

Good Evening, Everybody:

(Well, the fat's in the fire over Manchuria. The League of Nations today made public its report on the situation. This report holds the Manchurian policy of Japan up to public rebuke, calls for the dissolution of the state of Manchukuo, ^{and} demands that a new government be erected in Manchuria, ~~under the~~ a government that will be subject to the rule of China.)

The League's report also calls on Japan to withdraw her troops from Manchuria. It insists that the dispute be settled in accordance with the Kellogg-Briand treaties -- what is known as the ^{also} ~~Pacts~~ of Paris, the nine-power treaty which guaranteed the integrity of China to which Japan was a party, and, ^{likewise} ~~also~~ the principles of the covenant of the League of Nations.

^{furthermore} The League ^{also} ~~also~~ invites the help of Uncle Sam and the Soviet Government of Russia in the settlement of this dispute.

The report minces no words in its censure of the

Japanese government for ~~its~~^{its} military aggressiveness.

(Japan came back with a sharp retort. The head of the Mikado's delegation to the League of Nations issued a statement scornfully rejecting the League's report, ~~which~~^{acceptance of which by Japan} he said, was of course quite out of the question.) He also admitted that his country was making plans for a ~~an~~^{fresh} invasion of the province of Reyho. He said this invasion was necessary in order to preserve the integrity of the State of Manchukuo. The only way to restore peace, he ~~added~~^{added}, was for the Chinese to get out of their province of Reyho.

This Japanese spokesman threw all international courtesy to the winds when it came to expressing his opinion of China and the Chinese. He said he had heard ~~that~~ there are one hundred and fifty thousand Chinese troops in the province of Reyho, and, he added, "one Japanese is worth ten Chinese. All Chinese soldiers are bandits."

Whether Uncle Sam will accept the League's invitation to take part in the settlement of this explosive question will be decided by Mr. Franklin Roosevelt when he becomes president.



They have been having pitched battles in the streets of Bucharest, battles between Roumanian troops and several thousand railroad workers. The railway men went on strike because eleven of their leaders were arrested as Communists. They barricaded themselves in the shops. Fifteen people have been killed.

HITLER

A cable from ~~xxx~~ London conveys the information that Chancellor Hitler, the leader of the German Fascists, is planning a visit to Premier ~~Mussolini~~ Mussolini, the Duce of the Italian Fascisti. This visit is scheduled to take place after the German elections on March 5th. It is designed to furnish a demonstration of the friendship between the two countries, and the things which the two rulers and their parties have in common.

Perhaps ~~the~~ Schoener Adolf also wants to get some
on the Dictator business
tips from the Duce.

CERMAK

Everybody I'm sure will be glad to hear that there is a marked improvement in the condition of Mayor Cermak of Chicago.

Reports from the hospital where he is in Miami, inform us that *Mayor* *Tony* not only smiled in spite of his pain, but laughed and joked with his physicians when they visited him. His personal doctors have made a special trip to Miami by airplane and railroad, from Illinois.

Mrs. Gill, the lady who was ~~also shot~~ *struck* by one of the bullets that the assassin intended for Mr. Roosevelt, is as the physicians say, holding her own. She spent a fairly restful night, but ~~she~~ is not yet out of danger. She seems to be neither better nor worse than ~~she was~~ yesterday. The other people, who were injured slightly, are recovering.

ASSASSIN

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Giuseppe ~~xx~~ Zangara, the would-be assassin, who made
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that made attempt on the life of/President-elect, has not yet
been brought to trial. His ~~prelim~~ preliminary hearing was to have
taken place today, but it was postponed until tomorrow. He is in
prison on four charges of assault with attempt to kill. The court
insisted that Zangara must have counsel whether he likes it or not.
The man himself did not want to have any lawyers, but the Judge *of course*
would ~~not~~ listen to his denial. The Judge not only appointed counsel
for Zangara, but ~~has~~ picked three of the foremost attorneys in
Florida ~~for~~ the job.

Zangara, they say, is resting sulkily in his cell, ~~which~~
skyscraper
~~is~~ on the top floor of the court house in Miami. A strong guard
is thrown around the prison to avert any possibility of attack from
a mob.

As for the President-Elect he arrived
in Jersey City at 3:58 this afternoon. Tremendous
cheering throngs greeted him on both sides of
the Hudson River. He had no startling statement
to give out: just: "I'm feeling fine."

FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

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Poor Mr. Roosevelt, who hates a bodyguard and is always trying to dodge the luckless secret service men who have the job of protecting him, certainly had to swallow a dose of medicine he didn't like today. When his train from Miami arrived at Jersey City, ~~this afternoon~~, he was promptly surrounded by hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of policemen. ~~Some papers estimated his escort at more than five hundred. Others guessed nearly a thousand.~~ Not only coppers of the Jersey City force, but several hundred of Commissioner Mulrooney's finest crossed the Hudson to guard the President-elect. Furthermore, they were under the personal command of the suave and philosophic Commissioner Mulrooney himself.

Mr. Roosevelt
The ~~President elect~~ consequently had to step from his train into a ~~littered~~ hedge of bluecoats. Every step ~~that~~ he took he was surrounded by a wall of policemen several feet thick. ~~From~~
When the ferry ~~arrived~~ carrying him reached the New York side of the Hudson he proceeded to his home through a ^{veritable} avenue of coppers *as well as* *sheering friends.*
~~It took~~ And by the way it took an attempted assassination to bring about something ^{you seldom} ~~never expected~~ to see, to wit, a compliment

for an American in the pages of the Morning ~~M~~ Post of London.

The Morning Post, in case you don't know it, is the snootiest paper in England, ~~The~~ Practically the official organ of fashionable society in King George's Land. It is also by tradition the most virulently ^{anti-} American ~~having~~ of all English newspapers. ~~But~~ here is what the Morning Post ~~declared~~ today:

"America is to be congratulated on a man of such high courage and strong personality ^{as} ~~that~~ Mr. Roosevelt ^{being} ~~preserved~~ for the ~~xxxxx~~ task upon which he enters."

If ~~you~~ the Morning Post went to such lengths in praise of the President-elect, you may well imagine that the more friendly part of the English Press was correspondingly cordial. The Daily Mail for instance, said: "Destiny has great work for Mr. Roosevelt to do."

MRS. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. Franklin D. ~~Roosevelt~~ ~~was~~ returned to *Manhattan* yesterday from Ithaca, where ~~yesterday afternoon~~ she delivered an address to an audience of ^{several} ~~three~~ thousand people. She was met at Pennsylvania Station by one lone policeman and drove to her home in New York City in a taxi, escorted only by two women companions.

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Mrs. Roosevelt was, of course, met at the station by the usual crowd of reporters and cameramen. She said to the news photographers: "Don't you fellows know you shouldn't take photographs so early in the morning?" ^{Implying I suppose that even the fairest lady is not} Nevertheless she posed patiently for several minutes. An exceedingly young reporter asked Mrs. Roosevelt the following question: "Are you going straight to your home to prepare it for the President-elect's return?"

Mrs. Roosevelt looked at the cub reporter sternly: "Young man", she said, "my house is always in order. I am before everything a good housekeeper."

And by the way, as a housekeeper Mrs. Roosevelt

at her best as soon after sunrise.

has undertaken a formidable job. That job is to reduce the expenses of the White House twenty-five per cent.

Said she: "Franklin has asked me to do this in line with his policy to cut all government expense ^{by a quarter" not meaning} ~~twenty-five per cent.~~ ^{two-bits either.}

She added: "Of course, I can't say positively how I am going to do it, or whether my plan will work. At any rate, I am going to try."

REPEAL

The cause of prohibition repeal seems to be advancing.

The resolution of Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, adopted yesterday

by that overwhelming vote of the senate will be put up to the

house Monday afternoon. The representatives will take the

matter up under ^{a suspension of the rules and} ~~the ruling that~~ only forty minutes be allowed for

a debate. The Democratic leaders in the House are confident

that there is no doubt as to the outcome of the vote; that repeal

will be adopted by the house as it was by the Senate and will then

be submitted to the states.

As this proposal is not a bill but a resolution

the President has no say in the matter. Therefore, there will

be no opportunity for Mr Hoover, a confirmed dry to put any obstacle

in the way of repeal.

The more sanguine of the wets declare that repeal

can be ratified by two-thirds of the states soon after next

November. ^{Mind you:—} I said can be, not will be. It will have to be

ratified by conventions in the various states, and the conventions

will have to be arranged by the legislatures. The legislatures of

~~the~~ forty states are still in session and others can be ^{early} ~~be~~ ^{especially}

convened for this particular purpose.

Thus the more optimistic of the wets are confident of repeal by next January. More conservative members are skeptical. So don't work up your thirst too enthusiastically.

BANKS

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The bank situation in Michigan appears to be clearing up in rapid fashion. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Sault Ste. Marie, informs me that all the banks in the upper peninsula of Michigan are today ~~now~~ doing business as usual, and that furthermore, they never closed. The Chamber of Commerce Secretary adds that there's no doubt among the Michigan businessmen that in the lower peninsula all banks will be open for business as usual in a few days.

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PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Here is an unusual organization that has a much larger membership than I ever dreamed. It is the National Congress of Parents and Teachers -- in other words Parent-Teachers Associations.

Today, February seventeenth, it is celebrating its thirty-sixth anniversary. The famous World Almanac, for 1933, states that it has 1,393,454 members in the United States. It is affiliated with similar organizations in seventeen foreign countries. Its purpose is to ~~help~~ provide every child with the best possible opportunities for physical, mental, moral and spiritual development. Perhaps the best tribute we could ~~pay~~ pay the organization tonight would be to repeat the words of Theodore Roosevelt: "It is fundamentally the most constructive force at work in the world today."

The U.S. Eastern Sled Championships tournament will be on this week — Sunday, at Salisbury Mills, Orange County, New York. They have plenty of snow for this important winter event. At Lake Placid the bob-sled championships runs will take place this weekend.

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Mrs. Jean Norris, who became nationally known when the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court removed her from the magistrate's bench, is in the news again. Former Magistrate Norris feels aggrieved over a character in a play called "Four O'Clock", which is now being performed in New York. Mrs. Norris feels that this characterization is a libel of herself. Her attorney sent a demand to the authors and the producers of "Four O'Clock" to eliminate the character in which Mrs. Norris feels she is being libelled ~~on~~ to make radical changes.

Both the authors and ~~the~~ producers have stated specifically that no one had intended any reflection on the former Magistrate Norris. They added, however, that they have no intention of making any change what-so-ever in the play. They say further that if Mrs. Norris still feels herself injured in spite of their disclaimer, they are prepared to go through with any law suit the discharged magistrate chooses to bring.

ARIZONA

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A real old-time Western melodrama was brought to light at the morning line-up of criminals at police headquarters in New York today. Some six weeks ago two men living in Astoria, an outlying district of New York City, were induced to go to Arizona, on promise of being paid seven dollars and a half a day wages digging for gold. They said it was a Texan who persuaded them to go. On a prospecting trip in ~~Yuma~~ Yuma County, Arizona, they met a couple of veteran prospectors who, they learned, were supposed to possess an iron box full of gold, the fruits of many years' prospecting.

The Texan, ~~xxx~~ they say, asked these old prospectors for dynamite, claiming that he wanted to use it in his mining operations. Actually, said the two Astoria men, the Texan wanted to use the dynamite to ~~xxx~~ open the hiding place where these prospectors had concealed their fortune.

Then, say the Astoria men, the Texan murdered the two aged prospectors. The Astoria men wanted to leave, but the

Texan forced them to stay and dig a grave for the dead man.

Eventually the Astoria men escaped and came back to New York.

That is the story ^{they now tell.} ~~told by the Astoria men.~~ But the

(1) Sheriff of Yuma County has different ideas, because at his request the New York police arrested the two Astoria men, accusing them of complicity in the murder.

Anyway, it sounds more like a page from Deadwood Dick than from the sober columns of a newspaper.

HUEY

A fire took place in New Orleans early today which Senator Huey Long interprets as an attempt on his life. Early *this* ~~morning~~ a night watchman saw a suspicious character prowling around Senator Long's house. The prowler took to his heels and the watchman fired several shots at him, but missed. While he was doing this ~~he~~ the watchman failed to notice that a fire had been started in the Kingfish's garage. Nobody was injured, but the fire nearly destroyed the Senator's bodyguard, who was asleep in the garage. In fact, the Senator had to plunge through the flames in order to wake up his own bodyguard *and this ^{safe} guard* the body of *this* bodyguard. And that gets so complicated that well - so long until Sunday.