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4 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY :

5 Old Man Winter has come right  
6 back at us with a vigorous shake of his  
7 icy whiskers - at least he has in some  
8 parts of the country.

9 There has been heavy snow in  
10 the Southwest, <sup>and sections</sup> ~~Parts~~ of Oklahoma and  
11 Missouri are blanketed with three  
12 inches of white winter. *Then -*

13 There have been gales in the  
14 Middle West; a forty mile an hour  
15 wind has been piling up snow drifts  
16 which threaten to tie up railroad and  
17 automobile traffic in Central Illinois.

18 In the East the Hudson River  
19 is jammed with ice <sup>near</sup> ~~along the~~ Albany.

20 ~~ways~~ According to the International  
21 News Service fifty barges are tied  
22 up in the river at the mouth of the  
23 Erie Canal. An ice breaker has been  
24 sent <sup>up the Hudson</sup> and is crashing its way through  
25 the frozen jam.

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1 Violent wintry gales <sup>are still</sup> ~~have been~~  
 2 whipping the North Atlantic. Ships have  
 3 run to shelter. J. P. Morgan's <sup>famous</sup> yacht,  
 4 the Corsair, <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ one of the vessels  
 5 that raced to safety. Aboard is <sup>His Grace</sup> the  
 6 Archbishop of Canterbury who is  
 7 convalescing from an attack of neuralgia.  
 8 The Corsair put in at Gibraltar.

9 The liner President Harding,  
 10 which lost a propeller <sup>in the storm,</sup> has been repaired  
 11 at Southampton <sup>and is ready to put to sea again.</sup>

12 France reports snow, rain and  
 13 floods.

14 Yes, Old Man Winter is giving  
 15 us another flip of his icy whiskers all  
 16 right, but it won't be long, I suppose,  
 17 before the lovely lady called Spring  
 18 will chase him right out of the front  
 19 gate.

# DISASTERS

1                    There are an unusual number  
2 of disastrous <sup>incidents reported</sup> ~~accidents~~ in the news  
3 this evening.

4                    In North Carolina eleven  
5 Negro convicts were burned to death  
6 in a prison fire.

7                    According to the Associated  
8 Press they were trapped in a steel cell  
9 when the blaze broke out.

10                    At New York a tug blew up  
11 in a dry dock. Five men lost their  
12 lives and three others were injured.  
13 The New York Evening Post states that  
14 the boiler of the tug exploded.

15                    In Mexico a train wreck  
16 occurred. <sup>The coaches were</sup> ~~It was~~ crowded with soldiers  
17 who were returning from military  
18 maneuvers. According to the Associated  
19 Press the rails were defective and  
20 the train ran right off the track.  
21 Seven soldiers were killed.

1 Two Yugo Slav river steamers  
2 collided in the Danube today. One  
3 sank and ~~100~~<sup>18</sup> people lost their lives.  
4 Among these was a Yugo Slav police  
5 officer ~~xxx~~ and four prisoners whom  
6 he was taking to jail.

7 The prisoners were chained  
8 to the officer to keep them from  
9 escaping and the chains made it  
10 impossible for them<sup>group</sup> to swim.

# EARTHQUAKE

1                   They've <sup>also</sup> had an earthquake in the  
2 Balkan Peninsula. Two shocks were  
3 reported. Very little damage was done,  
4 although the houses in several Serbian  
5 and Bulgarian villages teetered and  
6 rocked rather crazily and thousands of  
7 peasants were badly frightened.

8                   A late<sup>r</sup> flash from the  
9 International News Service states that  
10 heavy damage was done in Southern  
11 Serbia. Communications are cut off.  
12 The people are reported to have taken  
13 to the hills for fear their houses  
14 would ~~fall around~~ <sup>tumble</sup> about their ears.

*And*  
1 They had a little excitement down  
2 in Cuba today. Five bombs exploded in  
3 various parts of Havana.

4 According to the Associated Press  
5 one person was hurt and some damage was  
6 done.

7 The police saw one party of  
8 bombers speeding away in an automobile.  
9 But so far none of the culprits have been  
10 caught.

11 Life in Havana is as gay as usual.  
12 Political unrest has had very little  
13 effect on merriment in the picturesque  
14 metropolis of the West Indies. If  
15 anything it has added a bit of zest.  
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1 A bomb ~~was~~ exploded in a church  
2 ~~down~~ in Mexico. The congregation were  
3 at mass in a cathedral at Jalapa, in  
4 the ~~City~~<sup>State</sup> of Vera Cruz, when the  
5 infernal machine went off. There was  
6 a panic among the worshippers--15 people  
7 were hurt and part of the wall of the  
8 Cathedral was demolished.

9 Somewhere imbedded in its base are  
10 supposed to be three hairs from the  
11 beard of Buddha.

12 Well, the fire took place  
13 at the Shwe Dagon within a stone's  
14 throw of these three whiskers.

15 According to the Associated Press  
16 the blaze consumed several Tazaungas.  
17 These are minor shrines belonging to the  
18 Shwe Dagon.

19 The great pagoda stands on a huge  
20 species of platform which is partly  
21 natural mound and partly built up. All  
22 around on the outside of this platform  
23 are these smaller shrines called  
24 Tazaungas, in each is a niche or  
25 altar of golden image of Buddha.

1                   And then comes <sup>new</sup> a fire in one of  
2 the most romantic corners of the world.

3                   In far off Burma, on the shores of  
4 the Irrawady River, is the great and  
5 bizarre city of Rangoon. The most  
6 amazing sight of Rangoon is the Shwe  
7 Dagon, the <sup>giant</sup> ~~great~~ golden pagoda which is  
8 one of the holiest shrines of Buddhism.  
9 Somewhere imbedded in its base are  
10 supposed to be three hairs from the  
11 beard of Buddha.

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13 at the Shwe Dagon within a stone's  
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19                   The great pagoda stands on a huge  
20 species of platform which is partly  
21 natural mound and partly built up. All  
22 around on the outside of this platform  
23 are those smaller shrines called  
24 Tazaungs; in each is a marble or  
25 alabaster or golden image of Buddha.



1 They contain priceless treasures of the  
2 Buddhist religion.

3 Well, several of these Tazaungs  
4 were destroyed by the fire, and today  
5 the Buddhists of Burma are stricken with  
6 grief because of the loss of some of the  
7 most precious and holy relics of Buddhism.  
8 But the three hairs from the beard of  
9 Buddha are still safe.

1 Strange word comes from the  
2 mysterious land of Tibet. High up on  
3 that vast cold wind-swept plateau of the  
4 Himalayas the Tibetan has lived for  
5 centuries unchanged and unchanging.  
6 Strangers were not welcome. The  
7 Tibetan did not want to learn the  
8 ways of other people.

9 But now it seems that the  
10 ways of the modern world are seeping  
11 even into Forbidden Tibet. The young  
12 people are taking up the manners of  
13 the western world, safety razors,  
14 lipstick, wrist watches, soda water  
15 and fire water.

16 It is true that the automobile  
17 has not made much progress in the land  
18 of the lamas. <sup>His Serene Highness</sup> The Dalai Lama got  
19 himself a gas buggy and went ~~bumping~~  
20 bumping around the countryside in it.  
21 But the subordinate lamas, priests of  
22 Buddhism, called it the Devil Wagon,  
23 and grew more furious every time they  
24 saw it. Well, the Dalai Lama is the  
25 all powerful ruler of Tibet, <sup>in fact he is looked upon as half man</sup> ~~but the~~  
<sup>and half god, but the</sup>

1 outcry against the Devil Wagon was so  
 2 great that he had to give it up. And  
 3 now the Devil Wagon is collecting rust  
 4 in a mule stall of a monastery.

5 But the young Tibetans are taking  
 6 up modern ideas - the safety razor for  
 7 example. The fashion among the Tibetan  
 8 men is for smooth faces, but that  
 9 doesn't mean razors. The Tibetans  
 10 pluck out their <sup>sparse</sup> beards with tweezers,  
 11 one hair at a time. That's where the  
 12 safety razor comes in. It is much less  
 13 painful. Even a particularly dull blade  
 14 won't hurt so much as yanking ~~at the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~sem~~  
 15 ~~hair~~ out one at a time, <sup>by the roots.</sup>

16 The younger women are adopting  
 17 western ideas of beauty. The old  
 18 fashioned Tibetan <sup>enormous hoop</sup> headdress weighs quite  
 19 a few pounds. The Tibetan girls are  
 20 now finding it a heavy burden and are  
 21 throwing it in the discard. Instead  
 22 they are taking up rouge and lipstick.

23 And then the youth of the  
 24 Forbidden Land cannot resist the ticking  
 25 of wrist watches, the sweetness of

1 soda water and the fire that burns  
2 in fire water. These things are  
3 brought ~~in~~ <sup>across the lofty snow bound passes</sup> from India, <sup>on the backs of yaks.</sup>

4 ~~But~~ ~~the~~ The older people don't  
5 like the innovations, but the new  
6 fangled gadgets have an irresistible  
7 appeal <sup>amid the high Himalayas -</sup> - especially the safety razors.

JAPAN

Well, the Emperor of Japan is still without an heir to inherit the ancient Kingdom of Nippon.

The Japanese Royal family had hoped for a boy last night but the honorable stork brought a girl.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press tells us that the Mikado's brother remains heir to the crown and he is in a peculiar situation. He doesn't dare to raise a family because if a boy were to be born in his household -- why that would be contrary to royal etiquette in Japan. So the situation is just a bit complicated for the Mikado's brother.

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# PELICAN

1 Yes, indeed---a wonderful bird is  
2 the pelican---especially to the Seris  
3 Indians, on the Island of Tiburon.

4 That Island is an almost forgotten  
5 bit of land in the Gulf of California. *And*

6 The <sup>*Seris*</sup> Indians are an almost forgotten  
7 tribe. According to the Associated Press  
8 they are the last <sup>*remnant*</sup> ~~remains~~ of a powerful  
9 nation of ~~Indians~~ <sup>*Indians*</sup> who numbered 30,000  
10 when the Spaniards conquered Mexico.

11 This tribe was active in the promotion of  
12 the Mexican Revolution against Spain <sup>*in which*</sup> ~~and~~  
13 <sup>*of the tribe*</sup> many were killed. ~~and~~ The rest were exiled  
14 by the Spanish Viceroy to the romantic  
15 Island of Tiburon. There they have  
16 lived ever since. No, they haven't  
17 flourished--only 164 are left and they  
18 have sunk to the depths of savagery. They  
19 do not live in houses. They wear only  
20 animal skins for clothing, and they eat  
21 raw meat. Their religion has degenerated  
22 into the strange belief that the world  
23 was created by a pelican.

24 I don't know if they know our  
25 familiar ditty about the pelican---~~is~~

~~wonderful bird is the pelican~~

Some charitable soul ought to teach it to them. And I suppose they'd have some weird ceremony and chant in barbaric harmony--"A wonderful bird is the pelican".

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1 Both the morning and the evening  
2 papers today are carrying stories about  
3 a meeting over in London last night.

4 It was ~~an~~ anti-Soviet gathering  
5 and the fiery Winston Churchill was the  
6 principal speaker. He told about  
7 Russian atrocities and forced labor  
8 in the Soviet prison camps. As a  
9 dramatic feature a Soviet slave was  
10 introduced. He said that he had been  
11 a forced worker in the Russian timber  
12 camps and had escaped. He told of  
13 frightful <sup>and horror</sup> ~~conditions~~ and appealed  
14 to the world to help the thousands of  
15 men and women who are being forced to  
16 labor in dreadful conditions along the  
17 Arctic Circle.

18 A riot broke out. A number of  
19 Soviet sympathizers were in the hall  
20 and they heckled the speakers and  
21 raised general ructions <sup>and got themselves</sup>  
22 <sup>thrown out.</sup>



1 I imagine that this evening there  
2 is a scowl on the face of Handsome  
3 Adolf Hitler. He and his Fascist party  
4 over in Germany, are running into some  
5 strong opposition these days.

6 According to the United Press  
7 five Bishops of the Catholic Church in  
8 Germany have come out with a statement  
9 forbidding Catholics to belong to  
10 Hitler's ~~Fascist~~ fire-eating Fascist  
11 organization. The Bishops say that  
12 Hitler is teaching a doctrine of hatred  
13 which is un-Christian and that if any  
14 Catholic joins the Fascist organization  
15 he will be practically excluded from  
16 the Church.

1 Here's an interesting question  
2 and some interesting replies. The Etude,  
3 a <sup>famous</sup> musical publication, asks: "If you  
4 had only 24 more hours to live and you  
5 were told you could hear just one more  
6 piece of music, what would you select"?

7 A number of important people gave  
8 their answers and these are summarized  
9 in this week's Literary Digest.

10 John Philip Sousa said he wanted  
11 to hear his own composition: <sup>The</sup> STARS AND  
12 STRIPES FOREVER.

13 Dr. Henry Van Dyke named several  
14 pieces, one of which was <sup>Hay!</sup> BEETHOVEN'S  
15 HEROICA SYMPHONY.

16 Ex-Governor Smith of New York  
17 selected HOLY LORD, WE PRAISE THY NAME.

18 Billy Sunday wanted <sup>The</sup> SWEET BYE  
19 AND BYE.

20 Various other celebrities picked  
21 symphonic and operatic music. One  
22 selected the phonograph record of OLD  
23 MAN RIVER.

24 Rudy Vallee's choice was ~~XXX~~  
25 RIMSKY-KORSAKOV'S SCHEHERAZADE.

1           According to the Literary Digest  
2 some of this information was gathered  
3 by the Boston Transcript, which adds  
4 a comment of its own.

5           The Transcript points out that  
6 not one of the people consulted picked  
7 Jazz. Nobody apparently wants to hear  
8 a One-Step or a jazzy bit of blues as ~~is~~ *the*  
9 last piece of music of his life.

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# ROBBERY

1           There was a \$50,000 jewel  
2 robbery in New York <sup>today</sup>. It took place  
3 in the National Jewelers Board and  
4 Trade <sup>on Fifth Avenue.</sup> Two bandits entered. They  
5 tied up the jeweler, ~~They~~ looted  
6 the place and ~~then~~ got away.

7           The City Club has announced that  
8 the Governor may remove District Attorney  
9 Train on the grounds that he hasn't  
10 done anything to clear up the scandal.  
11 The investigation which the  
12 Governor has started will take up the  
13 matter of the District Attorney's  
14 conduct. The Governor has the power  
15 to remove the District Attorney and  
16 appoint a successor.

1 This afternoon Governor Roosevelt  
2 of New York stepped into the tangled *crime*  
3 situation in New York City. He  
4 appointed a <sup>*special*</sup> commissioner to make an  
5 investigation of ~~the crime situation~~  
6 in the metropolis.

7 The City Club has demanded that  
8 the Governor remove District Attorney  
9 Crain on the grounds that he hasn't  
10 done anything to clear up <sup>*recent*</sup> ~~the~~ scandals.

11 The investigation which the  
12 governor has started will take up the  
13 matter of the District Attorney's  
14 conduct. The Governor has the power  
15 to remove the District Attorney and  
16 appoint a successor.

1 Here's a cheerful little note--  
2 the apple-sellers are disappearing--at  
3 least in some cities.

4 In Memphis, as in many other  
5 cities, provisions were made for the  
6 jobless to sell apples and for months  
7 the apple-sellers were a familiar sight  
8 on the street-corners, but now they have  
9 disappeared. *in Memphis.*

10 The reason, ~~according to the~~  
11 ~~Associated Press~~, is that most of the  
12 jobless have <sup>*been lucky enough to find*</sup> ~~found~~ jobs. Of the 60  
13 unemployed who sold apples in Memphis,  
14 46 have gone to work.

1            Among the many <sup>tasks</sup> ~~jobs~~ that President  
 2 Hoover has before him is that of  
 3 disposing of the Wagner Bill, for the  
 4 relief of un-employment.

5            This is the bill proposed by  
 6 Senator Wagner <sup>N.Y.</sup> and passed by Congress.  
 7 It has provoked a good deal of discussion.  
 8 The United Press states that the  
 9 President will veto the bill because he  
 10 considers it out of date now. Mr.  
 11 Hoover is said to have worked out a  
 12 plan of his own for the relief of  
 13 un-employment, which he believes will be  
 14 better for the country than the Wagner  
 15 Bill and so, according to the report, he  
 16 is going to put his <sup>own</sup> new plan into effect.

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1 Now comes something to make your  
2 hair stand on end -- it is 40,500,000  
3 words --, each and every one of them  
4 spoken by a Congressman or a Senator.  
5 Just imagine listening to ~~them~~ all *that!*  
6 *Oh boy!* The United Press informs us that  
7 the 71st Congress, which recently <sup>stopped</sup> ~~ended~~  
8 <sup>talking</sup> ~~its existence~~, spoke that enormous number  
9 of words. The boys certainly did ~~talk~~  
10 ~~plenty~~ *orate fast and furious.*

11 And all those words are printed  
12 in the Congressional Record. The Record  
13 for the 71st Congress includes enough  
14 printed matter to make 540 books the  
15 length of an average novel.

16 Well, the subject of words reminds  
17 me of my own wordage, -- I mean the total  
18 that I send spinning into the mike each  
19 week. My weekly bombardment amounts to  
20 about 18,000 words. And so far as this  
21 week's allotment is concerned, I've got  
22 just 4 more ~~words~~ to go -- and those four  
23 are:

24 So long until Monday.  
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