

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1931

CHICKEN

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

I fell that I'm failing in my duty a trifle when I take up this first item. It's about a chicken calling championship, and I ought to illustrate it by singing out CHICK-CHICK-CHICK with the right intonation for a chicken call.

But I'm not much of a chicken farmer and I'm afraid I'm unequal to the task, and about all I can do is inform you that the International News Service reports that loud shouts of CHICK-CHICK-CHICK are resounding throughout the State of Maine today.

The folks have all been practicing up - limbering their vocal chords for the great chicken-calling championship - tournament which is being staged tonight in connection with the Farm and Home Week of the College of Agriculture at the University of Maine.

The chicken calling contest will be decided upon a basis of volume, clearness, variety, music, and appeal. I especially like that thought of appeal in chicken calling.

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Anyway, at the University of
Maine tonight it won't be the Steing
Song. It'll be just CHICK-CHICK-CHICK!

HOOVER

President Hoover is on the high seas again. According to the United Press he left the Virgin Islands this afternoon and is expected back in Washington on Monday.

The President received a rousing reception. He was taken ashore through a lane of native boats decorated with palms, and musicians sang and played on native instruments in his honor.

Ashore there was a gay and colorful reception, with bands playing and dancers skipping around a May pole.

The President finds the Virgin Islands passing through a grave economic crisis and he is said to be seeking a solution.

Anyway, the chief executive is on his way back home. But that will not end his travels. In a short time he will be starting out on

a speaking tour to various cities and tens of thousands of people will have a chance to see the President.

JURORS

A lot of you folks after you have heard this next item are going to feel like giving three loud cheers for Sumner Kilmark of New York. Sumner has just come forward to assert the rights of jurors -- the twelve men good and true who sit in the jury box and listen to mile after mile of dull testimony and are bored stiff.

According to the United Press, Mr. Sumner Kolmark was called for jury duty and for fourteen days he listened to the testimony in a \$500,000 suit and that testimony ~~is~~ was drier than a Camel's tonsils. Sumner, driven to desperation by boredom took out his pencil and wrote a poem. Here are a couple of stanzas:

FOR FOURTEEN VERY WEARY DAYS
THE CASE HAS DRAGGED ALONG,
AS EACH SIDE LOUDLY TESTIFIES
THAT THE OTHER SIDE IS WRONG.
THE JUSTICE NODS, THE JURORS YAWN,
THE HOURS TICK AWAY,
BUT STILL THE LAWYERS ARGUE
AND THE CASE DRAGS ON ITS WAY.
WE CAME HERE IN THE PRIME OF LIFE
THE CAUSE OF RIGHT TO SEEK,
BUT AGE IS CREEPING ON US
AS WE PONDER WEEK BY WEEK.

1 He showed the poem to his fellow-
2 jurors and they groaned along with him.
3 He circulated copies of the poem in the
4 Court, ^{and} the attorneys for the defense
5 got one ~~copy~~ and were so touched by its
6 pathetic ^{heart-throb} appeal that they announced
7 right then and there that they would
8 not call any more witnesses but would
9 conclude the trial.

10 And the Judge when he read the
11 poem discharged the jurors and excused
12 them from any further jury duty for
13 four years and they certainly are
14 shouting three cheers for Sumner Kilmark
15 of New York.

16 *all of which argues for bigger*
17 *and better poets on our juries.*

Hold everything! Here comes

1 ~~I want to pass along to you~~ one
2 of the most amazing stories I have
3 seen in a long time and it certainly is
4 a vivid ^{comment} ~~account~~ ^{on} present-day conditions

5 Frank J. ^{oe}Lo^{sch}, President of the
6 Chicago Crime Commission, tells of a
7 secret meeting that he had with Scarface
8 Al Capone, King of Chicago ~~to~~ gangmen.

9 ^{oe}Lo^{sch}, as ~~the~~ President of the
10 Crime Commission, went to see Capone
11 just before the recent election in
12 Chicago. He wanted to talk with Capone
13 about the possibility of gang violence
14 and disorder on election day. He was
15 taken to see the Big Shot under
16 conditions of great secrecy. He was
17 led past a series of guards to a big
18 room where Capone sat at a desk ~~over~~
19 which hung paintings of George Washington,
20 Abraham Lincoln and Mayor ^{Bill} Thompson. ~~of~~
21 ~~Chicago~~ President of the Crime

22 According to the Associated Press,
23 ^{oe}Lo^{sch} asked Capone how long he expected
24 to beat the law and the gun. Capone
25 replied that he'd beat the law all the

1 time--the law didn't bother him, but he
2 expected that sooner or later he'd get
3 his at the business end of the gun. But
4 he added "they'll only get me when I'am
5 not looking".

6 ^{of} Lesch then ^{made an appeal to} ~~asked~~ the King of ~~the~~
7 ~~Gangdom~~ to keep his hoodlums from
8 interfering with the polling booths on
9 the Chicago North Side. Capone replied
10 that he would see to it that ^{the} Gang didn't
11 monkey with the election on the North
12 Side and ^{also} that he would help ~~to~~ keep the
13 election clean ~~also~~ on the West Side.
14 The Gang Chief explained that through
15 his influence with the police he would
16 have police scout-crews make the rounds
17 before the elections. "I'll have them
18 'jug' all the hoodlums", he declared, and
19 "keep them in the cooler" until the
20 polls close".

21 The President of the Crime
22 Commission had carried out his mission
23 successfully. He had Scarface Al's
24 promise that there would be a clean
25 election and "as a result, adds ^{so} Lesch,

1 "that election turned out to be the
2 squarest and cleanest we have had in
3 forty years".

4 That yarn may sound like a Tall
5 Story Whopper but it comes as a
6 definite statement by the President of
7 the Chicago Crime Commission. *And what*
8 *a com^mentary it is on the era in which we live!*

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RACKET

And while we're on the subject of gangs, here's a welcome bit of news. According to the Associated Press the President of a Chicago Business Mens Association, announces that the rackets in Chicago are on the down-grade.

They are not doing so well as they used to. Three years ago 92 rackets were operating in full blast in the Windy City. Now there are only 53.

It looks like hard times for the racketeers and here's hoping they get harder and harder.

The police surrounded the building, the students were armed with rifles and from then on it was a case of rifle and pistol fire. One policeman was killed and a score of police and students were wounded. Finally the students dashed out through a rear door into the streets and the police let them go and merely occupied the building. Tonight the Medical School is under guard to prevent further trouble.

1 There was a wild battle over
2 in Madrid, ~~Spain~~, today. Students
3 of the San Carlos Medical School
4 rose in rebellion and fortified
5 themselves in one of the school
6 buildings and were there ~~besieged~~
7 besieged by the ^{Spanish} police.

8 The trouble began when the
9 students tried to stage a Republican
10 parade through the streets. ~~and~~ ^{they} were
11 stopped by the police. ~~According to~~
12 ~~the Associated Press~~ they returned
13 to the college, seized one of the
14 buildings, ~~and~~ hoisted a red flag and
15 declared for a republic.

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1 A bit of a storm seems to be
2 brewing on the never too quiet *waters*
3 ~~quarters~~ of international affairs.

4 A lot of statesmen over in Europe are
5 considerably agitated. The cause of
6 the trouble is that customs union
7 which has been agreed to between
8 Germany and Austria. It's a proposal
9 that the Germans and the Austrians
10 should go easy in the way of putting
11 tariffs on each other's merchandise.

12 That doesn't seem very
13 formidable, but anything that contains
14 a suggestion of an eventual political
15 union between Germany and Austria *seems to*
16 ~~cause~~ all kinds of ~~bothers~~ *alarums in Europe.*

17 The Versailles Treaty
18 forbids Germany and Austria to unite and
19 become one nation. ¶ An article in the
20 New York Evening Post states that
21 Foreign Minister Henderson of Great
22 Britain has asked both the German and
23 Austrian Government not to jump too
24 fast and not to put that proposed
25 customs union into force until it has

been studied by the League of Nations.

On the German side Chancellor Bruening declares that Germany and Austria are going to put that customs union idea through in spite of any and all opposition.

~~The United Press sends in a late flash that~~ the British and the French Governments have made diplomatic representations to Germany and have asked Berlin to take it easy and not rush things. ~~Tomorrow we'll probably hear what Berlin has to say to~~ that request.

1 Wild and savage doings are reported
2 from out in India. In the city of
3 Cawnpore between 40 and 50 people
4 have been killed, and 100 wounded in
5 fierce fighting between the Hindus and
6 the Mohammedans.

7 It started when the Mohammedans
8 refused to join the Hindus in mourning
9 for several Hindu rebels who've been
10 hanged by the ~~British~~ ^{Indian} Government on
11 charges of murder.

12 According to the International News
13 Service, there was wild fighting in
14 the streets. Troops were ~~brought up~~ ^{rushed to the scene,}
15 and ~~suppressed the immediate trouble.~~
16 ~~Soldiers~~ ^{now} are patrolling the streets. But
17 gangs of religious fanatics hide in
18 doorways and wait until the military
19 patrols go by, and then dash out with
20 knives and other weapons and attack
21 passers-by. ^{Fires are blazing in the city and}
^{the inhabitants are fleeing to the surrounding country.}

22 Well, Cawnpore is a city of grim
23 memory. During the Indian Mutiny, in
24 the middle of the last century, it was
25 ~~the~~ a scene of horror. And today's

1 happenings bring back the sinister
2 mood that's attached to the name of
3 Cawnpore.

4 All India is in a ferment on
5 account of those hangings. ~~Mahatma~~ Gandhi,
6 the head of the Indian Nationalists, who
7 recently has agreed to an alliance
8 with the British Government, went to
9 the city of Karachi to attend a mass
10 meeting of the Indian Nationalist Party.
11 A huge crowd received him. ^{There} ~~was~~ was wild
12 cheering, but there were also howls of
13 anger. There were yells that Gandhi
14 should do something to avenge the
15 executed Nationalists. There were
16 demands that he should break his truce
17 with the British. And there were screams
18 of DOWN WITH GANDHI. And the little
19 holy man narrowly escaped injury when
20 one ~~ang~~ enraged Hindu struck at him
21 savagely with a flag pole. For the
22 first time in a long ~~time~~ while, according
23 to the Associated Press, the little man
24 heard enraged complaints instead of
25 hysterical applause from his fellow
countrymen.

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1 Up at my house ^{in the country} I've a weird
2 assortment of headgear--hats, caps,
3 fezes, turbushes, and those big
4 umbrella ~~hats~~ ^{sky pieces they} wear in Malaya and
5 Indo-China. That collection of headgear,
6 which I've picked up in my travels,
7 comes in handy every once in a while,
8 when there's a costume party in the
9 offing. And particularly I've a
10 rare and luxurious layout of fezes,
11 those nifty ^{tall} red ^{dinguses} caps that are the
12 traditional head decoration for Turks
13 in Turkey and Shriners in America.
14 It has long been the custom for the
15 traveler who gets anywhere near
16 Constantinople to pick up a satchel
17 full of assorted fezes.

18 ^{which} ~~That~~ brings me around to the subject
19 of the new Literary Digest, the one
20 that will be on the stands tomorrow.
21 In my advance copy I read an article
22 headed--BOOTLEGGING THE FEZ IN TURKEY--
23 and it goes on to tell that a hidden
24 store of 114 boxes of fezes were pounced
25 upon by government sleuths at the ancient

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1 city of Brusa in Asia Minor.

2 It's a sad fact ~~at least sad to~~
 3 ~~me~~ that the modernist government of
 4 Turkey has passed a law ~~against the~~
 5 ~~wearing of the traditional fez.~~ And
 6 ~~that's almost as bad as~~ putting the
 7 kibosh on the tarbush, ^{the} traditional fez.

8 Mustapha Kamel Pasha, the Mussolini
 9 of progressive Turkey, wants old Abdul
 10 to dress up in the style of London,

11 New York, or Chicago. ^{So} The statesmen
 12 of the Turkish Parliament, ^{now} wear morning
 13 coats and plug hats. But still old
 14 Abdul loves his fez. He yearns for the
 15 ~~little~~ rakish red ^{topper} ~~cap~~ perched on the
 16 ^{crown} ~~top~~ [^] of his head. Law or no law he
 17 insists on wearing it, ^{i.e.} [^] in secret.

18 And so it's the same old story, secret
 19 illicit trade, government suppression,
 20 police raids, and so on. Old Abdul is
 21 pursued from pillar to post for the
 22 terrible crime of wearing his traditional
 23 fez.

24 ~~Well,~~ Why all the row about a
 25 nifty little red hat? ^{you ask? Well,} [^] [^] The Literary Digest

tells us why. The Digest editors quote from the Central European Observer, a Czechoslovakian publication which informs us that in the East headgear has always meant more than in the West. A man's race, nationality, religion, social rank, or caste might be expressed by the kind of turban or tarbrush that he wore. And so the picturesque red fez symbolized the old fiercely Moslem Turk. And that's just what displeases the Turkish modernist, the fez.

1 And now, folks, hold that cat,
2 because this is a story about mice.

3 Over in London they're ^{staging} ~~holding~~ a
4 ~~mouse~~ mouse show, an exhibition of fancy
5 mice. 79 varieties of mice have been
6 entered. There are pure white mice
7 with coal black eyes, silver and tan
8 mice, black and tan mice, and even
9 blue mice. The only variety that's
10 conspicuously absent is old Mr. Mouse
11 himself, the ordinary house variety,
12 the old gray cheese eater and trap
13 dodger.

14 The International News Service
15 informs us that strange as it may
16 seem, the keenest mouse exhibitors
17 and mouse fanciers are women. They
18 don't jump on any chair at all. They
19 just gurgle and gush:--MOUSIE DEAR.
20 ISN'T HE JUST TOO SWEET? *All of which*
21 *sounds a bit fishy to me.*

1 A famous British physician invades
2 the news headlines tonight with a bit
3 of advice to wives. He announces that
4 if a wife wants to keep her husband tame
5 and placid, she should feed him less
6 meat and more vegetables--especially
7 spinach and parsnips. Maybe so, says I,
8 maybe so.

9 According to the International News
10 Service, the famous physician goes on to
11 explain that human beings are like
12 animals. The vegetable eating animals
13 are milder than the meat eating ^{one.} ~~animals.~~
14 And the same way, the more meat a husband
15 eats the more ferocious he becomes.

16 A Bengal tiger eats antelope, and if
17 a wife fed her husband on antelope it
18 would make him bite like a Bengal tiger.
19 The African lions eat zebra, and if a
20 lady fed her husband ~~on~~ zebra ^{steaks they} ~~it~~ would
21 make him roar like a lion. The anteaters
22 eat ants and I suppose the fabled
23 hippogrif ate snakes and scorpions. A
24 diet of ants or of snakes and scorpions
25 fed to a husband, ^{ah!} there's no telling what

1 he'd do.

2 I suppose I'd better run along home
3 now and eat my usual fare of fricasseed
4 zebra, a la Maryland, in order to be
5 in good form to do a bit of roaring at
6 this same hour tomorrow night.

7 So, solong until tomorrow.
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