

Good Evening, Everybody:-

~~Week by week, almost day by day, the list of former
dry leaders who are flopping to the wet cause grows larger. Today~~

Speaker Garner of the House of Representatives came out ^{today} with a statement advocating repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Mr. Garner had been looked upon as one of the anchor men of the dries in the Democratic party.

He had been considered a dry because he'd been repeatedly asked to express himself on prohibition and had always declined to commit himself. Speaker Garner used the following words:

"When the prohibition amendment was proposed I, as a member of Congress, voted against it. I have never believed it sound or workable, and it should be repealed."

The Speaker's declaration contained no ~~modification~~ modification or qualification of any kind. Mr. Garner comes from

Texas, until now an emphatically dry state.

Mr. Garner, by the way, added an acknowledgement of his perfect willingness to serve the country as President, if ~~he is~~ chosen.

His statement on prohibition coming so soon after that of John D. Rockefeller, Junior, Dr. John R. Mott, former head of the Y.M.C.A., Alfred P. Sloan, head of General Motors, and Harvey Firestone, brings dismay to the dry ranks.

Meanwhile in Washington echoes of the bombshell thrown yesterday by Senator Borah were still ^{resounding} ~~echoing~~ all over the place. Denials and statements were being handed out on all sides. In fact it was difficult for a newspaperman to walk abroad in the nation's capital ~~yesterday~~ ^{today} without someone's thrusting a statement ~~against~~ ^{at} him.

Senator Borah had made the charge that two of President Hoover's cabinet ministers were really, though not admitting it, in favor of prohibition repeal. The two he mentioned were secretary of the treasury Mills and Postmaster General Brown. Of course, Mr. Mills issued a denial. Postmaster General Brown issued a denial. James R. Garfield, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee which wrote the platform, issued a denial. ^{TP} Life seems to be complicated for political leaders these ~~days~~ days. But at any rate these complications ~~certainly~~ ^{do} make news.

POLITICS

From Chicago comes the information that the Democratic advance guard is both excited and exhilarated. They are exhilarated because the formidable Senator ~~Borch~~^{from} of Idaho, has ~~jumped off the~~^{jumped off the} ~~bandwagon~~^{bandwagon.} ~~thrown over President~~ Hoover, They are excited over a desperate attempt to defeat the nomination of Governor Franklin Roosevelt ~~in~~^{of} New York. That's how it's described by George Van Slyke in the New York Sun.

Apparently all the other forces ^{against Mr. Roosevelt} are uniting under the leadership of former Governor Al Smith. But it now looks as though the eventual choice of the Democrats will be a compromise candidate as usual.

Van Slyke writes that the anti-Roosevelt Democrats are beginning to realize that the only chance of blocking a first ballot nomination of the New York Governor is to ^{find} ~~fight~~ a strong compromise figure who might be reasonably satisfactory to everybody. Who is he? Well, what's your guess?

BOMB

There's a strange item ^{tonight. It's}
~~News came~~ from Washington ^{today} that the White House

is under extra guard. According to a United Press dispatch ~~in~~ the
N.Y. World-Telegram,
~~Trenton Times~~, the Washington police have received warning that
a car supposed to be loaded with high explosives is on its way to
the capitol. Extra police details patrolled all the highways
leading to Washington.

It is reported that the request for this ^{extra patrol} came from

the Secret Service. On the other hand, the chief of the Service
^{But that's what Secret Service men always say. At any}
says he has no knowledge of this affair. ^{rate} Nevertheless, not only
in Washington but throughout Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and
New Jersey police are on the look-out for this ^{dynamite} car.

HARLOWE

There's a bit from Hollywood that ought to interest moving picture fans. A girl named Harlean Carpenter McGrew accompanied by a gentleman named Paul Bern, applied for a marriage license. The lady wore dark glasses and for quite a while her identity was not known.

But later in the day it leaked out that Harlean Carpenter McGrew is ~~Gene~~^{Jean} Harlowe, the famous platinum blonde. ~~girl~~. Miss Harlowe gave her age as twenty one years. This will be her second marriage. Her husband, Paul Bern, is a motion picture supervisor and producer. Incidentally, I am informed on ~~good~~^{high} authority that he's a ~~deuce of a nice~~^{real tip top} fellow and that ought to please the Hollywood fans.

REPARATIONS

L T Broadcast for Sunoco Oil
Tuesday, June 21, 1932.

Uncle Sam ^{is reported to have} sent a short, sharp, ~~and~~ concise statement to Europe today. The gist of it was - no cut in war debts until you cut your armament.

The United States cannot see why it should forego the money that is owed to this country, money that comes out of the taxpayers' pockets, if the European nations continue to spend their ready cash on armies and navies.

It is understood, so we learn from a United Press dispatch to the Indianapolis Times, that this announcement was conveyed in a ^{midnight} trans-atlantic telephone message from President Hoover. ~~early today.~~

The message was received by Ambassador Gibson, Norman H. Davis, and Premier ~~Harriot~~ ^{of} France at a tiny cafe in the sleepy village of Morges. Incidentally Morges is also the home of ^{Fan} ~~John~~ Ignace ~~Paderesx~~ Paderewski, the great pianist and first Premier of Poland.

Over an ordinary marble-topped cafe table, Uncle

Sam's ambassador and the foreign cabinet officials received and discussed this dramatic message. The delegates took elaborate preparations to keep the meeting secret, but they don't seem to have made much success of it. The Prime Minister of France had left his motor car in front of the principal hotel in the village as a decoy. As a decoy that car seems to have been what Broadway would call a flop.

The publication of this news brought a flat denial from Washington. Secretary of State Stimson issued the statement that the debt issue was not being brought into the disarmament discussion by American envoys. The American representatives at the Geneva conference are dealing solely with the question of disarmament, declared the head of our State Department. Nevertheless, correspondents insist that within forty-eight hours a formal statement will be made confirming the reports.

On the other hand, a late United Press dispatch to the New York Sun has great significance. The world arms conference leaped ahead today when France abandoned her previous attitude and accepted a plan for a heavy reduction of armaments. The

dispatch adds that France has agreed to drop the plan for establishing internationalized armed forces under the authority of the League of Nations. It seems that France accepts an immediate ten per cent all round reduction in armaments. Also a similar cut in budgets for war purposes and the suppression of heavy artillery and large bombing airplanes.

FOLLOW REPARATIONS.

Meanwhile at Lausanne Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of England, paid a visit to Chancellor Franz Von Papen of Germany, to which correspondents attach considerable importance. It is understood that they were discussing the payment of reparations.

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According to some reports Uncle Sam may receive an IOU for war debts owed by European nations, in the form of a German bond, This bond to guarantee a capacity payment of her reparations to the former allies. It was indicated that ~~this bond would be guaranteed~~, the security ^{would} ~~to~~ be the National Railways or the vast modernized motor transportation system of the German republic. The German delegates in Switzerland bitterly opposed the suggestion. But the visit between Ramsay MacDonald and Franz Von Papen is believed to mean that Germany is not to ^{set off scot} ~~go absolutely~~ free of paying.

CHILE

More Hot stuff from Chile. ~~once more~~ There was rioting in the streets of Santiago ^{today.} which ~~resulted in~~ Twenty five ^{dead.} ~~deaths~~ ~~and~~ Seventy-five ^{injured.} ~~injuries.~~

We learn from a United Press dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press that the situation is even more serious. The capital of Chile is threatened with a baker's strike.

The Socialist government of Senor Carlos Davila has declared strict martial law. The American ambassador has asked the Chilean government to provide special protection for Americans and their interests. This followed when five thousand men went on strike at the Braden Copper Mines.

This is the most serious rioting that has ^{occurred} ~~been~~ in South America since the overthrow of ^{the} Ibanez's dictatorship. It began when groups of extremists attacked outposts of the carabineros ~~in both~~ in both Santiago and Valparaiso. Machine guns are mounted on the balconies and grounds of the presidential palace. The government has arrested several non-commissioned ^{army} officers. ~~of one of the~~ ~~regiments in the army.~~

A significant thing was said in Tokio today. It amounts practically to the announcement of a Monroe Doctrine for Japan in the Pacific Ocean.

This occurred at a dinner given in the Japanese capital to honor the new American Ambassador, ^{Mr.} ~~Joseph~~ Grew. The speech was made by ~~Vize~~ Viscount Ishii, former ^{Japanese} Ambassador ~~from~~ ^{at} Japan ~~to~~ Washington.

The veteran Japanese statesman declared that war between Japan and America is possible in only two contingencies. One, in case Japan interferes in the western hemisphere. This, the Viscount added, is unthinkable. The second contingency would be if the United States attempted to dominate the Asiatic continent. Also if the United States attempted to prevent Japan from her natural expansion in that part of the world.

This, too, is unthinkable, according to Japanese opinion. It is obvious, say the Japanese, that their nation is crowded to the breaking point. The Japs cannot be indefinitely kept to a narrow strip of land.

CHINA

It looks like more fighting in Manchuria. ^{I guess my friend} ~~the~~ [^]
Floyd Gibbons came home to soon. The
Manchukuo State - the state which Japan has erected in Manchuria -
has demanded the seizure of the ^{Dairen} ~~Dairen~~ customs receipts. It
holds Marshal Chang Hseuh-Liang responsible for the action of
Chinese so-called volunteer armies. The refusal of this demand,
according to a dispatch from Tientsin, will probably result in
major ~~of~~ military operations in South Manchuria.

BOAT RACE

Well, all the boat race fans are rowing that big race over again today.

I'm sure glad I covered myself last night on ~~that big~~

intercollegiate ~~boat race~~ ^{race} at Poughkeepsie. For although Cornell

was slightly the favorite, ^{as I reported, what is now proclaimed} ~~what is known as~~ the second ~~winner~~ wonder

crew of the University of California, won a great victory on that

four mile course ~~over~~ ^{down} the Hudson River. ~~last night~~. As a matter

of fact, California was so far ahead that the Cornell crew had to

be content with ^{rising into second place after a} ~~being the victor of one of the grandest scraps~~

~~for second place~~ with Washington.

FIGHT

And now we're all set to go for the big fight. Tonight over in Long Island City, ^{Here} ~~Max~~ Max Schmeling will defend his title as heavyweight champion of the world against the Lithuanian American known in the fighting world as the terrible Sharkey man.

Incidentally, there'll be the somewhat curious spectacle of a foreigner being favored over an American. For Sharkey, after all, must be recognized as an American, since he served in Uncle Sam's navy, *and is a citizen.*

The sporting writers in the papers take a rather cynical kidding view of this encounter. Some of the big box fights within the last few years have had, ~~to their nostrils,~~ an unpleasant aroma. In short, the boys are not taking the box fight game ^{any too} ~~seriously~~ seriously these days.

For instance, here's what Joe Williams says in the New York World Telegram: "Tonight is the night the boys do it again. Jack and Max, in smart songs and patter."

The terrible Sharkey man ^{acquired certain} ~~earned his~~ unpopularity in

his fight with Max Schmeling, ^{two years ago} when he entered ^{the ring} with the American flag draped around his shoulders. It appears that the dislike that episode ^{got} ~~caught~~ for him was not fairly earned. It wasn't really Sharkey's fault. It was his seconds and manager who insisted on this bit of grandstand ^{hoorah which was putting it on too thick} ~~play that was too much for~~ even for a prize fight crowd.

Personally, I can still hear the boos that greeted ~~the terrible~~ Sharkey ~~was~~ when he entered the ring on that rather ludicrous occasion when he lost on a foul.

At any rate, tonight, ~~as the boys say,~~ is the night. Five hundred New York coppers have been detailed to handle the traffic on the roads surrounding the arena.

RACKET

Here's a new one. The latest wrinkle of the racketeers is to try to muscle into golf. I mean golf. You know, the game you play with clubs and an irritating little white ball.

The National Open Golf championship is to start ~~Th~~ Thursday at the Fresh Meadow Country Club, Flushing, Long Island. And, of course, whether you like the idea or not, there's a great deal of betting on the event. Well, it seems a gambling syndicate approached the officials of the Club demanding a concession. Just what form the concession was to take was not made clear. Evidently, the gamblers wanted exclusive permission to ply their trade on the links while the tournament ~~will be going~~^{is} on.

This permission was refused. By way of ~~reproach~~^{reprisal} the chairman of the tournament received a threat that if this permission was not granted, the greens of the Country Club would be destroyed.

Of course, spoiling the fairways and greens of a golf links would be a pretty easy matter. So the management of the tournament reported the matter to the New York police department.

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As ^a~~the~~ result, policemen are ^{parked}~~standing~~ all over the
You can't tee off without beaming a cop.
 course. [^] And as many more are standing outside to guard against
 this unique ^{attempt at muscling in.}~~suggestion of vandalism.~~
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Oh, here's
And ~~now I have~~ a new member for the Tall Story Club.

He's Dr. Frank Beck of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Dr. Beck, in addition to being Dr. Beck, is President of the Park Hills Golf Club in Altoona.

He writes me that his club recently purchased a new kind of Kentucky Blue Grass. They sowed it in the rough around No. 9 Green. It grew so thick and fast, says Dr. Beck, that last week one of the ladies got lost. It took ten men a whole day to mow that grass before they found that lady.golf player. ~~According to last reports from the hospital her condition was only fair.~~

All right, Dr. Beck, you're a member of the Tall Story Club in good standing.

Ben Crower is making motions to the effect that
And ~~the~~ announcer ~~says that~~ the grass will be growing

~~up~~ around me if I don't get away from ~~his~~ this mike and say:

So Long Until Tomorrow --