

Good Evening, Everybody:

The best news I know today is that the weather man has decided to ~~give~~ go out of the refrigerator business for the time being. After giving us such a foretast of winter that some ^{Fallos} ~~of us~~ felt like so many western turkeys in the ice chest, the ^{Frost} ~~ice~~ king is going to give us a chance to thaw out a ~~little~~ bit. Warmer tonight and still warmer tomorrow. So say Uncle Sam's weather prophets.

If it's any consolation to you, the cold was fairly universal. ^{In the Phila. Pub. Ledger I read that it was 12 below at} Down in Mexico City, for instance, they ^{slaytop in the Poconos} had a record low, ~~point on their thermometer.~~ That is, a low ~~point~~ for November, ^{Along} ~~On~~ the Atlantic coast it ^{is} ~~was~~ warmer this evening. At least that's what the thermometer said, though it was still freezing. But tomorrow morning maybe we won't have to break the ice in the pitcher ^{or frost our} whiskers when we go out to collect the milk.

DEBTS

did like the thermometer. It
The English pound sterling ~~today~~ [^] dropped to a new record low point for all time. The price was \$3.17-1/2 ~~for~~ ^{to the} ~~a~~ pound. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that Prime Minister Ramsay McDonald has prepared a second note ^{on} ~~this question~~ ^{the debt question} which will be sent to Uncle Sam shortly. This will ask not for a reconsideration of the debt settlement, but ~~for~~ ^{for a} merely temporary delay in the payment due next month. The issue of revision will be avoided altogether in this note.

Meanwhile, the British Cabinet has not yet decided how to raise the money if they ~~decide to~~ ^{do} pay the instalment. The party in Great Britain which favored defaulting on the debt is not as strong as it was a couple of days ago.

Meanwhile, a dispatch from Washington announces that President Hoover is conferring with the Secretaries of the Treasury and the State Department on the ^{is the} ~~question~~ ^{of the hour.}

GERMANY

Germany today is still a country without a Cabinet. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger informs us that (President von Hindenburg probably will invite General von Schleicher who was the power behind the throne in the von Papen government and the political boss of the German militarists and feudal aristocrats, to form the new Cabinet.) That means that General von Schleicher ~~will~~^{would} become Chancellor in name as well as in fact.

The Ledger dispatch adds, however, that von (Schleicher probably will not accept unless he is able to enlist the support of Adolf Hitler and his party.)

One paragraph in this dispatch is interesting. People have been asking: "What does von Schleicher really want?" A friend who knows him intimately replied: "Oh, not much. ~~He only~~^{He's just a modest chap who} wants to be chancellor for the next twenty years." But, ~~he adds, he does not~~ he does not want the job without a majority in the German parliament.

TROTZKY

The travels of Leon ~~Trotsky~~ Trotsky, former head of the Soviet Red Army, apparently will not be ~~very wide~~ ^{extensive}. It was announced today that Norway has joined the list of countries who ^{have} decided that the presence of the one time Bolshevik chief is ~~dangerous~~ ^{dangerous - like dynamite}. So Mr. Trotsky will not be allowed to lecture to the Norwegians.

A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union says that Mr. Trotsky's lectures are not arousing much excitement. The discourse he delivered last night at Copenhagen, which was broadcast in the United States, was received, say the reporters, with mild enthusiasm.

Although the present government of Russia ~~is~~ has decorated the bewhiskered ^{one} ~~Trotsky~~ with the royal and noble order of the Boot, and won't allow him inside Soviet territory, nevertheless Mr. Trotsky spoke enthusiastically about ~~Russia's present government~~ ^{Comrade Stalin's rule}.

SPAIN

President-elect Roosevelt is receiving invitations aplenty. The latest comes from ^{Spain.} ~~Madrid.~~ President ★

Zamora of the Spanish Republic is exceedingly anxious

that Mr. Roosevelt visit ^{the Spanish city of} Malaga before he ^{enters} ~~ascends~~ the

~~throne at~~ the White House next march.

FISH

A new race of fishes has been discovered by a professor of the University of Michigan. These fish inhabit what you might call a fish woman's world. They are all females. They reproduce themselves without the help of males. In fact, they live entirely independent of the masculine element. All the young are females, and all of them are the spittin' image of mama.

Their home is in tropical waters. In case you'd like to know their name, it is ^{Mollienisia} ~~Mollinisia~~ Formosa.

I can't imagine any but a female being able to bear up under such a name as that. Incidentally, they are closely related to the Guppies, which many people now are preferring to gold fishes as household pets.

So if you are a Guppy enthusiast you may be interested in Miss Mollienisia Formosa.

BUSINESS

An encouraging report ^{has been} ~~was~~ issued ~~today~~ by Uncle Sam's Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Chapin gave out a statement in Washington today ~~that~~ the prospects for a rise in the prices of commodities throughout the United States are excellent. The outlook ^{now} ~~today~~ in this direction, adds the Secretary, is brighter than at any time in several years.

Mr. Chapin's report put a large share of the blame for conditions in America on the situation throughout the world at large. He says that international developments have imposed a serious strain on our economic system.

In Philadelphia this afternoon I saw an item in the Evening Ledger stating that "the trend in mercantile trade has been upward for several weeks." Retail business in Philadelphia during October was better than usual.

This weekend I visited three large cities:-
Syracuse, Hartford -- and then Philadelphia today. In
Syracuse they have been hard hit -- harder than in many
places. But they spoke of it in whispers as though it
was something they were trying to forget. And the people
of Syracuse were smiling and optimistic.

Some of the Syracuse newspapers are doing a
sporting thing. They are helping in a drive for a former
Syracuse University crack athlete. Sammy Sebo was a crack
football player -- one of the best men they ever had. In
his senior year he was injured. That weakened him and then
T.B. caught him. He's in the Adirondacks fighting his way
back to health. If he has enough financial help to
pull through this year Sammy Sebo will be okay again, so
they say.

I happened to be in Philadelphia today just as a young lady departed for the Orient. Her name is Margaret Phillips and she's off to the romantic East to marry an American aviator in Hangchow. His name is Christy Mathewson -- yes, the son of Old Mathy, the wizard, whom many fans regarded as the greatest pitcher of all time.

"I'm so thrilled I can hardly talk," said Miss Phillips as she started for China to join young Christy Mathewson.

DEER

One of the most difficult jobs ^{Congressional} ~~professional~~ leaders are encountering today is to decide what is a saloon. ^{Is it a} ~~place with a brass rail and a bouncer~~ ^{or is it not?} rather, ~~what is not a saloon~~. Several Washington notables have prohibition repeal bills in preparation, including the influential Senator ^{Carter} Glass of Virginia, formerly a strict dry, and Speaker Garner, the vice-president elect.

A correspondent of the New York World Telegram has been gathering from statesmen various definitions of a saloon. Some of them are interesting. For instance, Senator Ashurst of Arizona says ^{-It's} ~~a saloon is~~ a place where neither meals nor lodgings are served, but a place where liquor is sold and is drunk perpendicularly. — ^{elbows going up.}

The courts of Michigan have defined it as a place where persons resort to obtain food or drink, ^{and} which are not also devoted to some other business.

The courts of Texas are ~~very~~ sweeping. They say the word may be applied to a place for retailing spirituous liquors or to many other kinds of places.

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Colorado is exceedingly inclusive and says the word saloon includes a restaurant or eating house where intoxicating liquors are sold for consumption by guests *along* with their meals.

CHILE

Have any of the ladies wondered what it is like to be the wife of a president of Chile at a time when Chile ~~is~~ politically is acting up to its name? Here is some first-hand information on the subject. It comes from Señora Carlos ~~de~~ Davila, who was first lady of the land in that South American Republic ~~fixx~~ for just three months.

Senora Davila told a New York World-Telegram writer that the only thing she liked about the Revolution was that it took 15 pounds off her weight. She and her two little girls are living in New York now and exceedingly glad of it. She describes her experience while first lady of Chile for three months as "terrible". Senor Davila lived in the Palace. But his wife and the children stayed in their own home. Senora Davila went to the Palace only for luncheon and dinner. When Senor Davila resigned after a turbulent reign, the children exclaimed, "Father, we are so glad you are not going to be president any more".

AIR

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, the newspapers are saying, will be the most air-minded family that ever occupied the White House. The President-elect, as everybody knows, made quite a sensation when he flew from Albany to Chicago in order to accept the Democratic nomination in person. But reporters who know the family say that Mrs. Roosevelt is even more addicted to airplane travel than her husband. She travels by air whenever she can, and usually sits as near to the pilot as possible.

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She told a New York Sun reporter today: ~~that~~ "my husband is not quite as enthusiastic over flying as I am. I seem to be the most enthusiastic one in the household." This statement was made on the occasion of her return by plane to New York, from Warm Springs, Georgia.

FOOTBALL

The principal topic that is exercising football fans ^{at this moment} ~~today~~ is: Who will play that New Year's Day event at the Rose ~~Bowl~~ Bowl in Pasadena. News from California indicates there is little doubt that the University of Southern California team will represent the Pacific coast. The Rose Bowl Association has not yet decided which of three eastern teams will be invited. The three most likely candidates are Michigan, Colgate and Auburn. Though Pittsburgh has also been mentioned, ^{and it is said Auburn is unlikely because so many southern teams have appeared in the Rose Bowl in recent years,} There is a snag in the way of the Ann Arbor boys going to the coast, because a rule of the Big Ten Conference prohibits any post-season games. However, ^{it still} ~~it is~~ ^{some seem} ~~to think~~ ^{pointed out that} this rule might be ~~abrogated~~ abrogated. The Southern California Trojans ^{according to reports,} would rather play Michigan than any other eastern representative.

Altogether, it seems exceedingly probably that ^{from the East this time} the invaders will be that brilliant unscored-on Colgate

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Eleven. Though Pittsburgh had a wonderful season, ^{the Panthers} ~~that team~~
^{were} ~~was~~ tied twice, and the preference is for a team whose
record ^{doesn't include even} ~~has not even got~~ so much as a tie. ~~on it.~~

Another monster football crowd is expected to
gather this coming Saturday. That, of course, will be for
the Army and Navy game at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.
If the weather man is kind, ^{predicts that} ~~says~~ the New York Sun, ^{at least}
seventy-eight thousand people will see the battle. And
that ^{'s} ~~is~~ the capacity of the U. P.'s stadium.

Thirty-two of these games have been played.
The Army ^{has} ~~has~~ won seventeen, three have been draws. ~~On~~ The
last time the Navy ^{came out on top} ~~won~~ was at the Polo Grounds in New York
eleven years ago.

TINKHAM

Election's a long way off, but ~~there's~~ there's a story about it in the New York Sun today which bears repeating.

It concerns Representative George Tinkham from the Back Bay District in Boston. ^{of the celebrated herculean adornment,} Congressman Tinkham holds a unique record - a campaign without a single speech.

^{stroked} Mr. Tinkham was chuckling in his whiskers today as he ^{stroked} ~~that famous beard and~~ told Washington reporters about it. On August 12, Mr. Tinkham left the United States and went to Germany. He didn't get back until just in time to vote on November 8th.

His opponent made several speeches a day. Says Mr. Tinkham, "I calculated the outs were out to get the ins. So I thought the less said about it the better."

It is interesting to observe that Governor Roosevelt carried Mr. Tinkham's district by a majority of 16,000, whereas Mr. Tinkham ^{a Republican,} was elected by a majority of 21,000.

In two case silence was indeed golden.

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Now for a bit of news which will gladden the hearts of all stamp collectors young and old. Uncle Sam, not so long ago, turned out a new stamp. It's a beautiful piece of engraving. But what will particularly gladden the hearts of the philatelists, which is the five dollar expression for a stamp collector - what will particularly gladden their hearts, is the fact that there's a mistake in it. There's more joy to a stamp collector in one little error than in the most beautiful example of the engraver's art. This new issue of Uncle Sam's was turned out for the Philippine government. It is a stamp of eighteen centavos denomination. What's wrong about it is that it has an excellent engraving of a waterfall labeled "The Falls of Pagsangan". This is described ~~in the Philadelphia Public Ledger~~ as a picturesque cataract in the Eastern part of Luzon.

Actually the falls depicted ^{on that stamp} are the Vernal falls in Yosemite Valley, California.

An amusing fact is that for seven months this stamp has been in use in the Philippine Islands, and not a soul saw the mistake. Even ~~stamp~~ collectors ^{in the U. S. A.} ~~here~~ bought some samples of the issue without spotting the error.

Finally it was discovered, and there was no end of a to-do in various Washington bureaus. The Ledger story says that the Bureau of Insular Affairs figuratively tore its hair. The Post Office Department sent out orders calling in the stamps. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing raised hob with its engravers. Only about ten thousand of the stamps have been sold, and as many of them have been used and destroyed. This issue will be exceedingly valuable in stamp collections.

COAT

Here's a sad fur tale. It comes from no further off than Dallas, Texas.

A lady had a new fur coat. While she was shopping she left ^{the} ~~a~~ new fur coat in her car - thinking it was safe because her pet bulldog was watching it. When she came back the cupboard was bare. No, ^{- -} wait a minute. I'm getting a bit mixed up. When she came back not only was ~~fur~~ the fur coat gone, but the pet bulldog too. What the lady forgot to do was to set a dog to watch the dog that watched the coat.

As a headline writer in the New York World Telegram remarks, it's a doggone shame. ~~And after that I think I'll say so long until tomorrow.~~

EMU

Oh,
~~Here is~~
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an item that ought to interest ~~the~~ cross word puzzle fans. The emu, that most useful of all birds to the puzzle makers, is in danger of ~~exte~~ ^{going to join the dodo.} extinction. A dispatch from Australia indicates that in one part of that continent ~~thoxx~~ this cross word puzzle bird is becoming a terrific nuisance. They have destroyed so many crops in Western Australia that the ranchers are organizing a war against them ^{emus.}

The war will be conducted with machine guns. The emu runs so fast that it is difficult for a man even on horse back to run it down and shoot it. So they are going to use machine guns mounted on motor cars and mow them down by the dozen. I wonder what the cross word puzzle makers would do

if the emu were to vanish entirely. *At any rate it looks as tho we'll have to say toodle-oo to Mr. Emu. And s-l-u-t-m*