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MANCHURIA

Good Evening, Everybody:

Reports have been coming in all day of a battle in Manchuria -- a much bigger one than ever.

(The Japanese have captured the city of Tsitsihar, capital of the northern Manchurian province of Heilung Kiang. The same city of Tsitsihar is in the Russian sphere of influence. It is in a part of Manchuria over which the Soviet Government claims a certain measure of domaince, and this may bring complications between the Japanese and the Bolsheviks.)

My old friend, Frederick Kuh, the United Press correspondent with the Japanese army gives a vivid picture of the battle.

"The Japanese army", he cables, battering a demoralized Chinese force with artillery, machine guns and aerial bombs, broke through the Chinese lines toward Tsitsihar today, leaving a vast number of dead and wounded in their wake.

1 ~~wounded in their wake.~~

2 "The Chinese were utterly routed in
3 an all-day battle that began at 4 A. M.
4 in four below zero weather. Icy blasts
5 swept the bla^ek plains as the Japanese
6 started their general offensive ~~along~~ on
7 a five-mile front on either side of the
8 railway along the Nonni River.

9 "The Chinese tried vainly to hold
10 their irregular lines of well-constructed
11 trenches, but were driven back by a
12 withering fire from ^{both} ~~the~~ land and air."

13 And so tonight in a blizzard,
14 ^{the} ~~a~~ broken army of China is fleeing before
15 the advancing Japanese.

1 (In Detroit today Henry Ford
2 took unto himself the prophet's mantle
3 and made a few predictions. He foretold
4 that a wave of prosperity was ~~at~~ hand,
5 which would make all previous booms
6 look small.)

7 The United Press quotes the
8 motor magnate as making the comment that
9 "it will not be a feverish, speculative,
10 false prosperity, but real prosperity
11 such as you can keep."

12 Speaking of the recovery,
13 Henry Ford declared that he hopes we
14 won't recover the old ^{boom kind of prosperity,} ~~system,~~ with
15 a bigger and better panic in 1940.

16 "We have to quit looking for
17 miracles", he explains. Henry Ford
18 thinks that we ^{are at} ~~we've got to~~ a point now
19 where we've stopped looking for miracles,
20 and that, he declares, is a long step
21 forward. It points the way to the new
22 prosperity which is at hand.

GRANDI

At the White House today Dino Grandi had a long conference with President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson. The International News Service reports that they talked things over, opening and frankly.

Newspaper men are making a few comparisons. You know how the newspaper boys judge people. They have a special slant and system of their own. It is based on the way a subject acts while being interviewed.

I suppose dentists judge people by the way they act when they are having a tooth pulled. With newspaper men the interview and its hard-boiled reportorial questions take the place of the tooth-pulling.

Well, within the past few months the gentlemen of the press have had three important statesmen of Europe to use as the victims of their interviewing experiments. They were Prime Minister MacDonald of England, Premier Laval of France, and now Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy. The New York Sun today gives a summing up of Washington newspaper opinion.

The boys found Ramsay MacDonald affable and courteous. But he always gave the reporters the

1 impression of a man walking on egg-shells.
2 He answered gingerly and with care, but
3 he always did it with grace and
4 cleverness.

5 Premier Laval of France never
6 did quite resign himself to the blunt
7 way the American reporters had of asking
8 questions. Sometimes he came right out
9 and said it was annoying. And always
10 he picked his words ~~xx~~ with slow and
11 laborious care.

12 But it's altogether different
13 with Dino Grandi. He seems to like the
14 correspondents in Washington. In fact,
15 he seems to like everybody. He's genial
16 and smiling with a shrewd humorous
17 look in his eye. He answers the questions
18 right off the bat. He doesn't seem to
19 be exercising any particular care about
20 what he says.

21 His English is fluent and copious.
22 Of course, he has an accent. In fact,
23 the only care he uses when replying to
24 the reporters seems to be concern^{ed} with
25 the difficulties, perplexities, and

puzzles connected with English pronunciation and grammar.

His English has something of an Oxford sound, but occasionally he drops a broad A in between words, the way an Italian does, according to the old customary comic way of Italian dialect, such as "these a thing maka me laugh." They say a mixture of an Oxford drawl with the flavor of Little Italy makes an amusing combination.

Meanwhile, Signora Grandi, the wife of the Italian Foreign Minister, seems to be spending a good deal of her time at the transatlantic telephone. She's been calling Italy. The International News Service, states that she has been talking to her children over there.

1 There seems to be a slight row
2 between Mexico and France. The two
3 countries are disputing the possession
4 of a ~~line~~^{tiny} island in the Pacific, four
5 hundred miles from the Mexican coast.
6 ~~xxxxxxx~~ It's called Clipperton
7 Island.

8 The two countries have been
9 each claiming the island for a long
10 time. More than twenty years ago they
11 decided to arbitrate the matter, and
12 named King Victor Emanuel of Italy to
13 do the arbitrating. After a long delay
14 the King of Italy turned in a decision
15 and awarded the island to France.

16 But now the International News
17 Service gives the word that the
18 Mexican authorities have decided not to
19 accept the Italian monarch's decision,
20 and today officials at Mexico City were
21 drafting a note which the Mexican
22 government intends to present to France,
23 ~~demanding~~^{insist}ing that the island belongs to
24 Mexico.

25 This remote bit of land was

1 discovered in the sixteenth century
2 by one of the Spanish captains who had
3 served under Cortez in the Conquest of
4 Mexico. Nobody paid much attention to
5 it, and in 1857 a French captain found
6 the bare bit of coral and raised the
7 French flag on it. The island is a
8 source of fertilizer and they say it
9 may be ~~xx~~ important as a possible
10 aviation base for sky communication
11 between the west coast of the Americas
12 and the countries of Asia.

1 England has a new peer of the
2 realm. He is the Lord of Ickornshaw.
3 And who may this lordly person be?
4 Why, ^{his lordship} ~~he~~ is the one time socialist
5 warrior who was called the Financial
6 Genius of British socialism.

7 Yes, he is Philip Snowden who
8 was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the
9 recent labor government. He broke with
10 the socialists along with Ramsay
11 MacDonald, and now he has been elevated
12 to a peerage.

13 The International News Service
14 states that word was passed in London
15 today that Philip Snowden will take the
16 title of Viscount Snowden of Ickornshaw.
17 That odd name of Ickornshaw pertains to a
18 district in Yorkshire where Snowden was
19 born.
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1 I was a bit puzzled by a word *this*
2 ~~today~~, *afternoon*, so I called up the Norwegian
3 Consul's office and asked them how to
4 pronounce it. They said it's Svolvær,
5 and that's the name of a beautiful
6 place *in Norway*.

7 You'll see it on the cover of
8 the new Literary Digest, which comes out
9 tomorrow, snowy mountains, deep blue-
10 green water, and a fleet of fishing
11 boats. In the caption below the
12 picture the name of that northern beauty
13 spot is given, and I thought some ~~folks~~ *Digest*
14 ~~like myself~~ *readers* might be puzzled about
15 the pronunciation of the odd Norwegian
16 word. So, the way you say it is
17 Svolvær. *It's a striking picture.*

seems to be quite a bit of

There's [^]been some [^]talk ~~today~~

1 about a new heavyweight champion, that
2 is, a new heavyweight champion not just
3 now, but sometime in the ~~a~~ future.

4 The nurses and doctors declare that the
5 baby has all the appearance of a coming
6 heavyweight champ. ~~son~~ ** He's a husky
7 little ~~chap~~ *chap* fellow.
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9 Well, all this pugilistic
10 congratulation refers to the fact that a
11 son and heir has arrived in the
12 household of Gene Tunney, retired
13 heavyweight champion of the world.

14 From ^{all} ~~the~~ accounts ~~given by the~~
15 ~~International News Service~~, it would
16 appear that just about the proudest
17 father in the world is that same trim
18 young chap who conquered the mighty
19 Dempsey, married a society girl, and
20 retired the undefeated heavyweight
21 champion. ~~of the world.~~

1 The editors of the Literary Digest
2 have asked me to say something about a
3 matter of National importance. Newspapers
4 from one side of the continent to the
5 other are reminding us that the annual
6 Red Cross roll call is now on. That is,
7 our Great American civilian relief organi-
8 zation is adding new members. But this
9 happens to be a roll call of special
10 interest, because it commemorates the
11 50th anniversary of the American Red Cross.
12 For 50 years this organization has been
13 carrying on relief work on a scale far
14 larger than anything of its kind since
15 the dawn of human history.

16 When the editors of the Literary
17 Digest suggested that I mention this ~~in~~
18 ~~the broadcast and~~ say something about it,
19 I replied that it ought to be easy for me
20 to do this but it might be difficult for
21 me to stop talking about it. I could
22 devote my entire broadcast to the Red
23 Cross every night for a month and still
24 not exhaust the things I could tell,
25 things that I have seen with my own eyes.

1 For instance, when the Austrians
2 smashed the Italian army at Capretto, in
3 1917, when the famous glass-workers and
4 lace-workers of Venice fled from their
5 islands and canals, it looked as though
6 they might scatter throughout Italy,
7 perhaps be swallowed up by the rest of the
8 population, and their famous art might
9 ~~even~~ be lost ~~forever~~ if they became totally
10 disorganized. But the American Red Cross
11 solved that problem by coming to their re-
12 lief and taking care of them in large
13 communities. It was as fine a piece of
14 executive work, and relief, as I have ever
15 seen.

16 Shortly after that, I happened to
17 be in Palestine, when Allenby's modern
18 crusaders, the greatest cavalry army in
19 the history of the world, swept the Turks
20 from the Holy Land and drove them from
21 Jerusalem. ^{And} the civilian population of ~~the~~
22 ~~Holy Land~~ ^{Palestine} was in a sorry state. Jews,
23 Christians and Mohammedans alike were
24 starving in Jerusalem and the first
25 civilian relief organization to arrive on

1 the scene to save them, was the American
2 Red Cross, under the command of my friend
3 Col. John Finley, who today is one of the
4 editors of the New York Times.

5 But, of course, by far the most of
6 the relief work done by the American Red
7 Cross has been right here in our own
8 country. In the 50 years since it was
9 formed, it has brought relief to those
10 who have been in distress as a result of
11 approximately 1000 disasters.

12 So every American, who can afford
13 it, should belong.

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1 They auctioned off a dog today
2 in New York. No, it was no pedigreed
3 animal, a winner of blue ribbons at
4 dog shows, or anything like that. Chickee
5 is just a mut. According to ordinary
6 standards he isn't worth a nickel. But
7 the auction today comes under the
8 classification of extraordinary events.

9 A boy walked into the office
10 of the Emergency Unemployment Relief
11 Committee in New York, which has been
12 collecting funds for the relief of the
13 jobless. The boy was a ten year old
14 urchin and he had with him his nondescript
15 mongrel dog.

16 "My name is Jimmie Yorio", he
17 told the dignified official in charge.
18 "I'm ten years old. This is my dog
19 Chickee. I heard about these people
20 without jobs, and all those poor
21 families that haven't got any money. I
22 wish I could give something, but all
23 I've got is my dog. My folks are poor,
24 too. We haven't got any money, either.
25 But Chickee is a good dog, and he won't

1 mind. I hate to lose him, but maybe you
2 could sell him and give the money to
3 somebody, without a job, ^{somebody} who needs it.
4 You ought to get a lot of money for
5 Chickee because he's a fine dog."

6 That was what Jimmie Yorio had
7 to say to the people of the Unemployment
8 Relief Committee.

9 They were rather appalled. They
10 looked at the mut with doubtful eyes.

11 "Is it O. K. boss?" asked
12 Jimmie Yorio.

13 They said yes, it was O. K. They
14 hadn't the heart to tell the urchin
15 that his dog wasn't worth a dime, and
16 besides, the Unemployment Relief
17 Officials had an idea. A big Unemployment
18 Relief meeting was to be held, and they
19 decided to tell the story and put Chickee
20 up at public auction. No sooner had the
21 decision been reached than it began
22 to bear fruit. One man who heard the
23 story immediately offered a hundred
24 dollars for Chickee. He specified that
25 only half of the money would go to

1 unemployment relief. The remaining
2 fifty dollars was to be given to Jimmie
3 Yorio's folks who are in need of a bit
4 of unemployment relief themselves. And,
5 he added, that if his offer was accepted
6 he would give the dog back to Jimmie.

7 The Unemployment Relief
8 authorities ^{said thanks, accepted} ~~announced that~~ the offer ~~and~~
9 ~~would be accepted unless somebody came~~
10 ~~forward with a higher bid~~ ^{went ahead with} at the auction.
11 ~~this afternoon.~~

12 The International News Service
13 relates that the ^{sale} ~~auction~~ was held with
14 all due ceremony this afternoon.

15 Grover Whalen, former police
16 commissioner of New York, and now one
17 of the dignitaries connected with the
18 Unemployment Relief Commission announced
19 in advance that anybody who bought Chickie
20 wouldn't get him. They could just pay,
21 get a certificate and have the privilege
22 of giving the dog back to Jimmie.

23 Well, that seemed like a good
24 bargain to quite a few people. At the
25 auction there were a couple of bids for

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fifty. Other bids came through the mail. And they were all accepted. Everybody paid, and didn't get the dog. It was a mighty peculiar auction. They sold nothing to everybody and got paid for it. A total of \$300 was collected.

And so everybody is happy.

Jimmy Yorio did his good deed and donated his dog to the unemployed. His family has received \$50. Jimmy has his dog back and the Unemployed ^{ment} Fund is \$300. richer.

SEAL

At Newport Beach, California, a man heard a crash of glass and saw a dark form crawling through the window of his neighbor's cottage. He notified the police with the cry of -- Robbers.

The police, relates the Associated Press, investigated and found a large seal rummaging among the pots and pans. Mr. Seal had wandered in from the Pacific Ocean and turned burglar.

The police captured the animal and took him down to the beach. They turned him loose and when last seen, Mr. Seal was flipping his way through the surf as fast as he could, just as I am flipping my way off the air as fast as I can go - and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.