

GENEVA

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1
2 Good Evening, Everybody:-

3 Well, the disarmament holiday has
4 failed. ^{a little while ago} The clock struck 12 at Geneva --
5 midnight ^{over there.} And that was the zero hour
6 ~~which~~ the League of Nations had set for
7 the ^{powers of the world} ~~nations~~ to accept the disarmament
8 holiday.

9 The various countries were
10 asked to send in their O.K.'s by ~~the~~
11 midnight ushering in November 1st.

12 Well, the clock struck 12 at
13 Geneva, and out of the 54 recognized
14 nations of the world, only 16 had said,
15 "Yes, let's have that disarmament holiday
16 and not increase our Armies or Navies for
17 the period of one year."

18 Among the 16 that accepted
19 ~~outright~~ ~~naman~~ were the United States,
20 Russia, and Japan. The rest were ~~the~~
21 smaller countries.

22 France replied that she would go
23 in for the disarmament holiday if her
24 ~~neighbors~~ neighbors did. It was announced
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1 that some other countries were sending
2 in their O.K.'s, but by midnight these ~~had~~
3 had not arrived.

4 That seems to leave the matter up
5 in the air. The International News
6 Service relates that officials of the
7 League of Nations did some hurry-up
8 telephoning to various capitals. Just
9 what the next step will be is not clear,
10 but they say that the League of Nations
11 cannot afford to let the disarmament
12 holiday idea turn out a flat failure in
13 the face of the big disarmament conference
14 which is scheduled for the early part of
15 next year.

1 I saw a funny looking wavy line
2 today that had an encouraging significance.
3 It was a chart showing business conditions
4 since 1928. It was prepared from a study
5 of commercial conditions made each week
6 by the Board of Industrial Counselors, and
7 printed in the New York Herald-Tribune.

8 The encouraging part of the
9 matter is that the chart shows a definite
10 upturn of business during the past two
11 weeks -- the first improvement, in fact,
12 since the middle of August.

13 ~~Yes~~, It gives one a cheery
14 feeling to see how that line, after going
15 constantly down, ~~has~~ ^{it} taken ~~on~~ ^{ing} a sudden and
16 decided turn upward. Long may that wavy
17 line wave in that direction.

1 President Hoover seems to be in a
 2 cheery mood these days. He is pointing
 3 out that a very great change for the
 4 better is taking place.

5 In an official statement ~~Rxxxxxxx~~
 6 the President tells us that the hording
 7 of money in this country is decreasing.
 8 People are no longer so mistrustful
 9 of the banks that they are storing away
 10 their cash in the familiar old sock.
 11 The President declares that 24 million
 12 dollars worth of horded money has been
 13 recently returned to the banks.

14 And at the same time American gold
 15 isn't flowing abroad the way it was for
 16 a while. Right after England went off
 17 the gold standard, foreign countries began
 18 to draw gold out of the United States.
 19 But it's different now. Foreign interests
 20 that have their gold on deposit ^{over here} ~~in this~~
 21 ~~country~~ are realizing that it's safer ^{with}
 22 ^{Uncle Sam} ~~here~~ than ~~it would be~~ anywhere else.

23 ~~And then, as the President relates,~~
 24 ~~bank failure^s have almost ceased. Mighty~~
 25 ~~few banks have been forced to close their~~

Another thing that makes the President cheerful is the fact that the price of cotton has gone up from 15 to 20 dollars a bale. And wheat has taken a boom, too. The price of grain has increased ten cents a bushel.

The New York Evening Post today declares that all through the vast wheatlands there's a song of rising prices and that's music to the ears of the often-fooled wheat farmer.

ENGLAND

The whole world has been asking one especial question these last few days. What is the British government going to do about tariffs?

The overwhelming victory of the Conservative party in the recent British election made it clear that England was certain to embark upon a policy of protection. And business men all over the globe have been wondering just what the new tariff policy would be like.

The International News Service has a cable from its London correspondent today which states that within six months Great Britain is expected to adopt a general protective tariff with duties ranging from 20 to 25 per cent. They say this is the only way by which England can correct her present adverse balance of trade. That is, England's imports are now between a half a billion and a billion dollars more than her exports. She's got to find a way to cut down this enormous difference between what she buys and what she sells. And

1 that one way seems to be a heavy tariff.

2 They say that if these tariffs
3 of from 20 to 25 per cent go through, why
4 England will be one of the most heavily
5 protected countries in the world. In
6 fact, she'll have higher duties than any
7 other ~~country in the world~~ ^{nation}, except the
8 United States, which has a tariff
9 ~~averaging~~ averaging 40 per cent.

10 One bit of comment is that ~~the~~
11 ^{Uncle Sam} ~~United States~~ will be less hard hit ^{by this} than
12 most other countries. Our trade with
13 England consists mainly of RAW products,
14 which England herself cannot produce,
15 while ~~the rest of~~ Europe sells
16 MANUFACTURED articles to John Bull. These
17 are things which the old boy can produce
18 and on which he is likely to lay the
19 heaviest duties.
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1 In Los Angeles today hundreds
2 of people were still rubbing their eyes
3 in memory of the tears they shed. There
4 have been some tearful doings ^{not that way.} ~~in Los~~
5 ~~Angeles.~~

6 There was a Communist riot. A huge
7 crowd of red radicals tried to hold a
8 meeting in the Philharmonic Auditorium.
9 The police refused to permit the
10 gathering. Then the battle was on.

11 Traffic was stalled and the crowds
12 milled around. According to the United
13 Press, three policemen were slugged and
14 taken to hospitals. The cops got busy
15 with their tear bombs. They tossed
16 125 of those lachrymose missiles into the
17 crowds of rioters. The tear gas fumes
18 spread. A light wind carried the acrid
19 vapor among automobiles and pedestrians.
20 And all that those innocent bystanders
21 could do was just ~~to keep on weeping~~ ^{and}
22 ^{weep and weep some more,}

1 Two big airplane flights got
2 under way today, and they are two of the
3 oddest sky voyages in the history of
4 aviation.

5 This evening a 19-year-old
6 London society girl, Peggy Salaman, is on
7 her way to try to break the flying record
8 between England and ~~Australia~~ *South Africa*.

9 The amusing thing about Peggy's
10 flight is what she's taking along. She
11 has two revolvers, an evening gown, a
12 pair of carpet slippers, two alarm
13 clocks, and a big box of American chewing
14 gum. Peggy explains the chewing gum.
15 She isn't going to chew it just for fun.
16 She thinks she may have to use it to
17 plug up possible leaks in the gas tank
18 of her plane.

19 It's easy to guess why she wants
20 the evening gown. ^{*She'll need that in the jungle!*} The pair of carpet
21 slippers have a comfortable sound, but
22 what the deuce does Peggy want with those
23 two alarm clocks on her attempt to break
24 the airplane record between England and
25 ~~Australia~~ *South Africa*.

1 The second flight is an
2 England-to-Australia affair. It is being
3 attempted by C. A. Butler, an English
4 amateur flyer. The odd thing is that he's
5 flying what is described as a PIGMY
6 plane, a *sort of infant scooter of the air*

1 (Well, they tried to sink the Nautilus
2 today, but they couldn't make the grade.
3 Something has to be done with that battered
4 submarine with which Sir Hubert Wilkins
5 and his party of adventurers made their
6 daring dives under the ice-pack of the
7 North. The craft is so badly banged up
8 that about the only thing to do ~~with her~~
9 is ~~to~~ take her out to sea and sink her.
10 ~~And~~ That's ~~is~~ what they tried to do today.

11 The Associated Press reports that
12 at Bergen, Norway, a ship took the Nautilus
13 in tow and hauled ^{her} ~~it~~ out to sea. The idea
14 was to put a couple of men aboard ~~her~~ and
15 have them open the valves and let the water
16 in. But the sea was so high and the old
17 hulk of that adventurous submarine ^{pitched} ~~so~~
18 dangerously that they couldn't find a way
19 to put the men aboard and then ^{get} ~~take~~ them
20 off *in time.*)

21 So they fiddled around out there on
22 the stormy sea. Then the tow-lines broke
23 and the Nautilus was adrift. It was hours
24 of hard work before the crew could splice
25 the hawser. By that time they were

1 thoroughly disgusted and gave it up as
2 a bad job. So they towed the old submarine
3 back to Bergen and there she will remain
4 until the weather clears, ~~and~~ when they
5 will try to sink her again.

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1 Well, today brings us ~~xxxxxx~~
2 considerably nearer the peak of the
3 football season. And what a gorgeous
4 football day it was--in this locality,
5 at any rate. I would have given my
6 fifteen-year old coonskin coat to have
7 been able to sit in the grandstand and
8 yell my head off at ^{some} ~~a~~ game.

9 I drove home to the country
10 during the middle of the night and then
11 back to the Literary Digest office at
12 noon today. And there was just the
13 proper tang in the air for ~~the~~ perfect
14 football weather and the gorgeous
15 Berkshire Hills were a riot of color from
16 the maple trees ablaze with every shade
17 of red.

18 It was a big ~~football~~ day for
19 inter-sectional games. ~~As you probably~~
20 ~~have heard~~ Notre Dame hammered Carnegie
21 Tech to the tune of NINETEEN to NOTHING.
22 So apparently the spirit of Knute Rockne
23 is still marching on.

24 Oregon's so-called mystery
25 ~~football~~ team, known on the Pacific Coast

1 as the "Web-foot Eleven" crossed the
 2 ~~entire~~ continent for a battle with the
 3 un-defeated New York University. And
 4 in spite of the fact that they played on
 5 anything but a soggy gridiron, the
 6 web-foot Oregon outfit won out by a score
 7 of FOURTEEN to SIX. And that ^{was} an upset, ^{some say,}

8 Harvard kept up her winning
 9 streak by a victorious inter-sectional
 10 game--Harvard NINETEEN, Virginia ZERO.

11 One of the most lopsided scores
 12 ~~of the day was~~ ^{came} when Holy Cross trimmed
 13 Brown to the tune of THIRTY-THREE TO
 14 NOTHING.

15 A rather important inter-sectional
 16 battle was fought between those fighting
 17 West Virginia Mountaineers and the dirt
 18 farmers from Kansas. It ended with the
 19 Kansas Aggies on top NINETEEN TO
 20 NOTHING, leaving the Kansas team among
 21 the un-beaten aggregations of the country.

22 Cornell walloped Columbia
 23 THIRTEEN to NAUGHT.

24 And here's another sad, sad
 25 tale for the lads of Old Nassau. Princeton

1 ZERO--Michigan TWENTY-ONE. So there's
2 more woe in Tigertown.

3 Another pigskin joust between
4 teams of different regions was a close
5 fight that turned out Syracuse FIFTEEN,
6 Michigan State TEN.

7 But you foot-ball fans who
8 haven't been listening to the broadcasts
9 this afternoon straight from the stadium,
10 hold everything now and listen to this
11 one:- Little Albie Booth, Captain of
12 the Yale team who had such a sensational
13 career season before last sprinted back
14 into the limelight today, ^{with} three
15 spectacular touchdowns in the Yale bowl,
16 against Dartmouth. And all in one
17 quarter. The first was a 93-yard run
18 from the kick-off. But in spite of
19 that dazzling exhibition, the game ended
20 with a most unusual score. Yale and
21 Dartmouth tied:-THIRTY-THREE to
22 THIRTY-THREE.

23 And then of course there were a
24 hundred other interesting games, and the
25 one I particularly wanted to see was ~~the a~~

1 game that the sporting writers regarded
2 as un-important. A team from ^{little} Colorado
3 College, at the foot of Pikes Peak, ~~it~~
4 came across the continent and battle d
5 with the Army, at West Point, this
6 afternoon. Yes, the lads from the ^{mile}
7 ~~high~~ college ~~in the Rocky Mountains~~ took
8 it on the nose TWENTY-SEVEN TO NOTHING.

9 All in all, it was a spectacular
10 day in the football world.

1 There seems to be a ban against
2 Americans in the medical schools of
3 Scotland. The United Press has a cable
4 that the medical schools ~~and~~ ^{of the} old
5 universities of Edinburgh and Aberdeen
6 are turning down applications from
7 prospective American students by the
8 score.

9 The reason is that too many
10 would-be Doctors from the United States
11 want to go over there to study. Hundreds
12 have been graduated, but now the canny
13 Scots are calling a halt.

14 Nearly all Americans who take
15 Scottish medical degrees return to the
16 United States to practice. The Scotch
17 medical schools are partly supported by
18 government funds. And obviously the money
19 that Sandy puts up to educate ~~Doctors~~ ^{medicoses} is
20 wasted if the Doctors return to the ~~United~~ ^{U.S.A.}
21 ~~States~~ and give the ~~Americans~~ ^{Yankee Land} the benefit
22 of their skill.

23 Yes, it seems like a waste of
24 Scotch money, and Sandy never ~~was strong~~
25 ~~for that~~ ^{waxes enthusiastic} about that.

1 Now let's go along to a frog
2 story, which sounds a bit tall, but which
3 comes in a cable to the New York Sun from
4 Melbourne, Australia.

5 Near Melbourne workmen were
6 digging down into rock when they found a
7 number of frogs that seemed to have been
8 embedded in the stone for ages. The
9 frogs were so dry that when a couple of
10 them were rubbed between the hands they
11 disintegrated into powder.

12 Just by ~~the~~ way of experiment,
13 ^{several} ~~a couple~~ of them were placed in water.
14 To the astonishment of everybody, the
15 frogs proceeded to come to life, and
16 presently were swimming about as lively
17 as ever.

18 Yes, that does seem tall, but on
19 the other hand it's well-known that
20 frogs are liable to live a long time in a
21 state of suspended animation. And
22 curious stories about ancient frogs are
23 constantly coming to light.
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1 Well, this is the mystic night of
2 Hallowe'en when the witches ride on their
3 brooms and the leprecauns of old Ireland
4 have their fling. And so let's have a
5 story appropriate for Hallowe'en, a tall
6 story of the strange doings of the mystic
7 folk, who hold their sports and carnivals
8 on a ^{spooky} night like this.

9 This Gaelic whopper comes from Ruth
10 Kincane of Newton Center, Massachusetts.
11 ~~Yes, that does seem appropriate for hallowe-~~
12 ~~e'en. It's a good one to tell as the~~
13 ~~mysterious night comes on, just before~~
14 ~~you start ducking for apples.~~

15 Miss Kincane explains that her father
16 has long been devoted to the great Irish
17 whopper. In his boyhood he enjoyed the
18 highly educational experience of listening
19 to the tall stories of a canny old Irishman
20 named Con, who seemed to be the grandfather
21 of all fibbers.

22 One night there was a hot political
23 argument on and old Con suddenly rose and
24 made the statement that he was the champion
25 football player of the length and breadth
of Ireland. Then he told the story of the
time when he played football with the

Little Men. As we all know, Ireland is the land of fairies, leprecauns, or in other words, the Little Men.

"It happened", said old Con, "one fine evenin' whin the moon rode high, the wee men came a-tappin' at me window with the request that I join 'em in a football game. They were one man shy on their team, and they were also well aware as how I had the footballinest boot in all Erin.

"Shure 'twas nothin out o' the ordinary for them to be askin' me a favor, so out I wint and played football with them. Whin me time came to kick, I boosted that ball so far and so furious that the heel of me boot came off and wint scootin' through the air. Wan of the wee men, Tricky Mick by name, turned to a Leprecaun who was sittin' in the sidelines. 'Tady, me bye', says Mick, 'you fly over to France and fetch back the heel of this gintleman's boot."

Sure and that does seem appropriate for Hallowe'en - a good one to tell on the mysterious eve, just before we start ducking for apples - and,

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

