

Good Evening, Everybody:

News has been popping and snapping in several parts of the world today. Perhaps the outstanding story is that of the lady Communist in Germany who took the formidable and daring step of calling for the impeachment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the ~~amazingly popular~~ <sup>much loved and venerable</sup> President of the German Republic.

This happened at the opening session of the new Reichstag, the national parliament of Germany. A dispatch to the ~~Pittsburgh~~ <sup>Baltimore</sup> ~~Press~~ <sup>Sun</sup> relates that the lady Communist who made this sensational demand is Clara Tzetkin. Frau Tzetkin is seventy-five years old. She had to be carried to the rostrum. She is known as the grandmother of the German revolution. She demands <sup>ed</sup> the overthrow of the militarist, feudal aristocratic cabinet of von Papan. She declared that by rights the Reichstag should impeach Hindenburg for violation of the German constitution. But, she added, such a measure would be like impeaching the devil <sup>in front of</sup> ~~before~~ his grandmother. She declares that the Cabinet has usurped despotic power, ignored the

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parliament, and taken into its hand powers to which it is not entitled.

Incidentally, Frau Tzetkin is senior ~~president~~<sup>member</sup> of the Reichstag. She spoke under great difficulty. She had traveled all the way from Moscow to Berlin for the opening of the new parliament, and she had got up from a bed of sickness to do so.

Instead of causing a riot, her sensational speech was received in absolute silence. There were ~~immense~~<sup>and turbulent</sup> throngs around the parliament building. In spite of the silence, there was tremendous but suppressed excitement.

Frau Tzetkin's speech came on top of a drastic action by President von Hindenburg. The President signed decrees granting Chancellor von Papen powers that amount to a dictatorship. The most significant part of this was that he authorized the Chancellor to disband the parliament, if he saw fit. Adolf Hitler is in Berlin, and there is ~~is~~<sup>been</sup> tension among his followers.

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A significant event occurred towards the end of today's session. One of Adolf Hitler's intimate friends and associates<sup>3</sup> was elected president of the German parliament. This is a post *nominaly* equivalent to that of ~~the~~ Speaker of the House in the United States, although it does not carry so much political weight. The President of the German parliament cannot influence legislation, appropriations, or patronage, as can an American Speaker.

The Von Papen cabinet exhibited a decidedly snooty attitude towards the Reichstag. No members of the government were present. Chancellor von Papen and Defense Minister General von Schleicher were conferring with President von Hindenburg. It was at that conference that the aged Field Marshal told the leaders of the Cabinet to go ahead and disband the parliament if they felt like it.

FARM STRIKE

here in the United States I mean,  
Out in the Middlewest, the tension is just as

keen as it is in Germany. The violence reported from several districts overnight has brought state authorities in Iowa and Nebraska face to face with a critical situation. Iowa and parts of Nebraska are practically in a state of warfare. There is a tangled three cornered plot to the story. The strikers have not <sup>won</sup> ~~so~~ all the farmers ~~of their states within~~ <sup>to</sup> their ranks.

Those who belong to cooperative associations are refusing to join in the so-called farmers' holiday. They've been trying to get their milk and other dairy products through ~~to~~ the cities.

At first their trucks were held up by pickets. But yesterday the cooperative associations came through with a new trick.

They organized striking forces of guards to bust up the blockade.

There were serious clashes between pickets, and the plug-uglies <sup>who were armed with clubs, bludgeons & revolvers.</sup> employed by the cooperative associations. In most cases the

pickets were defeated. This puts it up to the state authorities to maintain order on the highways. And that isn't as easy as it

sounds. Most of the Middlewestern governors naturally are in sympathy with the notion that farmers should make enough out of their work to repay them for it. On the other hand, of course, they have the job of keeping order. *And that's a tough*

*assignment.* ~~I'm glad I haven't such a problem to face.~~ The law in Iowa is being forced to plan energetic measures to control the situation. A grand jury in Council Bluffs is beginning an investigation into the behavior of some of the pickets.

A dispatch to the Cleveland Press points out that there are laws now on the statute books of Iowa which, if enforced, would make short work of the farmers' strike. The picketing has continued so far only because of the tolerance and sympathy of both citizens and authorities.

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Nevertheless, the striking farmers are going stubbornly ahead. Early this morning picket groups established their camps on highways in Nebraska which until today had been open to trucks. This new offensive was soon reflected in the Omaha livestock market. Only three hundred head of sheep and one thousand cattle were received by truck at the Omaha stockyards today, *a trifling number.*

BUSINESS

There seems to be no let-up in the items bringing encouragement about business conditions. In the first place, James D. Mooney, a magnate in the automobile industry, <sup>in fact Vice-President of General Motors,</sup> gave out an optimistic statement just as he was sailing for ~~the~~ Europe today. Mr. Mooney <sup>is always sailing for Europe or somewhere. Anyhow,</sup> predicted that the International agreement at Lausanne and the work of the British trade conference at Ottawa will have a wide effect in improving trade conditions all over the world.

"Our own sales in Europe began to show a better tone immediately the agreement was reached", said Mr. Mooney. As for the Ottawa conference, he considers it will help ~~even~~ business men ~~even~~ in the United States. The reason he gives is that both these events show people are facing realities.

Then Samuel Vauclain, chairman of the Baldwin Automotive Works, also foresaw a rise in prices. Other encouraging reports came from Kansas City, ~~Kansas~~, Baltimore, Maryland, Washington, D. C., New Bedford and Fall River,

And the Chairman of Uncle Sam's Bank Board for home loans gave out a significant bit of news. He announced that nine more states have pledged support to the Administration's proposal for a sixty-day moratorium on all foreclosures of mortgages. And that mortgage item will interest a host of people.

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Graduates of some twenty universities have just completed a twelve thousand mile tour of the country, making a study of prohibition. They are at the Waldorf-Astoria, and are now setting out to find out what they can regarding the success of prohibition in New York City. I wonder what their report will be, and what they will find?



## AVIATION

Everybody interested in aviation is talking today about the way Captain Jimmie Haizlip <sup>smashed</sup> ~~busted~~ the transcontinental speed record <sup>until yesterday held</sup> ~~of~~ Major Jimmie Doolittle. Major Jimmie was one of the first to congratulate Captain Jimmie for lowering ~~his~~ the record by fifty-six minutes in <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ Bendix trophy race. Jimmie Doolittle would have been one of Captain ~~Max~~ Haizlip's rivals if his plan <sup>e</sup> ~~hadn't~~ been <sup>bunged up</sup> ~~scattered~~ a few days ago. Jimmie Doolittle predicts that it won't be many years before planes will be crossing the American continent in seven hours or less. Captain Haizlip won the <sup>tidy</sup> ~~nice~~ little sum of nine thousand two hundred <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ fifty bucks. And I guess he's not so annoyed about that. Quite a few of us could use nine thousand two hundred and fifty bucks. Anyhow he shot across the continent in quicker time than I had expected — and today he's the new speed king of the ether.

CHICAGO

Here's a new idea. ~~Chicago wants~~ Chicago, once the home of Al Capone, is the most moral of the world's big cities. Now who do you suppose said that? Yes, yes, of course. Mr. Anton Cermak, Mayor of Chicago.

Mr. Cermak made this statement in Paris to a correspondent of the Buffalo Evening News. Mr. Cermak said that Chicago has suffered because New York newspaper men like to give Chicago a black eye. Now isn't that just too bad?

"I've been in a dozen big cities since I left home", says Mayor Cermak, "and I'm still convinced that Chicago is the most moral of all of ~~them~~ them. Chicago", adds <sup>Tony</sup>~~Mr.~~ Cermak, "has *just* had too much publicity."

## WEDDING

One of the most picturesque weddings I ever heard of was celebrated today in Rhode Island. The scene was the living room of the Lighthouse at Sabin Point in Upper Narragansett Bay. The heroine, or rather the bride, was Miss Myrtle Whitford, the eighteen year old daughter of the keeper of the lighthouse.

A dispatch to the Boston Traveler relates that the lighthouse has been the young bride's home ever since her childhood. The wedding guests all arrived in motorboats and dories for the ceremony. They had the wedding breakfast on a boat-runway leading to the water.

After the ceremony the groom/<sup>rowed</sup>~~rode~~ his bride over to the mainland. The waters of the Bay were strewn with confetti and the whistles of all the steamers in the surrounding waters saluted the bridal couple.

And there's the answer to the old question of what becomes of the light house keeper's daughter when the light house keeper is busy keeping light.

DOG

Here's an item that may mean something to five year old Roy Silverstein of Atlantic City. This is the little boy I spoke about last night who has been ill and <sup>doesn't</sup>~~can't~~ recover because he's pining for his lost dog, Buddy.

Mr. Warner Schuler, of Rahway, New Jersey, telephoned me this afternoon that he thinks he has found Buddy. At any rate, while he was driving through Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, yesterday, Mr. Schuler found a dog that corresponds to the description of Buddy.

If he turns out to be the real missing pet, that will certainly be grand news for one home in Atlantic City.

## TALL STORY

In Philadelphia things are stirring in a large way. I might say a tall way. It looks as if the City of Brotherly Love had joined the Tall Story Club. The Philadelphia ~~Public~~ Record is conducting a learned investigation, the purpose of which is to estimate the size, magnitude and tallness of the great Philadelphia whopper. Briefly, the Record is running a tall story contest. The editor in charge of this elevated undertaking is my old friend, Gregory Hartzwick, long known to fame as the Crossword Puzzle expert, and now climbing to a new renown as a master of telling them tall. He's the Grand Ananias ~~out~~ in Philadelphia.

The idea of the contest is to discover the biggest liar in <sup>Philly</sup> ~~Philadelphia~~, and award him a prize for his monumental whopper. I wonder what the solemn Quakers of old would say to that. Grand Ananias Hartzwick, in appointing a Board of Judges has included me as Exalted Giraffe of the Tall Story Club of America. He sends me a clipping of a grand blast about the

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tall contest, which is printed in the Philadelphia Record today.

I am pleased to note that a couple of tall stories are told in the article, among them an old favorite of mine - the one about the hunter who's double-barrel shotgun burst when he fired it.

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One piece flew up in the air and knocked down two ducks. Another piece flew off to one side and killed a deer. The stock flew back over his shoulder and hit a rabbit. The recoil kicked the hunter into the river and when he came up his boots were full of fish.

I'm going to keep an eye on that Philadelphia tall story contest. I understand returns are pouring in and if I see any particularly howling and shameless whoppers, I'll pass a couple of them along.

## ECLIPSE

Oh yes, and let's not forget that the well-known universe is putting on a show tomorrow. You all know about it, of course. It has been ballyhooed like a three-ring circus. It promises so much of a thrill that it almost puts the other news of the day in the shade.

Shade is not such a bad word, considering, as you may have guessed, I am talking about the eclipse. It is exciting the interest not only of astronomers but laymen. And there is justification for that. You don't need to be an astronomer to get a huge kick out of seeing the extraordinary spectacle when the moon comes completely between the earth and the sun, and when you see the brilliant many-colored flames of the corona shooting out around the disc.

These shows come only rarely. It will be more than a generation before we get a glimpse at another total eclipse in the eastern part of the North American continent.

The folks in Canada and New England will have the edge on most of the rest of us. Folks there will only have to go up on the roof or look out of their office windows to see

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this fabulous sight <sup>between three and five</sup> ~~about four~~ o'clock tomorrow afternoon,  
daylight saving time.

For the benefit of observers within the scope of this broadcast, it might be useful to enumerate the places where the eclipse can be seen best. On the Atlantic seaboard the most southerly point where the eclipse will be total is Provincetown, Massachusetts. On the Canadian border, the eclipse will be total about twenty minutes past four or shortly thereafter, daylight saving time. In New York and elsewhere, south of a line drawn through Provincetown, Massachusetts, the eclipse will be about ninety-five percent total.

~~There may be a fly in the ointment. It seems~~  
~~probable that tomorrow will be cloudy, south of the Canadian~~  
~~border at any rate. Doc Kimball, the patron saint of fliers~~  
~~and the soundest authority on winds and clouds, expects it will~~  
~~be a muggy day in the neighborhood of New York; likewise in~~  
~~Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. But in that portion of~~  
~~Massachusetts where the eclipse will be total, clear weather~~  
~~is expected.~~



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If there ~~are~~<sup>sky is</sup> clouds<sup>x</sup> in Maine, it will be just too bad for the forty-three scientific expeditions that have been sent to Fry<sup>burg</sup> to observe this phenomenon<sup>PM</sup>. Already they have their giant telescopes erected and ~~they~~ have been ~~trying~~<sup>trying</sup> them out, ~~several days~~<sup>rehearsing for the big show.</sup>. Not only great telescopes but monster cameras are being set up to photograph the rays of the corona. The biggest camera<sup>e</sup> to be used by anybody will be one eighty-five feet long. This belongs to the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia.) It will make pictures of the sun nine inches in diameter.

It will be fed by light from a mirror which will be moved by clockwork to follow the ~~course~~<sup>motion</sup> of the sun across the sky. Two other monster cameras, each of them sixty-five feet long, have been set up by Uncle Sam's Naval Observatory and the ~~Star~~ Sproul Observatory.

~~By the way, the astronomers want to warn you not to look at the eclipsed sun with a naked eye. If you value your optic nerve, use smoked glasses.~~

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You are also advised to begin looking at exactly three twenty-three tomorrow afternoon. At that time the moon will make her first nick in the light of the sun. <sup>Around</sup> ~~at~~ four thirty-four in the afternoon ~~the territory~~ will be ~~at its~~ <sup>the</sup> darkest <sup>moment.</sup> ~~point.~~ An hour and five minutes later, it will be all over, ~~I should add that I am referring to~~ <sup>that is by</sup> Eastern Daylight Saving time.

Thousands of people left today for various points in Canada. Others for Maine and parts of New Hampshire and Vermont. The railroads are running <sup>eclipse</sup> special trains.

The eclipse will be total in an area about one hundred miles long and sixty miles wide. <sup>But</sup> It will be partial over all of North America. <sup>And I'm going to see</sup> it from my news perch in the tower ~~of the~~ world's tallest building — which ought to be ~~in the tower of the Empire State Building, very little work~~ an ideal place. ~~And by the way, the astronomers will be done between three twenty and half past four. SIXTYX~~ <sup>And you can be bound that in my news perch</sup> warn us not to look at the eclipsed sun in the afternoon, because we are all going to be looking at the ~~with the naked eye.~~ If you value your optic ~~eclipse~~ nerve, use smoked glasses. And that item puts the eclipse on my broadcast this evening — so, s - l - u - t - m.