

Good Evening, Everybody:

The big story of the day is not only that of a sensational moment in the world's history. It is a Horatio Alger romance. The ~~course~~ course of events have been moving with breathless speed in Germany. ^{(about} Eleven o'clock this morning the world was astonished by the news that Adolf Hitler, the forty-three year old son of an obscure government official in Austria, had been made Chancellor of the German Republic.

~~It is almost needless to say that~~ It is almost needless to say that Germany, ~~indeed~~ indeed all Europe was electrified by the news. Curiously enough, it was the ex-chancellor Von Papen who urged his appointment on the aged President von Hindenburg.) Col. von Papen himself becomes vice-chancellor in the Hitler Cabinet and also Federal Commissioner in Prussia. *In other words von Papen becomes the*

uler of Prussia, TP This son of a petty Austrian official thus ~~becomes~~ *comes to be* the youngest actual ruler in Europe, if not in the entire world.

H. R. Knickerbocker, one of the canniest correspondents in Europe, cables the New York Evening Post that many dramatic and turbulent

consequences may result from ^{this dramatic climax.} ~~the final accession to power of~~
~~this leader of the German Fascists.~~ Among the possibilities that
Knickerbocker foresees are a Fascist dictatorship, a general strike,
~~or a~~ ^{still} civil war in Germany. [^] Another possibility ~~that he mentions~~
is repudiation of the debts owed by Germany in other countries.
And, of course, she owes most of them ~~here~~ ^{in the U.S.A.}

(Hitler has organized a cabinet consisting partly of
his own followers, partly of prominent Junkers, the old Prussian
feudal militarists.) One of his most important ministers is
Alfred Hugenberg, the powerful newspaper publisher. The accession
to power of Hitler is largely due to Alfred Hugenberg who has
supported him not only in his papers, but has financed the party.
This German publisher has the portfolio of Economics and Food.
He is said to ^{hold} ~~have~~ exceedingly unorthodox theories about finance
and economics. So much is expected from this appointment.

Knickerbocker also believes that this Hitler Cabinet
may suspend the constitution, and in case of any violence on the

colleagues among the New York dramatic critics if any of our actors used the methods of this young dance prompter. Gil Gabriel of the New York American, would have to buy him a bullet proof vest. And as for Percy Hammond of the New York Herald Tribune, well, they tell me Percy weighs some two hundred and twenty pounds these days, and it would take an awful lot of bullet proof vest to protect him.

~~And Announcer Jimmie Warren tells me that I'm going to need a bullet proof vest if I don't make a graceful bow and say~~

~~SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

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It is interesting to learn that in Colorado, one of my old home states, more mining is going on than ever before, even in the ~~rushing~~ days of Leadville and Cripple Creek. All over the mountain^s jobless miners are prospecting. In fact one might almost say, as a correspondent of the ~~Jersey Journal~~ ^{Pittsburg Press} remarks, that grub-staking ^{mining} ~~is~~ is one of the principal industries in Colorado. And they are being grub-staked by the Colorado Society of Engineers.

The engineers, who ought to know if anybody does, believe that "There is gold in them thar hills, stranger." In fact they say there is as much gold in the mountains of that state as has ~~ever~~ ^{yet} come out. ~~ever~~. So they are ~~supplying~~ ^{supplying} the miners ~~to~~ ^{with} the traditional grub-stake in return for a share of whatever the miners turn up from the soil.

And that story makes me feel like hitting for the trail for Cripple Creek - instead of which I'm hitting the trail for Kismet Temple in Brooklyn ~~hoping~~ to make a speech - hoping that there is gold in them thar Brooklyn Hills - and o-l-u-t-u.

part of the opposition, ^{he may then} rule Germany with an iron hand. From some quarters it is reported that the Jews in the Fatherland are exceedingly anxious. Many of Hitler's speeches have been violently anti-Semitic.

^{Contrary} ~~Another~~ point of view is that "things may not be as bad as all that". Violently outspoken radicals have risen to power before, and once entrusted with the responsibility of power, have become moderate and even conservative. ~~It was pointed out that when the Labor party, many of them Socialists, rose to power in England, conservatives declared the country was going to the dogs. But the English Labor Party did nothing violent or extreme.~~

~~As you may expect, the news of Hitler's accession to the Chancellorship was received with almost delirious joy by his followers all over Germany.~~

FRANCE

Meanwhile in France Mr. Edouard Daladier is reported to be having a tough time forming that ^{new} Cabinet of which he has been designated as the head. Earlier in the day the new French Premier told the President he thought he was going to be successful. Whereupon he started negotiating with the Socialist party. Later this afternoon the report is that the Socialists offered to take part in the New Government but upon conditions which ~~Mr~~ M. Daladier's friends consider impossible.

JAPAN

(The government of the Mikado has sent what is practically an ultimatum to the League of Nations. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger cables that Japan has informed the League that unless the League's proposed report on the Manchurian issue is favorable to Japan, that country will withdraw from the League.)

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Meanwhile on the Continent of Asia, the Mikado's troops were again driving back attacks by the Chinese forces. This is the third time in four days that the Nipponese soldiers have repelled similar assaults.

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There is going to be an investigation of one of
President Hoover's pet babies - The Reconstruction
Finance ^{Corporation.} ~~Committee~~ Senator Couzens of Detroit is to
be chairman of a sub-committee to hold an inquiry
into the activities of the loans issued by the R.F.C.,
especially the loans granted ^{to} ~~the~~ railroads.

FARMS

The most practical piece of farm relief yet heard of was announced today in New York. The announcement did not come from a government source, but from the offices of the New York Life Insurance Company. Here it is: The Company has suspended foreclosure of all mortgages on farms in the State of Iowa.

"The President of the Company declared that for sometime past it has been the practise of the New York Life not to foreclose farm mortgages for non-payment of interest or taxes, even though they may have been long past due; this, of course, provided the Company is satisfied that the owner is living upon the farm, is trying to keep up the property, and is doing his best to meet his obligations."

It is estimated that the amount of mortgages held by the New York Life in the State of Iowa alone amounts to one hundred million dollars.

CONGRESS

The House of Representatives today showed symptoms of stepping on the gas. The correspondent of the Jersey ~~City~~ Journal wires his paper that the Democratic leaders in the House are oiling up the machinery to hurry the passage of three important bills: The new Bankruptcy Law, the Revenue Act, and a Measure to Extend Credit.

WHITE HOUSE

The housewives of the land will not envy Mrs. Hoover her principal task these days. The first Lady of the Land is busy on the arduous job of breaking up housekeeping.

I sometimes wonder whether the ladies really hate moving as much as they say they do. But even if they didn't hate it there are probably few ladies who would like the job of moving out of the White House.

SNOW

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A terrific blizzard swept suddenly over the ~~st~~ southern part of California yesterday, with consequences that remind us of some of the stories of Bret Harte. More than two thousand people are snowbound in the San Bernardino mountain^s ~~range~~. Southern California has been in the grip of winter for seventeen days now. In Long Beach fifty houses are flooded and their occupants had to be rescued by lifeboats. Then in Reno, ^{Nevada,} they've been without electric juice for ~~the~~ three days.

In the San Bernardino ^{range} ~~mountains~~ - San Berdoo, as the natives call them -- five hundred ~~more~~ automobiles have been trapped by the sudden snowstorm.

ROLPH

There is a movement on foot in California to recall the Governor of that state, Mr. James Rolph, Junior. California is one of the states where the voters if they don't like a public official ^{after} ~~that~~ they have elected him ~~they~~ can have him hoofed out. The movement to recall Governor Rolph comes from the California State Grange. The reason alleged is that Mr. Rolph's administration has been extravagant,

SPOOKS

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I've learned not to be astonished at any news that comes from California. The latest bit of curiosity ~~that comes~~ from the Golden State concerns a lawsuit.

The ~~Jersey Journal~~ ^{Brooklyn Eagle} informs us that the suit concerns a contest over a will. A deceased Optometrist left forty thousand ~~xxx~~ dollars, most of it to a lady, a lady who's divorced husband was a spiritualist minister.

Well, the sisters of the dead man are claiming that their brother was influenced by spooks. The spooks, ~~they say,~~ speaking through the medium of the lady's spiritualist husband, prompted their dead brother to leave his entire estate to the lady and then commit suicide.

~~well,~~ The attorney for the defense announces that he's going to have a spook seance in open court when the case comes to trial.

~~well,~~ ^{And} that ought to be ^{amusing} ~~interesting~~.

ASTOR

Those listeners who love a lover will be interested to learn that another member of the Astor family has become engaged. Young John Jacob Astor, the twenty-one year old ^{posthumous} posthumous son of the late Colonel Astor who perished in the wreck of the Titanic, is to marry the ^{Torlonia} Dona Cristiana Torlonia. The young lady is the daughter of Prince Torlonia of Rome. Her mother is an American lady.

Young Mr. Astor this year comes into a nice little fortune of three million dollars under the will of his late father whose conspicuous gallantry when the Titanic crashed into that iceberg, is still remembered by the public.

Young Mr. Astor is described by all who know him as an exceedingly pleasant and modest young man unspoiled either by his riches or by the inordinate publicity he ^{has} received from American newspapers, ~~and the world wide attention that's been centered on him.~~ After graduating from school and taking a trip around the world, he told reporters not long ago that he considered college education would be for him at least a waste of time, and that he was going to work at once.

FORGER

Here's something from which you may draw your own conclusions. A young man in Fort Worth, Texas, came up for sentence today in the Federal Court, having been convicted of counterfeiting. The story in the Newark News reports that he informed the Judge that when he was a lad he was sent to a Reformatory in Chillicothe, Ohio. In the library of that Reformatory he found books from which he learned the art of counterfeiting.

ROMANCE

From Knoxville, Tennessee, comes the tale of a curious romance. For twenty-two years, says the account in the New York World Telegram, a man lived and reared a family in Madisonville, Tennessee, under the name of Ted Morris. Last Thursday, Ted Morris was walking along the streets of Knoxville, when suddenly he remembered that his name was Edgar G. Allen, that he lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where he had a wife and two sons. The minute this flashed into his memory he telegraphed his people in Ridgewood. There it turned out that his sons are grown men established in the real estate business in Ridgewood.

The situation attracted the attention of the police. Mrs. Ted Morris with her thirteen year old daughter rushed to Knoxville from Madisonville, The man she had known as her husband for twenty-two years stared blankly both at her and the ¹³thirteen year old ~~little~~ girl. He showed no sign of recognizing them. In fact, he recognized none of the people he had known as Ted Morris. One of his sons and his brother went from the east to Knoxville ~~is~~ and there Ted Morris or Edgar Allen immediately recognized his

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brother and embraced him.

The story is not completely ended yet. The subject of this strange romance is to be held in ~~the~~^a sanatorium for observation.

RESTAURANT

A restaurant keeper in Seattle had an unusual experience. Seven of his regular customers walked in on him one morning, carrying stepladders, planks and paint. The story in the Brooklyn Times Union relates that the restaurateur thought this peculiar, but then he knew these regular customers of his as rather eccentric fellows. So he made the usual remark: "What's it to be, gents?"

"Nothin', we ain't eatin'", replied one of the customers, a painter. Then the painter went on to explain. Said he: "For three solid years we've been looking at these walls, and we're sick of them. We're going to change them."

And change them they did. That restaurant today is decorated in the manner of an Egyptian tomb, so at least they have a change.

PACKY

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Sports writers today are discussing the somewhat astonishing action of the Governor of Illinois in appointing Packy McFarland, the famous former middle-weight box-fighter as Boxing Commissioner of that State. The tendency among the sports professors on the papers is to pronounce it an admirable appointment. For instance, ~~Joe Vila in~~ the New York Sun this evening declares that Packy is intelligent, honest and independent. Also he knows the fight game in all its phases.

Libby Holman Reynolds is now able to see her infant son every day. We learn from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin that for the last four days she has been daily making visits to the fifteen million dollar infant in his incubator.

We may in future have to change a famous proverb: Instead of the hand that rocks the cradle ^{ing}rules the world; it will be the hand that turns on the heat in the incubator ~~that~~ rules the world.

DANCE

They had an old-fashioned dance Saturday night in a Maryland community, and it ended in a decidedly old-fashioned way. The place where it occurred, as we read in the ^{Courier-}Camden Post ~~Courier~~, is Upper Marlboro^d, Maryland. The lad^{see} of the ^{countryside}community were swinging their partners and do-zy-do-ying and stamping their feet merrily, the prompter, a twenty-six year old farmer, was

calling the ^{figures}~~sets~~ with gusto, when ~~one of the fiddlers~~ interrupted him. The ^{interrupter}~~fiddler~~ objected that the prompter was calling to^o fast.

Well, the story, as told to the police, was that the prompter jumped up on to the musicians' platform with a pistol in his hand, announcing that criticisms were not invited. A couple of the older farmers present moved toward the platform to curb the young man who was brandishing his pistol. The enraged prompter promptly let loose, killed one of the peacemakers and wounded the other. After which this prompter who didn't like criticism, went home and went to bed where the police found him a few hours later.

I ~~hesitate to think what might happen to some of my~~

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prompter!