

1 Good Evening, Everybody:-

2 A big wind blew this afternoon --
3 yes sir, it sure did blow. It raged and
4 howled in the rocky country along the
5 border of Arizona and Nevada. And that
6 big wind raised general havoc at Boulder
7 Dam, where Uncle Sam is building his
8 giant water-power project. The gale
9 swept down suddenly, with cyclonic force.
10 It hit the town which Uncle Sam has built
11 for the men who are working on Boulder
12 Dam. It blew the roof and porch right
13 off a large dormitory. It ~~blow down~~
14 flattened out cottages and knocked down
15 a concrete wall of a garage. And as for
16 the tents that had been housing many of
17 the workers, ~~why~~ they just ~~went like~~ flew
18 ~~like~~ away on the breeze.

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20 One hundred families are homeless
21 tonight. The ~~United Press~~ ^{J. N. S.} describes
22 refugees as streaming into the nearby
23 city of Las Vegas.

24 There was just one good thing about
25 that big wind ~~that~~ ^{which} hit Boulder Dam this

1 afternoon -- there were no fatalities.
2 Nobody seems to have been ^{seriously} ~~severely~~ hurt.
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1 Today a familiar figure makes his
 2 departure from the scene of public
 3 affairs. He is the patriarch of the *American*
 4 ~~Senate~~ ^{bench,} Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes,
 5 of the United States Supreme Court.

6 ^{The U.P. reminds us that}
 7 Justice Holmes is ninety years old.
 8 He explains that his health is not too
 9 good. In a letter to the President he
 10 writes: "The time has come, and I bow
 11 to the inevitable", and so saying the
 12 veteran Justice hands the President his
 13 resignation from the Supreme Court.)

14 Well, Oliver Wendell Holmes has
 15 long been one of the splendid characters
 16 of American life. He is the son of the
 17 famous poet ^{and} philosopher Oliver Wendell
 18 Holmes who stands as one of the great
 19 figures of American literature — ^{the Autocrat}
 20 ^{of the Breakfast Table.}

21 The veteran Justice has long been
 22 known as a liberal, ~~and~~ abreast with the
 23 times. Yet he is distinctly a gentleman
 24 of the old school. The New York Sun today
 25 tells us how it has been said of him, --
 that he wear^s his wisdom like a plume.
 He is a sage with the bearing of a

1 cavalier."

2 And now the knightly cavalier of
3 the Supreme Court feels that the burden
4 of his years is too heavy ^{up} on him, and at
5 ~~sixty~~ ninety, he retired ^s to private life.

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1 Today ^{is} election day in Arkansas.
2 It is a foregone conclusion that the
3 Democratic candidate will be elected.
4 ■ You know -- Arkansas, the solid South,
5 and all that.

6 Well, the Democratic candidate is
7 Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, widow of Senator
8 Caraway. She has been filling her
9 husband's unexpired term in the Senate,
10 and now it looks as if she will keep right
11 on as the only woman in the Upper House.

12 Mrs. Caraway has turned in an
13 account of her campaign expenditures.
14 You know how much a candidate for the
15 Senate is sometimes likely to fork out in
16 the process of being elected. Well, Mrs.
17 Caraway has spent just \$37.50 on her
18 campaign. A fellow can ^{just about} buy a suit for
19 that, and I suppose it just about sets a
20 record for low cost of politics.
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1 In Albany today Governor Franklin
2 D. Roosevelt said to Sheriff Farley of
3 New York City: "What have you got to
4 say about it?"

5 The Sheriff has been under fire ^{from} ~~by~~
6 the Committee which is investigating
7 charges of political corruption in the
8 Metropolis. Samuel Seakury, Counsel for
9 the Committee, has asked the Governor
10 to remove Sheriff Farley, and now, wires
11 the Associated Press, the Governor has
12 requested the Sheriff to make a formal
13 answer to the accusations, ~~against him.~~

1 Father Knickerbocker today
2 started to do something about his
3 financial troubles. Father Knickerbocker,
4 as New York is affectionately called,
5 is having trouble making ends meet,
6 and the bankers haven't been willing
7 to lend him any cash unless he ~~gets~~
8 ~~gets~~ cuts down expenses a bit.

9 Well, today the Board of
10 Estimate voted to postpone action on
11 public improvement projects involving
12 ~~x~~ an expenditure of one hundred and
13 twenty million dollars. They had
14 intended to go ahead with plans, but
15 Mayor Walker has come forward with a
16 policy of retrenchment.

17 Mayor Jimmie has decided that
18 Father Knickerbocker had better count
19 his pennies a little bit, and the
20 first results of the policy were evident
21 today.

1 I have a bit of news here about a
2 well-known gentleman named John J.
3 Taxpayer. I'll just read a few dramatic
4 lines about this honorable but down-
5 trodden citizen:

6 "Up jumps the long-suffering John
7 J. Taxpayer in a number of cities to
8 battle against any increase in his heavy
9 burden. Quiet and submissive for years,
10 he suddenly springs into raging activity."

11 I quote these lines from the current
12 issue of the Literary Digest, which gives
13 all of us taxpayers a rousing picture of
14 a revolt in the ordinarily quiet and
15 peaceable city of Brotherly Love --
16 Philadelphia.

17 At the head of that Literary Digest
18 article is a striking photograph. It
19 looks like a mob scene. It looks like
20 a revolution getting under way, with the
21 infuriated populace on the rampage. It
22 is a picture of a taxpayers' demonstration
23 in Philadelphia. Old John J. Taxpayer
24 gathered his thousands in front of the
25 Philadelphia City Hall. Why was John

1 angry and on the war-path? Why, because
2 the City Fathers were planning to raise
3 taxes. And what was the result of that
4 mob scene which the Literary Digest
5 shows us? The answer is that the
6 ordinarily meek and mild John J.
7 Taxpayer looked so ferocious that the
8 City Fathers promptly decided to call
9 off that heavy 1932 tax increase which
10 they intended to put through.

11 The story of the Philadelphia
12 taxpayers' revolt is one of deep and
13 emotional interest to all of us who are
14 heavily laden and ^{burdened and have to pay} ~~have to pay~~ taxes.

1 I don't suppose it will sound like
2 news when I say I was listening to my
3 wife. That's one of the regular things
4 in the life of man -- listening to his
5 wife.

6 There were some women-friends at the
7 house, and the better-half was telling
8 them about the Automobile Show. She had
9 just come from that magnificent display
10 of cars and accessories that is being
11 staged in New York this week, and she was
12 bubbling over with enthusiasm.

13 Well, I can tell a good-looking car
14 when I see one, but I'm not much of an
15 expert on those niceties and subtleties
16 which the feminine eye perceives. I guess
17 I'm one of those simple-minded chaps
18 who is most concerned with the way
19 rolling-stock runs. And so I listened
20 with rather awe-stricken attention to the
21 feminine slant on the Automobile Show.
22 ~~It sounded almost like a~~ It sounded almost like a
23 discussion of fashions.

24 The fashion in automobiles this year
25 seems to run toward canary yellows and

1 apple greens. There are also handsome
2 blues of an opalescent sheen.

3 The cars are distinctly dressed up
4 this year. The less expensive models
5 go in for swank and style. The interiors
6 tend to soft leathers, suedes, linens,
7 a broadcloth that looks like leather,
8 and a type of modernistic cloth that's
9 something like a corduroy.

10 The discussion went on with all
11 sorts of subtleties about the
12 distinctiveness, smartness and style of
13 this year's models.

14 But to get back to the masculine
15 simplicity and perhaps somewhat literal-
16 minded facts -- they're selling cars at
17 the New York Automobile Show. They're
18 selling plenty of cars. And that's no
19 wonder, when you consider how many people
20 really need new cars, and the amount the
21 automobile manufacturers are giving us for
22 our money this year. And that item of
23 good business does seem ~~mighty~~ important.
24 It looks as if the automobile industry
25 were leading the procession back to
good times.

1 Over in the beautiful capital along
2 the Seine, the boulevards are just the
3 same tonight. Gay Paree is still gay,
4 although gay Paree has no cabinet
5 government.

6 The French ministry resigned this
7 afternoon. Premier Laval handed in the
8 resignations of himself and all his
9 ministers.

10 There has been a cabinet crisis, and
11 all day today Premier Laval ~~tried~~^{tried} to
12 straighten things out. The International
13 News Service explains that he tried to
14 form a coalition government in partnership
15 with former-Premier Heriot, head of the
16 radical Socialist group. Monsieur
17 Heriot would not play ball. So Monsieur
18 Laval decided he couldn't carry his
19 government on any longer.

20 The French cabinet has been in hot
21 water for the past couple of days, ever
22 since Chancellor Bruening of Germany
23 announced that the German government would
24 not pay any more reparations. The
25 crisis came today, and ends in a way so

1 characteristic to continental governments
2 -- the cabinet has resigned.

1 This does sound like news---an
2 unemployment demonstration in Paris. ^{A couple}
3 ~~5000~~ ^{of thousand} arrests were made this afternoon in
4 the French capital.

5 And all the police stations in the
6 central part of the city are jammed with
7 prisoners, even a railroad station, and
8 military barracks.

9 France, ^{relates the N.P.,} is having its unemployment
10 problem now and the Communists planned
11 a mass meeting of the jobless in front of
12 the Chamber of Deputies.

13 ^L Police took advantage of the
14 occasion to stage a wholesale round-up of
15 Red radicals. Gendarmes were out in full
16 force and soldiers too. As the big crowd
17 gathered the forces of the Government
18 systematically hurried them away.

19 The International News Service
20 cables that all the prisoners will be
21 released at midnight. The arrests were
22 made simply for the purpose of preventing
23 a demonstration.
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1 From Rome comes word which we can
2 add as a follow-up to Germany's declaration
3 that she will not pay any more reparations.

4 Premier Mussolini is ^{put} ~~to go~~ on
5 record with a declaration that all
6 reparations and war debts should be
7 cancelled.

8 The United Press declares that it
9 has information that the Dictator himself
10 is the author of an article in ^a ~~the~~ Milan
11 newspaper which makes the statement that
12 it is a case of repudiation of debts or
13 chaos. The article declares that
14 civilization is threatened, that there
15 must be an improvement in 1932 or there
16 will be trouble all around.

17 And then the idea is put forward
18 that one thing is necessary before
19 improvement can come to pass, and that
20 one thing is cancellation of reparations
21 and war debts.

22 The article which is attributed
23 to Mussolini declares that the slate must
24 be wiped clean.
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1 Reminiscences of other days come in
2 a dispatch from Tokyo which states that
3 the Japanese authorities have decided to
4 re-establish a naval base at Port Arthur.
5 That does bring back memories of 25 years
6 ago, when the name of Port Arthur was
7 famous far and wide.

8 It was during the Russo-Japanese
9 War, when the great fortress sustained a
10 ~~the great~~ ^{memorable} ~~siege~~ siege. The Japanese
11 captured it, after a stubborn defense
12 by the Russians.

13 Port Arthur is an important harbor
14 of Manchuria, and it was then the
15 base for the Russian fleet in Pacific
16 waters. The Japanese took it over from
17 the Russians, and for a while the fleet
18 of the Mikado used Port Arthur as a naval
19 base. Then after a time this was
20 discontinued. The Japanese remained in
21 possession of Port Arthur, but as a
22 matter of economy they didn't keep the
23 naval base going any longer.

24 But today, as the International
25 News Service cables, orders were given to

1 start things humming at Port Arthur.
 2 The port will become a naval base once
 3 again.

4 And this is interpreted as just
 5 another sign that the Japanese intend to
 6 keep their hold on Manchuria.

1 At Gloucester City, New Jersey, a
2 man has been elected to a high position,
3 an exalted position -- one might even
4 say a tall position. He is Andrew
5 Hessington, and he has been chosen by the
6 tall-story tellers of the town as the
7 President of the local Ananias club.

8 Gloucester City has a notable
9 organization of tall talkers devoted to
10 the Great American Whopper. Only the
11 choicest of liars are admitted to
12 membership. They must be approved by
13 the Invisible Three, and they must prove
14 their talents by comparing their own
15 brand of whoppers with the tall ones
16 told by the President.

17 They must also be investigated by
18 13 Knights. These are married men, who
19 long ago have risen beyond such
20 commonplace whoppers as:- "Yes, dear,
21 I'm sitting up with a sick friend," OR
22 "My car broke down when I was 13 miles
23 from home."

24 The Gloucester City News in
25 describing the tall merits of the Ananias

1 club, relates that it has high ideals.
2 No uncharitable lies are permitted, but
3 it is ~~permitted~~^{allowed} for the members to make
4 excuses, give alibis, and tell bragging
5 and boasting stories to their wives and
6 sweethearts.

7 I don't know whether the tall-
8 talking brothers at Gloucester City are
9 familiar with the one about the cow that
10 fell into the well, so I'll tell it for
11 their approval.

12 F. L. Perry, of Huntington, West
13 Virginia, writes to the Tall Story Club
14 about a local farmer who is very proud
15 of his cows. They're all good milkers.

16 "One day," he relates, "one of my
17 best cows fell into an old well just back
18 of the barn. I tried to get some help
19 to pull her out, but all my neighbors had
20 gone to the County Fair, so it was up to
21 me.

22 "Throwing off my hat and coat, I
23 lowered myself into the well. Taking my
24 place beside the cow, I started to milk.
25 She was a good milker, one of the best.

1 I milked and milked, until finally I
2 floated the good old cow right out of the
3 top of the well."

4 ~~I'd suggest that the boys at~~
5 ~~Gloucester City tell their wives and~~
6 ~~sweethearts that one.~~

7 Well, well — and s-l-u-t-m.
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