

BRACELET

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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

1 Here's one to mark down in our
2 scrap-book of curious happenings:-

3 The widow of a motion picture
4 theater magnate was at a dance in a New
5 York Hotel. She is Mrs. Jules Mastbaum,
6 and she wore a bracelet studded with 300
7 diamonds, an expensive bauble worth
8 \$16,000. When the festivities were over
9 she missed her bracelet. It had vanished,
10 lost or stolen.

11 The International News Service
12 continued the story by relating that on
13 that same night a Philadelphia girl
14 attended a theater on Broadway. Suddenly
15 she felt something drop in her lap. A
16 man on his way out seemingly had tossed
17 that glittering something into her lap.
18 And it was a magnificent bracelet studded
19 with diamonds.

20 On her return to Philadelphia, the
21 girl told her father. He made inquiries
22 of the police in New York and found that
23 the bracelet was the very same one that
24 had been lost by the wealthy widow in
25 New York. And now the Police are trying
to figure out the how and the why of
this strange sequence of events.

1 ~~Of course~~ We have been hearing
 2 the loud controversy about the dangers
 3 of football. On one side the great
 4 intercollegiate sport ~~is~~ has been
 5 denounced as nothing short of ^{manslaughter} ~~murder~~
 6 and on the other is the opinion that
 7 football ~~of course~~ is a rough, ~~and hardy~~
 8 ~~affair~~ -- a man's sport, and that the vigor
 9 and bodily training it provides are worth
 10 the price.

11 Between these two extremes sensible
 12 people are pointing to the sad and
 13 undeniable fact that the football &
 14 casualties this year are between thirty
 15 five and forty and they are demanding
 16 that something ~~shall~~ be done, the rules
 17 amended, at any rate something ^{be done} to decrease
 18 the danger. And no doubt there will be
 19 a serious effort on the part of the
 20 minds that govern the game to change the
 21 style of play, ~~ing so as to~~ ^{and} make it less
 22 hazardous.

23 This brings me to a calm and
 24 reasoned article in ^{the new} ~~this week's~~ Literary
 25 Digest, ^{the one that comes out tomorrow ---} an article which contain^{ing} a set

1 of figures which ~~xxxxxxx~~ every lover
2 of football will do well to scan.

3 The Digest takes a backward look
4 into those old days of the bone-crushing
5 mass formations and the pulverizing
6 flying wedges. This type of play ~~ing~~
7 passed into the limbo of history because
8 it was thought too dangerous.

9 But take this piece of football
10 philosophy which the Literary Digest
11 quotes from Damon Runyan in the New York
12 American. "Way back yonder" ^{," says Damon,} ~~xx~~ in the days
13 when football was considered a very
14 deadly game indeed a couple of deaths
15 a season had editorial writers taking
16 pens in hand. Four or five fatalities
17 would have had Congress passing laws.
18 Today 25 casualties get no more than a
19 brief mention in the public prints." ^{That's the}
^{way Damon Runyan puts it.}

20 This year, however, there's ~~has been~~
21 ~~plenty of mention.~~ A loud hullabaloo, ~~is~~
22 ~~going on in fact.~~

23 Well, how do football fatalities
24 this ^{season} ~~year~~ compare with former years,
25 since the abolition of the old ~~xxxxxxx~~

1 bone-crushing days.

2 That's where that series of figures
3 in the new Literary Digest comes in.

4 We are given the number of football
5 casualties for the past twenty-five years
6 as listed in the New York Evening Post.

7 I will ~~XXXX~~ just summarize one point.

8 The smallest number of casualties was
9 in 1926 when nine players were the victims
10 of grid-iron injuries. The highest
11 number until this year was twenty, in
12 each of two seasons.

13 Well, we'll hear plenty more
14 about this. And those who are interested
15 in the grid-iron game will appreciate
16 that article in this week's Literary
17 Digest as a background for all the
18 arguments that are going the rounds.

1 And now let's go along to what
2 the Associated Press calls "the boldest
3 declaration yet issued from an official
4 Navy source."

5 The declarer of the bold
6 declaration is Rear Admiral Upham,
7 Chief of the Bureau of Navigation,
8 and one of the most highly placed of all
9 the Admirals of the American fleet.

10 Admiral Upham makes an attack
11 on President Hoover's naval policy. He
12 declares that the economy plans
13 emanating from the White House constitute
14 "a serious impairment of the strength
15 of the Navy as an arm of the national
16 defense.

17 The Admiral argues that if we
18 save money now by cutting down our
19 fighting force^s on the sea^s, why it will
20 only mean that later on when an
21 emergency comes, we will have to spend
22 far more than we have saved.

1 Now let's summon a picture of
2 Mr. American Citizen ~~is~~ digging down
3 in his pocket. From the expression on
4 his face, he doesn't enjoy the operation,
5 but at the same time he knows he's got
6 to bear it, so he ^{grins, wryly, and goes thru with it.} ~~forks over the~~
7 ~~necessary amounts of currency.~~ The
8 meaning of this picture is ^{more} taxation.

9 (President Hoover presented to
10 Congress today a proposal to raise
11 taxes all up and down the line. The
12 government is facing an estimated
13 deficit of over two billion one hundred
14 million dollars. And the President
15 wants to wipe out three hundred and
16 ninety million dollars ~~worth~~ of this
17 deficit by ~~an~~ increase ^d of taxation.)

18 ~~The~~ ^Q plan, ~~which is~~ worked out
19 by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon,
20 calls first of all for a boost in the
21 income tax. ~~The idea is to begin with~~
22 ~~incomes of as large as three thousand~~
23 ~~a year on which at present no taxes are~~
24 ~~assessed.~~ If the President's ^{proposal} ~~plan~~ goes
25 through, it will mean that one million

1 seven hundred thousand people, who
2 ~~xxxxxxx~~ do not pay income tax now,
3 will have to ^{Join the party,} ~~kick in and donate their~~
4 ~~share to the government.~~

5 (People with a four thousand dollar
6 a year income, who now pay one dollar
7 and thirteen cents, will have to fork
8 over sixteen dollars and fifty cents.
9 The new increased tax rate, will range
10 from two per cent, at the bottom, to
11 a forty per cent, tax on incomes of over
12 five hundred thousand dollars a year.)

13 ~~The Associated Press adds that~~
14 ~~corporation income taxes are to be~~
15 ~~increased from twelve to twelve and a~~
16 ~~half per cent.~~

17 ^{adds the Assoc. Press,}
18 Then, there will be taxes on
19 tobacco, a stamp tax of two cents on
20 bank checks, a tax on theatre tickets,
21 another on automobiles. There are to be
22 taxes on telephone, cable, and radio
23 messages that cost as much as fourteen
24 cents. The word tax is the general
25 theme song of the whole revenue raising
project.

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The United Press summarizes the situation this way:

The administration tax program would affect every person who smokes cigarets, writes a ~~bank~~ check, attends a ~~motion picture~~^{movie} or other theatre, makes a ~~telephone~~^{phone} call costing more than 14 cents, or buys an automobile, radio or phonograph.

Almost every single person earning more than \$20 a week and every married person earning more than \$50 a week would pay income tax.

Well, this new ~~presidential~~ budget is something for the members of Congress to ~~show on~~ ponder off.

The International News Service reports that the Democrats are already ~~xxxxxxx~~^{reaching for the old axe.} finding a ~~few things to kick at.~~^{For instance} They ~~don't~~ dislike ~~like~~ the idea of a sales tax, with the government collecting on articles sold across the counter in stores. ^{Also,} the idea of taxing ~~the~~ smaller incomes is ~~xxxxxx~~ sure to provoke a ~~lot of complaint~~^{free for all.}

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The Progressive Republicans believe that the government should hit the big incomes and let the little fellows alone.

The newspapers are analyzing the situation keenly. For details about the new program of taxation, you'll find it explained in your favorite evening paper right now, or in your morning paper tomorrow. The papers are all telling just what it means to each individual.

One thing is sure, we are going to have increased taxes. We'll have to grin and bear it.

But now let's go on to a story that's a real lesson in how to bear the ills of life.

A STRANGE RECORD

Day after day we have stories of new records that are being made, records of speed, strength, endurance, and what not.

Well, we now have a man claiming a record, an odd record, but he claims it as cheerily and joyously as if he had flown faster than Frank Hawks, or run faster than Charley Paddock. He gaily tells the whole world that he has established an endurance record for lying paralyzed in bed with a broken back.

Twenty years ago Tom Shinnors of Jersey City, was a strapping young fellow of twenty-nine. He was six feet tall and as strong as a lion. He was a great fellow for ice-skating and also for long distance swimming. By trade he was an iron worker. You know, those fellows that make you dizzy by the way they work way up there on beams hundreds of feet above the level of the street. He had an young Irish wife and a little girl.

1 Well, one day the boom of a
2 derrick snapped, and the heavy weight
3 fell on top of the young iron worker.
4 It broke his arms, his legs, his fingers,
5 his toes, and his back. He was taken
6 to the hospital, a pitiful wreck, and the
7 doctors said he had only a few hours to
8 live. Twenty years have passed and Tom
9 Shinnars is in that same hospital, *St. Mary's*
at Passaic.

10 ~~X~~ The worst trouble a man has to
11 face in a situation like that is not the
12 mere physical. It's the black, murderous
13 despair that engulfs him. And that's
14 where Tom Shinnars has performed a real
15 miracle. He has made himself an apostle
16 of happiness. He says he's a business
17 man now, and it's his trade to bring
18 cheer to people who need it.

19 He has educated himself. The
20 ~~International News Service relates that~~
Lying there on his back
21 he has read over three thousand volumes.

22 But his business is writing letters.
23 He has a portable typewriter beside his
24 bed and pecks away at it with one finger.
25 He writes letters to people whom he thinks

1 need cheer and comfort. He turns out
2 letters at the rate of three thousand
3 a year, and receives more than five
4 thousand in return.

5 They say that Tom is a great
6 fellow for jokes, and a chief source of
7 quips and whimsies is his own physical
8 condition. "I can't sit up", he laughs,
9 "I haven't wiggled a toe in twenty
10 years. But if you put a twenty dollar
11 bill on the other side of the room, I'd
12 probably go after it faster than Ty
13 Cobb sliding into second base."

14 Such is the man who claims to
15 have lived longer with a broken back,
16 than any other human being alive. They
17 call him a monument of cheerfulness.
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GARNER

And now let's get back to politics.

It appears that in Washington there's a boss presiding over the House of Representatives. That boss is John N. Garner of Texas, the new speaker. But it seems to be a case not of a political boss, but of a domestic one. At least so says Mrs. Garner.

Mrs. Garner was her husband's secretary years ago, and still is.

Says Mrs. Garner "Every now and then my husband tries to make out that I'm the boss, but when a man tries to do that, you know he's the boss."

Oh yes, and here's a brevity about the only lady member in the Senate, which the International News Service sends along. She's the widow of Senator Caroway of Arkansas named to take her husband's place.

She was asked whether she wanted to be called Senator or Mrs. Caroway.

"Just call me Mrs. Caroway, she replied, "I don't want any better name."

1 Well, it looks like curtains
2 for Bossy Gillis. They say that
3 tonight the bad boy of Newburyport,
4 Massachusetts, has disappeared.
5 Presumably he has ducked away somewhere
6 in disgust. For Bossy Gillis, the
7 political wonder of Newburyport, has
8 sustained a severe political defeat.

9 On and off the people of
10 this broad country have been apprized
11 of the oddities and singularities of
12 Newburyport's political ~~protégé~~ ^{prodigy}. Bossy
13 Gillis was just a lively young chap
14 attached to an automobile filling
15 station. A few years ago he ran for
16 Mayor, and to the astonishment of everybody,
17 was elected. And the next time
18 election day came around the voters put
19 him into the Mayor's office once more.

20 But now he has run for a
21 third term, and has been beaten by the
22 large majority of 1123 votes. That's
23 a large majority for Newburyport.

24 When the election return^s came
25 in ~~to Boston~~ ^{Bossy}, he was profoundly dejected.

He just issued a statement. He said: "I'm going to watch the coming administration, and if anything isn't going exactly right, I'm going to get my gang together and I'm going ~~xxx~~ to see about it."

With these brief and going words Bossy himself got going and disappeared.

The Associated Press adds the detail that he didn't even wait to get out an edition of his weekly newspaper, which is called Asbestos. So that isn't going, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.