

Good Evening, Everybody:-

( Well, those German elections were quite a surprise. The Hitlerites and the Militarists had been shouting loudly of how sure they were of a sweeping victory. And now it turns out they won nothing of the sort. While they won a victory, the Communists and the Catholic party hold the balance of power.

A dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press points out that such gains as the Fascists won at the election were not enough to give <sup>the</sup> Hitler men control.) This means that the new German Parliament will be one of those many-headed affairs. It should be remembered, says the story, that there are thirteen parties in Germany. Imagine that. Thirteen different political parties. Roughly speaking, they are divided into right wing and left wing.

( A dispatch to the New York Evening Post points out that Adolf Hitler, after prophesying for two years that the voice of the German people would make him dictator, received in yesterday's election only 37½ per cent of the total vote cast. The <sup>N.Y.</sup> Evening Post correspondent ~~in Berlin~~ declares that as a result of this election, two men ~~xx~~ now hold the keys to Germany's political future. They are both soldiers, both of the feudal Prussian aristocracy. One is President von Hindenburg, the other is the War Minister, General von Schleicher. )

<sup>N.Y. Eve.</sup>  
The Post also points out that forty-five per cent of the votes cast yesterday were for parties that are opposed to Democratic principles of government.

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Other correspondents see in these results a situation loaded with dynamite. William Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps Howard papers, calls yesterday's election a sweeping victory for re-action. In his opinion it brings Europe and the world, which includes us, within measuring distance of the most dangerous crisis since the ~~summer~~ summer of 1914.



## EXPLOSION

There was a sensational explosion in New York today. As a result, ~~three~~<sup>five</sup> firemen were killed and fifty persons were injured, Many of these ~~are~~ also firemen.

It started with a fire in the basement of the Ritz Tower, <sup>one of</sup> the biggest apartment hotels<sup>s</sup> in the world. While the firemen were putting the hose on the flames, there was a terrific explosion which shook the entire neighborhood, one of the richest neighborhoods in America, if not anywhere, <sup>57th St. & Park Ave.</sup> Three hundred windows in the Tower were broken, shops on the ground floor were wrecked and buildings within a considerable radius were also badly shaken up. Manhole ~~covers~~ covers were blown ~~several feet up~~ into the air, and shoppers in that fashionable and expensive district were terrified.

The disaster was so serious that they had to rig up an emergency <sup>outdoor</sup> hospital <sup>at the busiest corner in the world.</sup> ~~in the streets of New York.~~ Twenty white coated doctors were working frantically to relieve the burns and sew up the cuts and attend the wounded.

The fire itself as a fire was trivial. But the

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explosion which seems to be unexplained, caused all the mischief.

At least twenty firemen were at work in the basement of the Tower

poking about in thick strangling smoke. They were trying to

discover the source of the blaze. Then the big bang came and

twenty of them were knocked down like ~~tenpins~~ tenpins. Some

of them were hurled against the walls with such force that

arms and legs were broken. It was one of the most serious

disasters in point of casualties that New York's famous fire

department has had <sup>in recent years.</sup> ~~to encounter~~



Germans went voting with bullets <sup>as well as ballots</sup> ~~alone~~ yesterday.

According to unofficial returns 26 people were killed and more than 200 wounded in street fighting. There was rioting in several parts of the Republic.

So evidently we may expect drama of a sensational kind in Germany within the next few weeks.

Officials of Uncle Sam's government in Washington were exceedingly interested in the German election returns today. After ~~styd~~ studying them they predict that Chancellor von Papen will remain in office, and that he will follow a moderate policy. Our State Department experts do not think that either the extreme right or the extreme left will be able to bring about the downfall of the German Chancellor.

SOUTH AMERICA

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after bombardment from Bolivian cannon. The Cabinet decided  
to continue a state of siege throughout Paraguay. There ~~had~~ <sup>have</sup>  
been repeated clashes ~~between soldiers~~ in the Gran Chaco.

~~At the same time~~ The war ~~still~~ spirit is <sup>also</sup>  
rising high in Bolivia. When the capture of that fort in the  
Gran Chaco was announced, audiences in the theatres rose and  
sang the national hymns. Crowds formed in the streets and  
there were impromptu parades cheering the government.

~~The government of~~ Paraguay has sent <sup>a</sup>  
^ communication  
to the State Department in Washington denouncing the action of  
<sup>without declaration of war and</sup>  
Bolivia as ~~is~~ a hostile act <sup>^</sup> contrary to international law.



OTTAWA

Canada seems to have not exactly a Bonus Army, but something on the same order. A Workers' Economic Conference was staged <sup>in Ottawa</sup> ~~there~~ today as <sup>a</sup> companion piece to the British Imperial Economic conference.

A dispatch to the Montreal Star reports that there are eight hundred delegates to the Workers' Conference including reenforcements who came over the week-end. They don't ~~prop~~ profess to be there as veterans, but merely as representatives of <sup>the</sup> ~~unemployed.~~ ~~men.~~ Their purpose ~~is~~ is to present their claims to the government while the Imperial Economic Conference is in session. Among their demands is unemployment insurance. They also want a working week of only five days, seven hours to the day. Also they want to do away with work for all children under the age of sixteen. ~~years.~~

MA

Here's our old friend General Ma again. They are reporting him killed once more. A dispatch to the Trenton Times announces that the rumors of the slippery General's death were officially confirmed by the Japanese. At the same time, the dispatch points out that the General of the motherly name has been reported dead on several occasions, and each time he has reappeared *in a character.*

It is difficult for General Ma to play a new role on the world's scene, <sup>now.</sup> He has been a bandit, a Chinese soldier, a Japanese soldier, then once more a Chinese soldier, and a national hero. There are more myths surrounding his reputation

than even that of the late Pancho Villa of Mexico. General Ma adds color to the <sup>present day</sup> Chinese <sup>national drama,</sup> ~~story,~~ <sup>latest of his death</sup> so let's hope this <sup>report</sup> also

will prove to have been exaggerated, ~~just for the sake of~~

*The correspondents would miss their Ma.*

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BONUS

Here are the latest developments in the story of the ~~Washington~~ ~~United States~~ ~~that was ousted from Washington,~~ harassed Bonus army, Mayor McCloskey of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, wired to General Smedley Butler urging him to come to Johnstown and keep up the morale of the defeated Bonus marchers. General Butler replied that his presence could be of no use whatsoever, and that if he went to Johnstown at all, it would be to urge the boys to go home.

(My friends on the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph advise me that famine and disease are stalking the camp of the Bonus forces with their five thousand veterans. Mayor McCloskey has gone down

into his own pocket and <sup>pledged</sup> his own credit to stave off starvation <sup>in the</sup> camp.

*Incidentally these forces had one new recruit today.*

A baby was born in the Johnstown camp, ~~today~~.

At the same time Mayor McCloskey has refused all permission for Communist demonstrations in Johnstown.) Using

language that is not in the dictionary, the husky Mayor who <sup>once</sup> ~~used~~

<sup>was</sup> ~~to be~~ a prize fighter, undertook to <sup>arrest</sup> ~~visit~~ personally the first

Communist who tries to speak in this city.

Large landowners in Maryland are throwing open

their grounds to Bonus refugees. One lady has given them the use of a woodland tract twenty miles from Washington, D. C. There they are trying to carve a new Bonus city out of ~~a~~ ~~xx~~ virgin forest.

Another landowner has <sup>given</sup> ~~offered~~ the boys the use of a four hundred acre farm in the aristocratic hunting section of Virginia. This gentleman is a retired army officer. Both these landowners declare that they aren't interested in the Bonus question, but feel that the lads got a rough deal from Uncle Sam.

One of these camps is under the command of a woman.

The Grand Jury of the District of Columbia began today an inquiry into the origin of the riot that preceded the use of Federal troops. General Glassford, the superintendent of police, was one of the first witnesses. ~~The General is one of those who~~

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## CREDITS

Here's news that ought to encourage business men.

The credit reservoirs of Uncle Sam were thrown open today to ~~help~~<sup>aid</sup> industries and businesses which can't get ~~success~~<sup>help and</sup> from their banks.

The Federal Reserve Board issued instructions to the twelve big Federal Reserve Banks to make loans directly to ~~individual~~ individuals, partnerships and corporations. This is contrary to all precedent both of the Federal Reserve and of the National Government. It was authorized by a section of the Unemployment Relief bill of Speaker Garner and Senator Wagner of New York. Hitherto the reserve banks have been advancing funds only to member banks. <sup>P</sup> For security the borrower may present a note, draft or bill of exchange. The business man who wants aid must show that he has a reasonable need for the money. He must also show that he ~~is~~ has been unable to obtain it through his usual banking channels. The funds borrowed must be used for current business operations and not for speculation, investment or capital improvements.

ROOSEVELT

Governor Franklin Roosevelt of New York had a visit from two German princes in Albany today, and told them some amusing things. The two princes are Louis Ferdinand, and Frederick, sons of the former Crown Prince. They are on their way to Detroit where the elder son is working in an automobile plant.

Governor Roosevelt, ~~who, though it is not generally known,~~ *altho it's not generally known. He* speaks German fluently, <sup>^</sup> told the princes of his first visit to <sup>their country,</sup> ~~Germany~~ <sup>^</sup> Mr. Roosevelt was only thirteen years old at the time. The high spot of his experiences there was being arrested four times in one day. The first time it was ~~for~~ for running over a ~~goose~~ <sup>^</sup> goose with a bicycle. The next time it was for picking cherries from ~~a~~ <sup>^</sup> roadside tree. Incidentally, many highways in Germany are lined with fruit trees. That wouldn't go over here, but in Germany, strange to say, nobody ever thinks of appropriating <sup>the</sup> <sup>^</sup> fruit. His third arrest was for carrying his bicycle into a railroad station. The fourth time it was for <sup>^</sup>



riding <sup>his</sup> bicycle in <sup>to</sup> ~~the street of~~ Straasburg after sundown.

"We were fined for every offense but the last",  
said Governor Roosevelt laughing. ~~But he~~ But he  
added that on the final occasion the officials before whom he  
and his tutor were dragged, just gave them a friendly warning  
and sent them on their way with a glass of beer.

That might be a good suggestion to magistrates for the  
treatment of traffic offenders - that is to say, some traffic  
offenders, *not mentioning names.*

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Well, the Olympic games are  
just getting under way at Los Angeles.  
But, the main events of today are being  
run off just about now. So you'll  
find them in your favorite paper tomorrow  
morning.

BASEBALL

Yesterday was an interesting day in baseball. In the first place Cleveland opened its new stadium. It's a monster affair that cost three million dollars. And for the ~~the~~ opening performance, (a game between Cleveland and the Philadelphia Athletics,) there were over 80,000 spectators. This was the second largest crowd in <sup>all</sup> baseball history.

But even so the limelight was stolen from Cleveland. And who do you suppose <sup>ran away with</sup> ~~stole~~ it? Yes, you need only one guess. It was our old friend, the old master, the young-old bambino, Babe Ruth. He staged one of those dramatic episodes for which he is famous. ~~This~~ <sup>happened not in Cleveland but</sup> ~~opened, by the way,~~ <sup>in</sup> Detroit.

( Young Mr. Ruth is thirty-eight, and he's still limping with that ~~his~~ injured leg. Nevertheless he staged one of those <sup>hectic</sup> ~~dramatic~~ baseball scenes in a manner that only he can do. In the fourth inning it looked as though the Yankees were hopelessly swamped by the Detroit Tigers. The score was 8 to 2 in favor of the Tigers. Then the Babe went to work. And the spirit he showed ~~just~~ stimulated everybody ~~else~~ on the team. He <sup>hammered</sup> ~~drove~~ out a home run and two singles in four times at bat. )



So you can't wonder that the other two times he was up the  
pitchers walked him. (The Babe drove in five runs himself and  
~~busted~~ <sup>smashed out</sup> his thirtieth homer of the season, also his fourth in  
four days.) Since he returned to the lineup, injured ~~his~~ leg and  
all, he's been batting at a rate of 785<sup>th</sup>%, ~~He got~~ eleven safe <sup>hits</sup> ~~blows~~  
in fourteen times at bat. All of which you might say was quite a  
help to the team, *and going some for a man on one leg.*

DUCKS

Sometimes I <sup>have</sup> thought it might be fun to be a magistrate in some American city or other. You get so many human problems before you. I don't know whether I'd have the wisdom to solve them but it would be interesting to try.

For instance, I don't know what I'd do with this case which came up before a magistrate today. The defendant was the proprietor of a chicken market. He was accused of permitting roosters to crow, hens to cackle, and ducks to quack, thus disturbing the repose of residents in the neighborhood, to the detriment of their health, and against the peace and dignity of the state.

"Well", said the Magistrate, "ducks, roosters, and hens. This looks like a fowl complaint".

The defendant submitted that nature had to take its course, and that there was no way of educating roosters not to crow, hens not to cackle, and ducks not to quack.

"Maybe you ought to apply to <sup>the</sup> Maxim silencer people", suggested the magistrate". Apparently there's nothing in the



law books about the quacking of ducks. So the magistrate had another idea. He thought some one might find a good job selling ear plugs to the poultry merchant's neighbors.

Which reminds me of something that happened in Denver, Colorado, a few years ago. A lady came to call on the Mayor and complained that her cellar was flooded and that all the chickens she had been keeping there were drowned. The Mayor's Secretary, an old friend of mine, replied that he was sorry, but the Mayor couldn't do anything about it.

"But what shall I do?" asked the indignant lady citizen.

"Well, Madam," replied my friend, the Mayor's Secretary, "if I were you I'd go to raising ducks."

And -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.