for extraordinary duty - the men who pounded out the signals on the hull, the signals that communicated with the rescue divers.

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Then came the sombre roll call. Lieutenant Naquin was called upon to report on the behavior, of not only the survivors, but the twenty-six who perished. ~~report on them as well as he~~ ~~could.~~ Had the loss of the ~~SSS~~ SQUALUS been caused by the ~~misfortune~~ <sup>take</sup> of anyone of them? And then the names were called, twenty-six names, one after another. And after each name Lieutenant Naquin responded - "not guilty of any misconduct." It was the Commander's exoneration of all the ill-starred twenty-six that are in the flooded after-compartments of the sunken SQUALUS - there in their iron coffin at the bottom of the sea, a hundred and fifty feet below the surface of the ocean off the New England coast. ~~and~~ One by one today, they were entered on the official record as having died - in the line of duty.

## MANTON

A scene of some historic import was enacted in a New York court today, Martin T. Manton up for sentence - former Judge Manton who was the tenth highest ranking jurist in the United States. He rated right next to the Supreme Court - and its nine highest justices. The scene was unique in the annals of American law. (Never before had a jurist of such eminence been convicted of charges of corruption and bribery.)

53 As he faced the court to be sentenced, Martin T. Manton made an impassioned plea in his own behalf. He denounced the trial that convicted him, and said he had been found guilty on the testimony of confessed bribers. The ~~gray and~~ venerable jurist who once ranked so high in the courts ~~of this land~~, spoke out with this flash of eloquence:- "In the name of the law," he ~~declaimed~~ <sup>cried</sup>, "a judge has been struck down by what is tantamount to a death sentence. Reputation has been destroyed by a hostile press. Life itself seems shattered. But thank God character cannot be thus destroyed. It matters a little," he declaimed on, "what becomes of my poor body in the next few years I have left in life. But it matters what is done here in the name of the law."

All this was to no avail. ~~Existing~~ Presiding Judge Calvin Chesnut <sup>Grimly</sup> spoke of the sacredness of the judicial office and pronounced these words:- "I therefore sentence you to imprisonment in a penitentiary for two years, and to be fined in the sum of ten thousand dollars." ~~And that was~~ <sup>T</sup>the maximum sentence, ~~that could be imposed the most.~~



CHAIN STORES

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The nation's advertising men have been hearing a few things about that much debated topic - the tax on chain stores. The Advertising Federation of America is meeting in New York, and today we have a statement by its research director, Alfred T. Falk. He strongly advised the advertising men to oppose the tax on chain stores, and he put it this way:- "It is no function of the government," said he, "to decide whether it might be economically more desirable to sell goods in one kind of store rather than in another." ( And then he made <sup>a further</sup> ~~another~~ point:- ~~"Furthermore,"~~ said he, "the weapon <sup>of</sup> taxation never should be used for destroying a certain form of business." )

~~And that's one side in the chain store tax argument.~~

## ISLAND

Today they sold - "God's little acre," auctioned off by the United States government for fifty-eight dollars.

"God's little acre" must be little indeed to fetch such a small price. It's a tiny island in Huffman Lake near Warsaw, Indiana. A Warsaw man discovered it. Or rather - the diminutive isle had just been overlooked. It came under the heading of "public domain" - the last bit of public domain in Indiana. The Warsaw man wrote to the General Land Office, saying:- "It's just 'God's little acre' and I want it."

According to regulations, the Land Office held an auction and today "God's little acre" was knocked down to the highest bidder - for fifty-eight <sup>bucks.</sup> ~~dollars.~~



### THIRD TERM

*The* third term issue is becoming so hot that no news --  
is news. At the White House press conference today ~~the White~~  
~~House~~~~Correspondents~~ the President was asked point blank  
whether he intended to run for a ~~third~~ third term. What was  
his reply? No reply at all -- he simply ducked an answer.  
Nothing to say about it.



## SWING

There was swing, rowdy swing but mournful swing, at the Waters African Methodist Church in Baltimore today. It took the police to restore order, so violent was the storm of swing that surged into the church. They were burying Chick Webb, the Harlem king of swing. Cab Calloway was there and so <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald - celebrities of swing. And there were ten thousand other <sup>negro</sup> mourners who came to the funeral ~~x~~ of Chick Webb.

He began as a hunched little negro newsboy in Baltimore and he beat his first rhythms on lampposts and carbage cans in Baltimore streets. ~~But later~~ He later beat these rhythms in a more sumptuous way - and became the Harlem king of swing.

At his funeral today there was pushing and shrieking and fighting, a mob scene as the ten thousand mourners tried to jam their way into the little Waters African Methodist Church. Rioting with police, Chick Webb <sup>having</sup> ~~had~~ a swing funeral.

## PROSPECTOR

In Chicago, a man and wife and their four year old little girl had no place to sleep but the park - so in the park they slept for the night. They had no other pillow than a sack of rocks - so on the sack of rocks they laid their heads. What a wretched pillow - yet in that sack of rocks was a fortune. So it turned out today.

Tom McDermott is a young Nevada prospector - a gold hunter. He found an abandoned old mine near Las Vegas several months ago, and proceeded to prospect it. He came upon a thin vein of what looked to him like gold bearing quartz - a streak of ore, ~~not more than two inches wide. He worked into it, and presently it~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~widened out to four inches. If it really was as rich and gold as~~ he thought it might be -- his fortune was made. So he filled a sack of samples, ~~of ore~~, took his young wife Lucille and their tiny daughter Iris, and started for Chicago to have the gold assayed by a jewelry firm of which he knew.

They bumped along in their old jallopy, and then ~~xxx~~ the jallopy broke down. They had no money, and thereafter they hitchhiked all the way to Chicago, Arriving there in the evening,



~~they went to a hotel, where young McDermott dug down into his sack, took out a big chunk of ore, and offered it in payment for a night's lodging for himself, wife and little girl. But the hotel clerk refused. So their only place was the park.~~

*they had no place to sleep but*  
~~They spent the night in~~ the park, with the sack of ore for a

pillow. The police found them, listened to their story, and took up a collection to keep them alive until the ore was assayed.

Today, young McDermott walked into the office of the *assay* ~~gold~~ company, and asked for *the* ~~a~~ verdict.

"It's gold," was the reply. And he ~~showed him~~ was shown the assay report which indicated that the vein he had struck in

the abandoned mine was worth at least two hundred thousand dollars, *the ore in sight. And,*  
~~That sack of ore was a hard pillow when they slept on it that~~

~~night in the park, but~~ now the McDermotts can *sleep* ~~lie~~ on feather pillows covered with silk.



## DOG

At Gloucester, Massachusetts, two boys were missing for nineteen hours - they and their mongrel dog. They went out in a rowboat and didn't return - the lads and their pooch.

Today, the Coast Guard lookout tower at Newburyport spied the rowboat adrift, and in it - the two boys and the mutt.

And as the Coast Guard lookout sang out the word, he saw choppy seas overturn the boat, and the two boys were floundering in the water - with their kloodle. The Coast Guard lifeboat rowed out as fast as it could, and when it got to the scene the lifesavers found the two boys hanging on to their boat. They were both supporting the pup, keeping him up - each giving the dog one hand.

GIRL

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It's a girl! That's the blow that hit Sidney Fortel today.  
He's the guy who has been in the headlines as <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ expert in the art  
of determining whether it's to be a boy or a girl. He <sup>has</sup> ~~made~~ a life  
study of this science, ~~and could fix it up for you - boy or girl,~~  
~~just as you pleased.~~ And he arranged to have ~~a~~ complete and  
supreme <sup>proof</sup> ~~demonstration~~ in his own family - it was to be a boy!  
He predicted that with the utmost certainty, - ~~it was~~ a scientific  
cinch. <sup>Sidney</sup> ~~He~~ made a few miscalculations about just when the boy  
would arrive, but that didn't amount to so much. Sidney was so  
sure on the Number One crucial point that he made advance  
arrangements, ~~for the circumcision~~

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And today was the day - at the hospital. Sidney was  
awaiting the final confirmation of his life's triumph - a boy,  
as his science had predicted. But lo and behold, it's a beautiful,  
perfect, darling little girl!