

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 This afternoon President Hoover
2 decided to make ~~the~~^a trip to Detroit. He
3 will leave tomorrow evening. Yes, he's
4 going to attend the American Legion
5 convention.

6 The United Press claims that the
7 President had been invited to visit the
8 big gathering of the Legionnaires, but
9 thought he couldn't make it. Later on a
10 committee of the Legion called upon the
11 President to talk about plans for
12 unemployment relief. And still Mr. Hoover
13 believed that because of the pressure of
14 business he wouldn't be able to attend
15 this year's convention. But today he
16 changed his mind.

17 He will arrive in Detroit on
18 Monday, and address the convention Monday
19 evening, and leave that night.

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21 Officials of the Legion were
22 astonished when they learned of the
23 President's intention to attend. ~~the~~
24 ~~convention~~ It had been their impression
25 that Mr. Hoover would not be able to

1 spare the time for the trip to Detroit.

2 ~~The International News Service~~
3 ~~interprets the President's move as an~~
4 ~~attempt to stave off the bonus issue.~~

5 *PP* There's a movement on in the Legion to
6 make a demand for the payment of the
7 remaining money due on the bonus. And
8 that demand is going to be one of the
9 important questions debated at the
10 Convention. The President is expected
11 to take the opportunity to give the
12 Government's side of that bonus problem
13 and explain to the Legionnaires ^{the present}
14 state of the Federal Treasury, ^{i.e. the amount of money in Uncle Sam's jeans} which
15 he believes should not be called upon
16 to stand the strain of paying out all that
17 **bonus** money *sight now - all at once.*

18 Meanwhile, Detroit is being
19 captured by the advancing squadrons of
20 the Legion. The boys are trooping into
21 the city from all over the country, and
22 it certainly looks as if it would be one
23 rousing, rip-roaring convention.
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1 ~~Good Evening, Everybody:-~~

2 There seems to be serious danger
3 this evening of war between China and
4 Japan -- I mean a formal declaration of
5 war, because so far as actual fighting
6 goes there's been a good deal of THAT
7 already.

8 Tonight the army of Japan is in
9 strategic control of all of southern
10 Manchuria. The Japanese have seized
11 every point of military importance. The
12 Mikado's troops have even invaded the
13 Chinese province of Shantung.

14 The most spectacular incident in
15 the sudden flare-up was the capture of
16 Mukden, the capital of Manchuria. It's
17 an old walled city, and the Chinese put
18 up a fight. ~~The Associated Press tells~~
19 ~~of~~ ^{that was} a savage battle before the city was
20 captured and ^{before} the Chinese garrison ^{was} disarmed.

21 The immediate cause for the
22 demonstration of military power by Japan
23 was the cutting of the Manchurian
24 railroad. Part of the line was raided
25 and destroyed by the Chinese. Japan is

in control of the Manchurian railroad and is required to protect it.

The United Press gives a picture of the Japanese doing all they can to avoid an outbreak of regular war. The Japanese cabinet has ordered what is called a non-aggravation policy. The authorities at Tokyo are determined to hold their own in Manchuria, but they don't want the disturbance to spread and become a battle all along the line with the Chinese.

The Chinese, on their part, claim that the cutting of the Manchurian railroad is just an excuse. They declare that the Mikado's government is merely using that railroad question as a convenient reason for making hostile moves against China.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting is going on all over that broad land of Manchuria.

LINDBERGH

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^{TP} Oh yes, and here's another item
from China. The Lindberghs have just arrived from
1 Japan. But the welcome, ~~to the Lindberghs~~
2 ~~in China~~ didn't go off quite so
3 smoothly as had been expected. ^{The famous couple} ~~they were~~
4 expected to arrive at Nanking, and high
5 officials of the Chinese government were
6 down at the river-front ready to extend a
7 ^{celestial,} ceremonial "welcome-to-our-city." The
8 landing place they had assigned to the
9 Lindberghs was near a pier in the Yangtse
10 River.

11 But the Colonel didn't work quite
12 according to schedule. The Associated
13 Press reports that he made a swift flight
14 from Japan across the China Sea, and then
15 up the river. But he didn't like the
16 looks of the flooded Yangtse. The waters
17 were rough. He circled five times just
18 to make sure. And then he decided he
19 wouldn't land in the river where the
20 officials expected. Instead he picked
21 out another landing place ~~for himself~~ and
22 came down on a sheet of water that bears
23 the poetic Chinese name of Lotus Lake.
24 Ordinarily it is a small lake, but the
25 recent floods have increased its size

1 until now it is a young inland sea.

2 The Lindberghs landed there
3 safely, and then, ^{adds} ~~says~~ the International
4 News Service, the Chinese officials and
5 a big crowd stampeded from the pier ~~where~~
6 ^{on the river} ~~they were~~ to Lotus Lake to welcome the
7 distinguished visitors.

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1 In the City of Leningrad today,
2 the old St. Petersburg of the Czars, wild
3 scenes were enacted. The city re-echoed
4 with a screeching of sirens. Through
5 the loud speakers of radios came the
6 shouted announcement that enemy aircraft
7 were attacking the city with bombs and
8 poison gas. All work ceased instantly.
9 People in the streets swarmed into their
10 houses. Gas masks appeared from everywhere
11 and were hastily put on. Thousands
12 dove into cellars.

13 For a while Leningrad had the look
14 of a city haunted by the perils of
15 war. This lasted until the attack from
16 the sky had ceased. The United Press
17 explains that it was a theoretical
18 attack. The Red Rulers at Moscow are
19 holding military exercises. The Red
20 Army began its maneuvers today and the
21 ~~xxxxxxx~~ civilian population too is
22 being trained to the way of war. The
23 people are taught what to do in case of
24 enemy attacks.

25 The air-raid drill was especially

1 rigorous at Leningrad. The Soviet
2 leaders have passed out the information
3 that if Soviet Russia were attacked by a
4 foreign enemy, Leningrad would be the
5 first objective of ^{the bombing planes,} ~~attacks from the~~
6 ~~the~~

7 And so today the ancient capital
8 of the Czars took on a sudden appearance
9 of the terror of war.

1 Over across the water old John
2 Bull is ha ving plenty of trouble. ~~at~~
3 ~~right~~. He hasn't ^{much} ~~any~~ money, and he owes a
4 lot of ~~many~~ debts, and he's tightening
5 his belt, and his Navy is mutinous, and
6 all that -- but here comes "the most,
7 unkindest cut of all". The Prime Minister
8 called on the King in a morning coat and
9 a bowler hat. And I say, that's deuced
10 awful, you know.

11 The New York Evening Post takes
12 up the subject today of that ministerial
13 morning coat and bowler hat, and makes a
14 few remarks about the bewilderment and
15 agitation in London when Prime Minister
16 MacDonald in the middle of the government
17 crisis called on His Majesty at Buckingham
18 Palace clad in that strange combination.

19 The London sartorial journal
20 Tailor and Cutter sinks into the depths
21 of melancholy when it contemplates that
22 strange occurrence.

23 "We are accustomed," says Tailor
24 and Cutter, "to seeing statesmen in
25 strange gear, and time has hardened us

1 to many of their vagaries. Yet this is ~~the~~
2 the unkindest cut of all -- a bowler hat
3 with a morning coat."

4 The idea seems to be that a
5 morning coat is all right, and a bowler,
6 or derby, hat is all right -- but not
7 together. The morning coat requires the
8 familiar London topper. It's the mixing
9 up of the two different styles that has
10 sartorial London agast, ^a a derby hat and a
11 morning coat. *I say, that's unbelievable? What?*
Some British critics are pointing

12 out that this faux-pas of Prime Minister
13 MacDonald is almost as bad as the mistake
14 made by President Wilson. The American
15 war-time president was on his way to the
16 Peace Conference. As his ship neared the
17 British coast majestic squadrons of the
18 British fleet went forth to meet him and
19 pay him the honors of guns and flags that
20 are due to a President. It was eleven
21 o'clock in the morning. The British
22 ships were ready to give their salutes
23 with a waving of ~~the~~ flags and a roaring
24 of guns. President Wilson appeared on
25 deck to receive the greeting. What did

1 he wear then -- at eleven o'clock in the
2 morning? Why, he wore full evening
3 clothes -- tail coat, boiled shirt, white
4 waistcoat, and white tie. Britishers who
5 witnessed this scene nearly fainted, so
6 they say, so they say.

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Jimmy
Doolittle.
flyer.

(Intro. but
JD's speech
is missing)

And now let's take up the subject of another famous flyer - I mean Jimmy Doolittle. No, it isn't something that Jimmy's done -- it's about something Jimmy's going to do. Most of us will remember Major James H. Doolittle's last big show a couple of weeks ago, at the time of the Cleveland air races. He broke all the records in a dash through the sky across this entire continent from coast to coast in 11 hours and 15 minutes.

Well, Jimmy has done a lot of cross-continent flying in his time. For instance several years ago he made a sky voyage across South America. It was the southern part of South America. But he decided to fly over the lofty Andes, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. And Jimmy did that with both of his legs broken. He had had a mishap and fallen from a second-story window and broken both his ankles. He couldn't walk -- but he could fly.

A small matter like a cracked up under-pinning wasn't going to stop him. He had his legs in plaster casts, and the Doctors fixed up a special rigging with which he could operate the controls. He had a pair of crutches with him and mounted them in the place like a pair of machine guns.

Yes, he made the trip all right, but it would have been just too bad if Jimmy had had to make a forced landing in the mountains or in the jungle. It would be rather tough to be left sitting on a mountain-top with both your legs in a plaster cast, and it would have been just about as bad to have had to crawl through the tropical jungle.

Jimmy Doolittle was the first American flyer to be given a degree of doctor of aeronautical engineering by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. And that is an achievement. But it's only one of many to his credit. Two years ago he left the army and since that time has been directing the aviation activities of the Shell Petroleum Company with headquarters in St. Louis.

But as I said, the interesting thing is something that Jimmy is going to do. He's going to do it right now. He's here in the ~~xxx~~ studio with me, and he has volunteered to come to the mike and tell us a marvel in honor of that Literary Digest Book of Marvels.

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Well, folks, you've just ^{Page 15}
heard from the fastest flyer in America,

1 And now Here's a piece about a man who
2 is called the "most dangerous bandit in
3 America". He is in prison, ~~now~~, and it
4 looks as though the authorities had found
5 some more reason for keeping him in
6 prison. He is Oklahoma Jack Clark.

7 ~~At present~~
~~right now~~ he is merely #14352 in
8 the Indiana State Prison.

9 The International News Service
10 relates that Oklahoma Jack Clark was
11 identified today as the leader of the
12 gang of six desperados who in 1930
13 pulled off the biggest bank robbery on
14 record. The gang robbed the Lincoln
15 National Bank & Trust Company, at Lincoln,
16 Nebraska, and got away with \$2,525,000.
17 Since that time Oklahoma Jack Clark was
18 caught for another crime and sent to
19 prison. And now bank authorities at
20 Lincoln have identified his photograph
21 and say he was one of the men who
22 figured in that record-breaking bank
23 robbery.
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1 A war prisoner returned home today,
2 Yes, he was captured in the early days
3 of the world war and he has been on his
4 way home ever since. His name is Guiseppi
5 Marinich. He was an Austrian and a native
6 of Gorizia. That makes him an Italian
7 citizen now because the city of Gorizia
8 changed hands at the end of the world war.

9 Well, Marinich fought in the Austrian S
10 Army and as the United Press relates, was
11 captured by the Russians in 1914. With
12 other prisoners of war he was sent to
13 far-off Siberia and ever since, he has
14 been working his way, thousands of miles,
15 on a 17-year trip home.

16 He claims that there are over
17 3000 former Austrian prisoners of war,
18 still in Siberia.
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1 The Tall Story Club seems to be
2 going in for experimental science these
3 days. The boys are developing all sorts
4 of remarkable ■ animals and plants.

5 Robert Strauss of Cincinnati,
6 Ohio, is a deep student of the Great
7 American Whopper. He tells me what an
8 extraordinary bird he has succeeded in
9 breeding. He has crossed carrier-pigeons
10 with parrots. And the new-fangled bird
11 that has resulted from the combination is
12 great at delivering messages.

13 Being partly carrier-pigeon, it
14 flies swiftly to its destination; and
15 then being partly parrot, it speaks the
16 message.

17 Mr. Strauss has also devised a
18 name for these singular birds. He's
19 combined the first syllable of CARRIER
20 with the last syllable of PARROT, and as
21 a result he gets CARROT. He expects to
22 make a lot of money from these CARROTS of
23 his.

24 And then there's George Washington
25 Curtis, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"The original George Washington," he writes in his letter, "couldn't tell a lie. I can tell a lie, but I don't."

Then George Washington Curtis proceeds to relate that he has grown a giant new type of corn on his Indiana farm. Yes, that corn is tall, and so is the story. The only way George can get at an ear of corn is to cut the stalk down with an axe, and then when the stalk falls the ear is so far away it isn't worth going after.

Well, I'm on my way up to the farm tonight, up where the corn doesn't grow quite that tall. In fact, up my way the stories are taller than the corn. Anyway, I'm off, and

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.