

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 ** The end of that bandit hunt
2 in the Southwest seems to have been
3 one of the most startling bits of
4 melodrama in police history.

5 The United Press wires that
6 the two ~~xxx~~ Young brothers who had
7 killed six police officers in Missouri,
8 stood face to face and fired shots into
9 each other. They were trapped in a
10 house at Houston, Texas. They had
11 sworn that they'd never be taken alive.
12 And so they seem to have made a
13 suicide pact and killed each other.

14 The International News
15 Service reports that there was an
16 exchange of shots between the two
17 desperados and the officers who had
18 trapped them. Then the police heard a
19 voice from inside calling: Come on in.
20 We are dead.

21 The officers took no chances,
22 however, but drenched the place with
23 tear gas. When it was over they found
24 the two bandits, one dead, the other
25 dying.

1 The Associated Press explains
2 that the Houston police got a tip that
3 the two bandits were in a certain house. *and*
4 Then swiftly followed the climax and
5 the end.

1 Perhaps the most interesting
2 event in Congress today was the
3 introduction of a bill to consolidate
4 the Army and Navy Departments. The
5 bill was entered by Representative
6 Byrns, Tennessee Democrat, who ~~was~~ is
7 Chairman of the House ~~of~~ Appropriations
8 Committee.

9 The International News Service
10 described ^s the idea as a scheme to have
11 just one Department of National Defense.
12 It would be headed by a Cabinet Minister,
13 and would have under-secretaries
14 representing Army and Navy and Air
15 forces.

16 Representative Byrns declares
17 that the consolidation of Army and Navy
18 into one department would help both
19 economy and efficiency. ^{It would seem odd indeed not to have a War Dept. & a Navy Dept. which have been characteristic & prominent in Amer. public life.} Meanwhile,
20 in both the Senate and the House of
21 Representatives the law makers went
22 pounding ahead on programs of taxation,
23 tariff, and the gigantic finance
24 corporation which President Hoover has
25 proposed to thaw the frozen credits.

(They say that President Hoover has asked his friends not to do anything in particular about the Republican nomination.)

Some of them seem to be in a mood to start campaigning for the President and ~~in~~ make an effort to secure delegates that are to be elected to the Republican National Convention. But the President wants all such activities postponed.

The United Press wires that the White House is ignoring a lot of private talk among the Republicans to the effect that they don't particularly want Mr. Hoover as the Republican nominee for 1932.

(There is increasing talk of putting somebody else up as the Republican candidate. The political wiseacres are still mentioning Ambassador Dawes and Senator ^{Hiram} Johnson of California, and some of them don't seem to be able to drop the idea that ~~may be~~ it may be

possible to induce Ex-President Coolidge to run again.)

But President Hoover is reported as not ~~xxxx~~ paying much ^{heed} ~~attention~~ ~~of~~ to all that. He is devoting all of his attention to his reconstruction program, which he is trying to put through Congress. It is just a case of sticking to the immediate job on hand — and crossing the bridge when you come to it.

1 In Washington today the
2 Japanese Ambassador handed the State
3 Department a formal expression of regret
4 for ~~the~~ attack made by Japanese
5 soldiers upon ~~the~~ American Vice-Consul ^{Chamberlain}
6 at Mukden. ^

7 The United Press quotes the
8 Japanese Ambassador as follows:

9 "Acting under instructions
10 from my government in Tokio, I have
11 expressed to the Secretary of State its
12 sincere regrets for the unfortunate
13 occurrence in Mukden."

14 The Associated Press wires
15 that ~~the~~ Secretary of State Stimson said
16 he was glad the Japanese Government had
17 acted so promptly, but, he added, that
18 the apology has not yet been formally
19 accepted. Further reports from
20 Manchuria will have to be received
21 before Washington will consider the
22 matter closed.

(Tonight the Japanese Army in Manchuria is marching southward toward the Great Wall of China. ^{Evidently Chin Chow was not enough.} The soldiers of the Mikado are closing in on the town of Shanhaikwan, and if they take ^{it} the city, why it will be the first time ~~that~~ Japanese troops in the present disturbance have set foot on the territory of China proper.)

Manchuria is regarded as an outer province. The real China of the ancient celestial Empire begins just ^{a little} ^{distance} north of the Great Wall. The town of Shanhaikwan stands at the point where the Great Wall meets the sea.

The United Press wires the opinion that there will be heavy fighting when the Japanese do advance into what is strictly Chinese territory. Heavy forces of Chinese troops are massed ready to give battle.

At Mukden a force of Chinese irregular soldiers raided a prison and released a whole bunch of Chinese bandits ^{who} ~~that~~ were being held by the Japanese.

1 Upon ^{getting loose} ~~being released~~ the bandits started
2 out to do a bit of plundering. They
3 clashed with Japanese troops who killed
4 130 of the outlaws.

5 In the ^{Manchurian} city of Harbin, which is
6 under Russian influence, a group of
7 Chinese Nationalists and students went
8 on the rampage and attacked Russians
9 and threatened other foreigners.

10 There was a battle in which four
11 persons are reported to have been
12 killed. There has been a good deal of
13 bad feeling ⁱⁿ ~~in Harbin~~ between the
14 Russians and the Chinese.

1 Martial law is in effect tonight
2 throughout the Republic of Honduras.
3 A revolutionary movement has broken out
4 down there in the Central American
5 Republic.

6 The International News Service
7 explains the trouble by saying that
8 several hundred men were discharged from
9 their jobs by the United Fruit Company.
10 The men didn't like ~~xx~~ it and they
11 promptly proceeded to start a revolt.

12 The trouble spread. A group of rebels
13 raided a town but were beaten off by the
14 Federal garrison and the last reports
15 indicate that the soldiers of the
16 Government have driven the Revolutionaries
17 away.

1 An agreement has been formed
2 between Soviet Russia and Roumania on the
3 subject of the disputed province of
4 Bes^Sarabia.

5 This is a rich stretch of
6 agricultural territory which Roumania
7 took from Russia at the end of the World
8 War. And ever since it has been a bone
9 of contention between the Roumanian
10 Government and Soviet Russia.

11 The controversy has been a constant
12 source of trouble, but now it has been
13 settled.

14 The International News Service
15 cables that Russia and Roumania have
16 entered into a non-agression pact. They
17 have agreed to respect each other's
18 territorial rights and promise to settle
19 any disputes between them by peaceful
20 means.

21 Just as a part of this non-agression
22 pact comes the agreement about Bes^Sarabia.

23 The Soviets recognize the Roumanian
24 rights to the Province. The Red ~~authorities~~
25 authorities at Moscow say: "All right

1 you can have ^{Bessarabia} ~~Roumania~~ and we won't make
2 any further claims. " for the present."

3 And that seems to settle what
4 was one of the many thorny disputes
5 bothering the world.

I think I'll take time out and turn the microphone over for a minute to the Man of the Trees. He is full of burning enthusiasm for trees, ^{In fact I think} and I know ~~that~~ ^{he'll marry a tree before he gets through.} he'd like to give us a bit of his eager concern for woods, and glens, and forests. He is Captain Richard ^{St.} Barbe-Baker, who has started a ^{world-wide} ~~great~~ movement of re-forestation. He wants people to renew the shady woodlands, which civilization is so apt to destroy.

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1 stands 300 feet high. Then to India, and to Ceylon, where
2 there are tribes of tree worshipers, and where the Captain
3 worshipped along with them.
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5 And finally, to Palestine, where they planted twenty
6 million trees, each of which evoked a thrill in this knight of
7 the bows and branches.
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9 Well, I'm getting a bit enthusiastic over this myself.
10 In fact there is nothing I like better than to be in the shade of
11 the old apple tree.^{But} I could never equal the fiery exultation of
12 the Man of the Trees. Now see if you can guess his nationality.
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1 There is a romantic background to this remarkable world
2 movement which first came into being in the heart of Africa in 1922,
3 when, in response to an appeal that was made to them, African
4 Tribesmen banded themselves together to stop the oncoming desert
5 by tree-planting. When they could not think of a better deed to do
6 they used to come round in the evening to my camp and plant little
7 Mutarakwa or Pencil cedar trees.
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9 The story of how these one-time forest destroyers
10 have saved their forests and planted many millions of trees has
11 fired the imagination of youth the world over. Other countries
12 are now turning their attention to tree planting. In Palestine
13 the Men of the Trees have planted twenty million young Jerusalem
14 pine and cypress during the last three years.
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16 People are beginning to realize that tree planting
17 is a touchstone of true citizenship. By planting a tree man is
18 forever safeguarding the future.
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20 Sometimes I'm asked, "Where did you get your great
21 love for trees?" I believe I got it from my father. As young
22 as three years he started planting things. In his playroom at
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1 this early age he planted three apple pips in three little
2 pots. Month by month he watered and tended them.

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4 Radio is doing much to stimulate interest throughout
5 the world in the cause of trees. You have your own great
6 ambassador here, in Mr. Lowell Thomas, of the Literary Digest.

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8 Whole nations, as well as tribes, may be brought together
9 in this great movement based on beautifying the world by the plant-
10 ing of one of God's loveliest creations -- the tree.

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12 I am glad to be back here in New York. It feels quite
13 like coming home again. And I am looking forward to meeting
14 many of you in the course of my tours during the next three
15 months.

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17 I bring greetings to Tree Lovers from our great
18 brotherhood -- men of the trees throughout the world, and wish
19 you in your planting, prosperity.

Now let see - boomalatcha, ~~xxxxxx~~
spickity-ree, singum - sess, and
kalikawhick-kawhack-kazam.

Those noble sounds are printed
in this week's Literary Digest. No,
it isn't a case of a printer gone crazy.
I'll just quote another line from ~~that~~ the
~~Literary Digest~~ article to indicate what
it's all about:

"The more goofy forms of the
college cheer have been losing their
popularity among the undergraduates in
recent years."

So it's a case of the dear
old college cheer getting a large dose
of the raspberries.

The Literary Digest takes us
to an article by Westbrook Pegler in the
Chicago Tribune. Pegler has quite a bit
of fun at the expense of those weird
and fantastic shouts which used to be
considered a lofty expression of the
~~RaxxRaxxRax~~ Rah Rah spirit.

We are told that the college
students of today are becoming more and

more sophisticated. They are growing somewhat ashamed of those old college yells. For example, ~~xxx~~ take the traditional yell of Georgia Tech. Here's the way it goes:

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with
Ala veevo, ala vivo

with
Ala veevo, vivo vum rum

Johnny
Boom, get a rat trap

Bigger than a cat trap, and so on.

They say that the smart and satirical young stude of today doesn't get any big thrill over the collegiate spirit when he howls anything like that. He is also inclined to lift an eyebrow when he hears anybody howling the college yell of the University of Illinois, which goes:

Osky-wow-wow, skinny-wow-wow.

And yet there was a time when these masterpieces of nonsense were taken quite seriously. In fact I took them seriously myself.

The Literary Digest quotes Westbrook Pegler as declaring that he got the specimens which he ~~xxx~~ gives us as examples, out of a textbook of

1 cheering and cheer leading. *Textbooks, mind you.*

2 In fact, there seems to be a general
3 decline of the older forms of Ballyhoo.

4 This was to be observed as early as the
5 World War, when the soldiers, instead of
6 singing inspiring patriotic anthems,

7 preferred to yodle such irreverent ditties
8 as Hinky, Dinkey parlez vous, *and the Moon Shines*
Over the Cowshed.

9 As an illustration of this sort
10 of thing, the Literary Digest gives us
11 an ~~neat~~ anecdote which ~~Westbrook~~ Pegler
12 relates:

13 "A young English lieutenant,
14 leading his men out of the line after a
15 hard time, was much embarrassed when he
16 encountered on the road one of those
17 professional Pollyannas, a morale officer,
18 who demanded, "Lieutenant, why don't your
19 men sing?"

20 "Sing, men", the young officer
21 ordered, wearily, and the muddy survivors
22 broke into a lugubrious wail of the
23 forbidden song: "Tyke me over the sea,
24 w're the Germans can't get at me. Ow,
25 my, I don't want to die. I want to go 'ome."

Capt. St. Barbe - Baker could
probably do more justice to that one than
~~some.~~ I can.

At any rate, I guess it's pretty much of
the same spirit which is making the
college lads of today turn their noses
up at such goofy nonsense as -
boomalatchi,
boomalatcha, spickity-ree, ~~singum~~
~~seese~~ and kalikawhick-kawhack-kazam.

Well, maybe Westbrook Pegler
is right. My own view of the college yell
situation is s-l-u-t-o-m.