

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 (China has issued an ultimatum
2 to Japan. That word "ultimatum" has
3 an ominous ring. It means the last word,
4 and too often it has been the last word
5 just before a war.

6 The International News Service
7 explains that at Geneva today, Doctor
8 Alfred Sze, the Chinese delegate,
9 informed the League of Nations that
10 China had presented that ultimatum to
11 the Mikado's Government, and makes the
12 sharp and insistent demand that Japan
13 must evacuate Manchuria at once.

14 The Chinese say that they will
15 be satisfied with only one thing--that
16 the Japanese troops shall promptly clear
17 out of the disputed province.)

18 The ^{Chinese} Government at Nanking has
19 made that demand before. The Japanese
20 haven't given suitable satisfaction and
21 now comes a second demand which the
22 Chinese say is an ultimatum--the last
23 word. This new move is very likely to
24 result in a break in diplomatic relations
25 between the two countries, and of course

1 there is always a possibility of open
2 war.

3 The Council of the League of
4 ~~xxxxxxx~~ Nations will meet next Tuesday.
5 it was supposed to gather on Wednesday,
6 but the session has been advanced a day
7 because of this new critical situation
8 in the Far East.

9 The ultimatum will be taken up
10 by the League ~~of~~ Council, which will do
11 what it can to remove the likelihood of
12 war. ~~Meanwhile, it is rumored that the~~
13 ~~United States is preparing to send~~
14 ~~another note to the Far East, demanding~~
15 ~~that the quarrel shall be settled by~~
16 ~~peaceful arbitration.~~

17 An Associated Press ^{wire} ~~able~~ from
18 Washington ^{D.C.} declares that the United States
19 Government expects to take a hand in the
20 Manchurian situation as soon as it is
21 convinced that the pledges given to the
22 League of Nations by China and Japan are
23 not being fulfilled. *The Administration is said to be*
24 *gravely concerned.* Another bombing is reported in
25 which a Japanese airplane dropped high

1 explosives on a Manchurian railroad
2 station.

3 Other planes of the Mikado's
4 fighting forces have been reconnoitering
5 over China just north of Peiping.

(The A. P. wires the report

1 ~~They say~~ that President Hoover's
2 next move in the world of finance will
3 be to propose a general scaling down ~~of~~
4 of both reparations and war debts.

5 It is explained that the President
6 is dead-set against any idea of cancelling
7 war debts. He wanted to lengthen out
8 the moratorium. But the Democrats vetoed
9 that, and so, President Hoover ~~is said to~~
10 ~~be thinking of still another idea and~~
11 ~~this, as the Associated Press relates,~~
12 ~~is the~~ ^{will} proposal ^{a scaling} ~~to scale~~ ^{of} down reparations
13 and war debts.)

14 Three hundred women appeared in
15 Washington today and presented a petition
16 to President Hoover. They urged him,
17 says the United Press, to use his
18 influence to help along the coming
19 disarmament conference at Geneva. The
20 women delegates declared that they
21 represented 150,000 of the leading women
22 throughout the country and spoke for
23 them in urging universal disarmament
24 within the next year.
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1 From Mexico City comes a report
2 of a spectacular stunt performed by
3 Venezuelan revolutionaries. They siezed
4 a Mexican ship in a ~~spectacular~~^{piratical} way on
5 the high seas.

6 The Associated Press ~~gives~~^{tells} the
7 story ~~by saying~~ that on September 29th
8 a group of men supposed to be workers
9 bound for the chicle fields,^{the chewing gum fields,} of Yukatan
10 boarded the Steamship Superior at
11 Vera Cruz.

12 The Superior headed for Yukatan.
13 When when she was well out to sea the
14 supposed chicle workers suddenly
15 siezed the vessel. They silenced the
16 radio and took control. They were
17 Venezuelan revolutionists, 110 of them.

18 Apparently they must have been able
19 to put a cargo of arms and ammunition
20 aboard somewhere because the report today
21 is that the Superior has been landing
22 the force of revolutionaries on the
23 Venezuelan Coast, with a considerable
24 stock of rifles, cartridges and so on,
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1 (Well, at last the United States
2 Army prefers monoplanes. The War
3 Department has just issued nearly ~~2~~ two
4 million dollars worth of contracts for new
5 airplane equipment. And nearly all of the
6 money is to be spent for new military
7 monoplanes.

8 Uncle Sam for a long time
9 remained faithful to the old bi-plane
10 type.) ~~The machine with the double wing~~
11 ~~was the standard type of airplane some~~
12 ~~years ago.~~ The Wright brothers made their
13 first flight in a bi-plane. Of course,
14 the monoplane wasn't slow in putting in
15 an appearance. It was in the single-wing
16 type that Bleriot made his historical
17 flight across the English Channel. But
18 for a long time the bi-plane held the sky.

19 ~~But~~ ^{however,} Recently there has been a
20 change. During the past several years
21 France, Italy and Great Britain have
22 changed over to monoplanes.

23 The single-wing machine is *swifter*
24 ~~safer~~ and maneuvers better than the old
25 double-winger, *so they say.*

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The United States Army Air Corps remained faithful to the bi-plane type after ~~the rest of the world~~ ^{many} had abandoned it. But that's ~~all~~ changed, as the New York Sun tells us today. The American fighting plane of the future will be a monoplane.



1 Well, it was a big day in
2 Oklahoma. Things buzzed and hummed in
3 the oil fields. Those oil fields have
4 been pretty dead for some time but today
5 they returned to life with a bang.

6 The United Press explains that
7 Governor Alfalfa Bill Murray's ban on
8 oil production came to an end today.
9 Alfalfa Bill had closed those oil fields
10 at the point of the bayonet.

11 The idea was to stop production
12 until the price of oil went up a bit.

13 With the re-opening of the
14 fields 2000 men went to work today and
15 once more the Oklahoma oil bonanza
16 took on its old appearance of swarming
17 activity.

1 Well, it seems that Henry Ford
2 didn't say so at all. I mean about
3 gardens.

4 There's been plenty of discussion
5 about the order which Ford is said to have
6 given -- namely, that all of his workmen
7 must plant ^{vegetable} gardens, or lose their jobs.

8 The Baraga County Grange, an
9 association of Michigan farmers, made a
10 protest to the Ford organization. They
11 said that if the workmen ~~■~~ were compelled
12 to have gardens and grow their own
13 vegetables, why that would only make the
14 situation of the farmers worse. And now
15 the Associated Press relates that the
16 Ford organization makes the reply that
17 it's all wrong. Henry Ford gave no such
18 order. It was all a misunderstanding.

19 The fact is that the great
20 automobile manufacturer just made a chance
21 remark. He was inspecting some property
22 at Iron Mountain and observed that it
23 would be a good thing if the men who
24 worked in his plant took more pride in
25 their homes. It would be nice if they

1 had lawns and gardens. Somebody heard
2 this and misconstrued it to mean an
3 order that the Ford employes must grow
4 ~~vegetables~~ ^{cabbages, parsnips and rutabaga,} as well as work in the
5 factory.

6 The Ford organization explains
7 that this would be foolish, because most
8 of the Ford employes live in flats and
9 apartments. And about the only place the
10 average Ford employe^e could grow ~~vegetables~~ ^{cabbages}
11 would be in the bathtub. So there's another
12 laugh gone wrong.

1 One of the famous romances of
2 recent years came to an end in Chicago
3 today. A wire to the International News
4 Service states that Harold McCormick was
5 granted a divorce from Ganna Walska.

6 Their marriage in 1922 was one
7 of the sensations of the year. Harold
8 McCormick inherited a great fortune from
9 his father, the Harvester King. His
10 first wife was the daughter of John D.
11 Rockefeller, but they had parted.

12 Well, Ganna Walska wanted to be
13 an opera singer. That was her great and
14 overwhelming ambition. She had already
15 been married and was wealthy. Her
16 marriage to Harold McCormick brought her
17 operatic ambitions right square in the
18 middle of the spotlight. They filled
19 columns in the newspapers.

20 The wife of the Chicago magnate
21 appeared in concerts and operatic
22 performances, and these were widely
23 noted. There were controversies about her
24 singing. Some of the critics said it
25 wasn't so ~~good~~^{hot}. Anyway, she never did

1 achieve her intense ambition to become a
2 universally-applauded prima donna.

3 In his divorce action today
4 Harold McCormick charged desertion. He
5 declared that his wife had left him in
6 March of 1929. Apparently it was a
7 friendly parting, with a division of
8 property. But at any rate, there's now
9 a ■ FINAL parting between the millionaire
10 and the woman who would be a prima donna.

1 (Something of a sensation cropped
2 up this afternoon at the trial of
3 Scarface Al Capone in Chicago. Federal
4 officers found a 38-caliber revolver on
5 a man who has been sitting beside the
6 gang leader all through the trial. They
7 call him "Capone's shadow." That is, he
8 follows the big shot around on the look-
9 out for enemies who might be gunning for
10 Scarface Al. In other words, he's
11 Capone's guard.)

12 His name is D'Andria.

13 This afternoon, says the
14 International News Service, when the
15 session in court was over, Federal
16 officers took D'Andria into custody and
17 frisked him, and they found that 38-
18 caliber ~~pistol~~^{gat} on him. He's now being
19 held for investigation.

20 One report is that D'Andria is
21 listed as a deputy sheriff, and in
22 consequence has a right to carry a gun.
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1 If any of you folks want to
2 take a look at three graceful and
3 exceedingly interesting pictures, why
4 turn to page 28 of the current issue of
5 the Literary Digest.

6 You'll find pictures of flying
7 fish. That doesn't sound very beautiful
8 or esthetic, I know. But the fact is
9 that flying fish are graceful creatures.
10 Those three Literary Digest Pictures
11 prove that. The photographs of flying
12 fish will remind you of the delicate
13 wings and bodies of certain types of
14 insects.

15 The article that accompanies
16 the pictures raises the interesting
17 question: DO FLYING FISH REALLY FLY?
18 That has long been a puzzler ~~that~~ which
19 scientists have been trying to figure
20 out. You will find that the Digest
21 editors have gathered some interesting
22 facts bearing on the question.

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1 I want to say right off the bat ^{that}
2 I know ~~that~~ it's usually a nuisance to
3 hear an author tell about his own book.
4 But just the same I want to say a word
5 about that book "Tall Stories," which ^{the}
6 announcer ~~Walt Foster~~ mentioned last
7 night. I feel perfectly free to talk
8 about it because, as a matter of fact, I
9 didn't write it. I'm not the real author
10 at all. The boys who should get up and
11 take a bow when anybody begins to shout,
12 AUTHOR, AUTHOR -- why they're the members
13 of the Tall Story Club. They remembered,
14 or concocted, ^{and} wrote down those
15 hilarious whoppers that are printed in
16 this tall-story book. I'm just the
17 editor. I ^{simply} collected those high, wide,
18 and handsome tales that came in through
19 the mail, and ^{then} arranged them in chapters.
20 That tall-story book which expounds the
21 rise and triumph of the Great American
22 Whopper is the inspiration and the work
23 of the Tall Story Club ^{and its thousands of members.}
24 Yes, and let's not forget Herb
25 Roth, who drew the pictures. Herb is one

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1 of the best-known pen-and-ink artists in
2 the country. He's a big brawny fellow
3 with a huge laugh. He's just the type to
4 catch the infectious laughter of those
5 shameless whoppers which the brothers *have*
6 sent in. Yes, he's caught the laughs and
7 put them down on paper in the form of
8 howlingly funny pictures.

9 Herb did such a noble job that
10 he is hereby elected Exalted Illustrator
11 of the Tall Story Club. He tells ~~them~~^{em}
12 tall in pictures, just as you folks tell
13 'em tall in funny stories.

YALE

The football cauldron boils hotter and hotter each Saturday, There were a number of big games today.

And next Saturday is going to witness a particularly interesting game. In fact, it will be a football game that will break all precedent. Yale is invading the West.

Well, through all the years of football history, Yale, the old conservative, has stuck to the East. Never has the Big Blue team invaded those wide-open spaces where men are men and football is one hard-boiled game. Of course, Western teams have come East to play at Yale, but this is the first time that Old Eli is sending her stalwart sons toward the setting sun to do battle on Western gridirons. As one sporting expert told me next year Yale will probably be playing the House of David.

Well, Saturday's game is at the University of Chicago, and that makes it a big day for Alonzo Stagg, the famous coach of the Chicago team.

And this is Stagg's 40th year as a football coach. He's the grand old man of the gridiron game.

1 ~~man of the gridiron game.~~

2 Well, those Blue Jerseys of Yale
3 will look familiar to Stagg. He himself
4 is a Yale man. Years ago he was one of
5 Old Eli's greatest ~~athletes~~ athletes. And
6 now he celebrates the beginning of his
7 40th year by playing his own boys against
8 the first team ever sent West by his old
9 Alma Mater.

1 I was going through the news
2 at the headquarters of the Literary
3 Digest this afternoon. The other Digest
4 offices were closed, and everything
5 was tranquil and quiet--when suddenly I
6 heard an uproar from down the hall.
7 There shouts and cheers and a general
8 hullabaloo.

9 I went down the line to
10 investigate and there I found Richard,
11 the colored ^{major domo of the establishment,} ~~man of all tasks,~~ and two
12 colored elevator ^{navigators standing} ~~runners rooting~~ around
13 the United Press ticker.

14 Yes, you can bet they were
15 excited, because that ticker was pounding
16 out play by play reports of that 9th
17 Inning finish in St. Louis.

18 ~~Well, I just joined them and~~
19 ~~watched the inning out. Well, the~~
20 ~~situation certainly was thrilling--the~~
21 ~~last half of the 9th.~~

22 The score was 4 to 0 in favor
23 of the Cards--Connie Mack's Philadelphia
24 Athletics at bat-- two outs and three
25 ~~men~~ on base.

Connie Mack puts in a pinch-hitter. Yes, sir, up walks Cramer, pinch-hitting for the pitcher. And then came a long struggle between Cramer and Burleigh Grimes.

It's strike one, ball one, and foul ball until finally the count is two strikes and two balls. Then crash -- Cramer shot a single to center-field. Two runners came racing over the home-plate.

And maybe you think Richard and those two elevator aviators didn't go into a tail spin.

And now the score is 4 to 2 and the Athletics have men on second base and third.

Burleigh Grimes has been pitching a good game for St. Louis, but, well he seems to have weakened, They yank him out and Hallahan takes the mound. Bishop is at bat for the Athletics and now once more it's a long struggle between hitter and pitcher.

(Ball one. Ball two. And the count went to that always dramatic point of two strikes and three balls.

Hallahan took a windup and zipped the ball across

the plate again. Bishop swung hard. Crack! And the ball went sailing.

No, no, that didn't spell victory for Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. It spelled something else -- defeat, and the loss of the World's Series, because Bishop hit a fly to the outfield and the ball was caught by Pepper Martin, the boy-wonder. ^{The Saint Louis Cardinals have won} ~~of~~ [^] the 1931 World's Series.)

And so that World's Series has taken its bow and made its exit, saying So long until 1932.

But I'll say -- SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY,