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Good Evening, Everybody:

~~It~~ ^{Burr} It looks as though winter ^{is here,} ~~definitely~~
~~has arrived.~~ A large part of the North American ^{continent} ~~continent~~
is in the grip of snow and ice. And the frost king is
on his way to the Atlantic seaboard.

In fact, Uncle Sam's weather prophets are
warning the Atlantic states to look out for snow either
late tonight or early tomorrow.

There were freezing temperatures throughout
the Middlewest, with blizzards in Illinois and Missouri.
Toledo, Ohio, is under a blanket of nine inches of snow.
The storm ^{is} ~~is~~ also sweeping ~~eastward~~ over Canada.

HOOVER

President Hoover was back in Washington today conferring with Secretary of the Treasury, Mills, and Secretary of ~~the~~ State Stimson, about those foreign debt notes. A dispatch by Clinton Gilbert to the New York Evening Post ^{re points} ~~says~~ that the President is considering calling ~~the~~ Congress one week early. — ~~That means~~ November 28th.

It is understood that Uncle Sam will insist on getting some sort of payment ^{on those European debts} by December 15th.

That suggestion for another year's moratorium which was sent up a couple of days ago as a sort of trial balloon, is meeting with more and more opposition from Congressional leaders. It seems certain that Congress will say nothing doing on the moratorium idea.

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TRIPLE ALLIANCE

A new sort of triple alliance is reported from Europe. Its purpose is not warlike, but economic. The three allies, you will be interested to hear, are Great Britain, France and Germany.

The idea is ~~xxx~~ to club together to restore the economic balance of Europe. One ^{part of the} plan is to lend money to small nations to help their recovery *by financing construction projects and creating jobs.*

Thus with one breath the European powers are asking Uncle Sam to forgive them their debts and with the next breath they ~~are offering~~ ^{propose} to loan to other nations.

ROOSEVELT

That cold with which President-elect Roosevelt has been afflicted ~~with~~ the last few days turns out to have been a slight attack of ^{the flu.} ~~influenza.~~ A dispatch from Albany to the New York Sun this afternoon reports that Mr. Roosevelt has recovered but is still, in his own language, a bit weak.

When He received the correspondents, ^{in bed he intimated} ~~for the first time in~~ ~~five days and, in fact, he received them in his bedroom. One of the things he let out was~~ that he expects to be at the White House about the first of next week. The New York Governor will stop off in Washington on his way to Warm Springs, Ga., where ~~There he expects to have~~ ^{he is to} ~~a~~ conference with Democratic congressional leaders.

BELFAST

That visit of the Prince of Wales to Belfast was almost ~~ruined~~ by a terrific disaster. It was not an attempt on the life of the Prince, but on a trainload of sightseers. Some of the ^{violent} Nationalists who have been threatening to ~~kill~~ obstruct the opening of the new ^{North Ireland} Houses of Parliament, tore up several lengths of rail outside Belfast. The outrage was discovered just before an excursion train carrying a huge crowd of spectators ^{bound for} ~~to~~ Belfast reached the spot.

At any rate, the attempt failed and those new Parliament buildings were opened by the Prince without casualties. A dispatch to the New York Sun ^{adds} ~~says~~ that H.R.H. was cheered by the crowd, ^{as} ~~But~~ he passed through ^{the} streets between what was described as a living wall of human flesh. ~~The~~ tension was extreme.

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BELFAST 2

Well, those new parliament buildings in Belfast were opened by the Prince of Wales, and so far no casualties. From all the reports, the capital of North Ireland ^{today} was one large armed camp. Usually the Prince of Wales is escorted by just one officer from Scotland Yard. This time ~~ix~~ six accompanied him on the steamer, and four arrived in Belfast ahead of them. And then to boot, there were four thousand armed troops and policemen with ten thousand volunteer Orangemen standing behind stout barriers along the streets. The full force of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was out, and a detachment of the Irish Guards from London.

JOHNSON

Here's a bit about the woman aviator who's trying to beat her own husband's record. You remember Captain Jim Mollison, the plucky Scot^Sman who made the first westward solo flight across the Atlantic?

Well, it's his wife, Amy Johnson. She's trying to beat Captain Jim's record from London to Capetown.

There was a good deal of anxiety about her yesterday because no report had been had from her for thirty hours. Today it became known that she ~~has~~ successfully crossed the ~~great~~^{vast} Sahara.

CHINA

That farmers' strike in Iowa seems to have found an echo in China, of all places. However, a dispatch to the New York Sun reports that the motive for the Chinese farmers' strike is different from that of the boys in Iowa.

The provincial government of Kiangsu needed money and had its own scheme to raise it. That scheme was to remeasure the land in order to increase the taxes. They passed a new law and sent out surveyors to remeasure the farm lands. And the curious thing is that they were remeasured so that the farmers found themselves owning more land than they thought they had. Usually you'd think that would please a man. But it didn't make a hit with the farmers in this province of China because it meant that they would have to pay more taxes.

The angry agriculturalists swooped down upon the surveyors' camp^s, burned their tents and smashed their instruments, and then ~~they~~ refused to ~~xxx~~ sell any of their produce and marched on the city of Yangchow.

The city fathers ^{of Yangchow} ordered the gates closed and barred.

The result was that food supplies were cut off and a state of siege existed. Peace was restored when the provincial government called back the surveyors and decided to forget about the remeasurement of the land.

Captain
R.F.C.

Now for an encouraging note. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation gave out the information today that the demands for loans during the month of October were less than in any other month since the R.F.C. came into existence.

Only six hundred and one applications from business men, farmers, and manufacturers were received last month. In April the number of appeals for help was 1527.

The announcement says further that banks have repaid the R.F.C. more than two hundred ^{and} eleven millions. This amounts to 27% of the money loaned to them.

Captain
Charles
Scully.

Official in
Red Cross.

Nov. 16, 1932.

INTRO TO SCULLY

ALL RIGHT, LADIES, I'LL SHOOT WITH YOU, AND
THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS ON. WE ALL KNOW
A LITTLE ABOUT IT, BUT I HAVE A FRIEND WHO IS AN IMPORTANT
RED CROSS OFFICIAL. YOU HAVE OCCASIONALLY HEARD ME MENTION
HIS NAME. HE'S CAPTAIN CHARLES SCULLY, THE MAN WHO HAS
BROKEN MANY RECORDS FOR SAVING HUMAN LIFE. I BROUGHT
CAPTAIN SCULLY ALONG TONIGHT. I AM GOING TO ASK HIM TO
SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE RED CROSS, SOMETHING APPROPRIATE
AT THIS TIME WHEN THE RED CROSS IS BUSY ENROLLING ~~NEW~~
NEW MEMBERS.

OKAY, CAPTAIN. SHOOT.

CAPTAIN SCULLY

ALL RIGHT, LOWELL, I'LL SHOOT WITH WORDS, NOT
GUNS.

WE HAVE JUST CELEBRATED ARMISTICE DAY, THE DAY
THAT MARKED THE CLOSE OF THE WORLD WAR. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER
WAR BEING WAGED NOW IN OUR COUNTRY. IT IS A WAR THAT WILL
TAKE A GREATER TOLL THAN GUNS AND SUBMARINES. AND THE RED
CROSS IS MARSHALLING ITS FORCES TO COMBAT IT.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MORE DISABLED VETERANS
OF THE WORLD WAR IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TODAY, FOURTEEN
YEARS AFTER THE WAR, THAN THERE WERE ONE YEAR AFTER THE WAR?

THE LOSS OF OUR CITIZENS BY DROWNING AVERAGES
7,000 LIVES A YEAR. THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT NATIONAL TRAGEDY
THE RED CROSS IS ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE THROUGH ITS LIFE SAVING
PROGRAM.

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THEN THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ~~BLIND~~ BLIND.
AND THE RED CROSS HAS A DEPARTMENT OF VOLUNTEERS BUSY CHANGING
BOOKS INTO BRAILLE SO THE BLIND MAY READ.

THE LATEST PROJECT OF THE RED CROSS IS THE
CONVERTING OF ^{a half million} ~~500,000~~ BALES OF GOVERNMENT COTTON INTO
CLOTHING FOR FOLKS WHO ARE IN NEED.

Well, Captain, here's hoping every American ~~man~~ who can will enroll.

HUNTING

And now for a

~~Here's an interesting~~ hunting ~~note~~^{item}. The Game

Conservation Department of New York State announced^s that

the principal bag in the deer hunting season in that

state is ^{so far -} twenty hunters. Six of them were killed by

their own guns. Eight were killed by their companions.

One of them ^{stopped} ~~got~~ a bullet ^{from} ~~of~~ another hunting party.

^{still} Another was hit by a stray shot. Two hunters were drowned

when their boat overturned, ^{and it's too bad you weren't there to pull them out Capt. Sully.} Another dropped dead of

excitement. One woman who was hunting with her husband

was shot by a man in another party.

If much more of that goes on there'll be plenty more work for the Red Cross.

AUCTION

They've been having a whale of an auction sale out in Chicago. Some four hundred thousand bits of real estate in Cook County were offered. They have been ordered sold for delinquent taxes ^{for} ~~of~~ the year 1930, — taxes amounting to over one hundred million dollars. Theoretically this property is worth one and a half billion dollars. But there seem to be few buyers. Only ten thousand dollars in cash has been received by the Public Treasury as a result of this sale.

FOOTBALL

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I recently read ~~of~~ a couple of football articles that interested me ~~particularly~~ particularly. ~~Don't~~ Stop me if you've heard them already. One was written by Gaius Shaver in Collier's Weekly. Football fans may remember that Shaver was the All America backfield star ~~of~~ the University of Southern California ~~in the~~ team ~~of~~ 1936.

Shaver points out that the reporting of football games is larded with a heavy streak of criticism. For instance, he says ~~no~~ young boys of nineteen to twenty-one are subjected to as drastic and severe condemnation, even abuse, as professional baseball players. For a baseball reporter to swat Babe Ruth when he muffs a fly is O.K.

~~In the first place,~~ The Babe gets paid eighty thousand *bucks* ~~a year for it.~~ *taking it. So he should worry.* ~~In the second place he does plenty of~~ *The Babe* ~~swatting himself.~~

To treat college undergraduates, who are

supposed to be amateurs and ~~many~~^{some} of whom undoubtedly are amateurs, to the same sort of abuse ~~or~~^{when they} failing to block a kick or catch a pass, says Shaver, is obviously not rational.

Old Bill McGeehan in the New York Herald Tribune also points out that the ~~straight~~^{straight} reporting of football, reporting without animus, seems hardly to exist.

5 } But the reporters both in the newspapers and on the air who describe football games with a plentiful accompaniment of raspberries, seem to be reflecting the mood of the cash customers. That is, the cash customers at the games.

Joe Williams in the New York World Telegram comments on the fact that the annual ~~big~~ football game between Vanderbilt and Tulane, ~~has been~~ which has been one

of the big events of the season in the South, will not come off next year. Vanderbilt and Tulane have severed relations. And the reason is that the last time Vanderbilt played Tulane, the crowd gave the visitors the old Bronx cheer. Joe Williams adds "Even the soft nuances of the southland drawl did not make it any easier to take. Apparently, he says, the ^{folks down south} ~~Tennesseans~~ will stand for beer but not boos. ^{Boos I mean.} (Don't blame me for that one. It's

Joe Williams's.) He points out further that in the Argentine a football player who gets a boo takes a bow because he's ~~so~~ grateful to have ^{received} ~~got~~ nothing worse. A dispatch from La Plata in the South American Republic relates that a gentleman who refereed a soccer game the other day, refused to allow the home team, which was losing, a penalty kick. For this he was shot in the head and critically wounded. *So why worry about*

a few raspberries.

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COLLEGES

Freedom of opinion and freedom of expression leave much to be desired in the universities of the U.S.A. This statement was made today, not by a rebellious professor nor a bumptious undergraduate. It was made by Dr. Samuel Capen, Chancellor of the University of Buffalo. He said it to some 600 educators and representatives of learned societies who were meeting ~~under~~^{on} the roof of the Waldorf-Astoria.

Dr. Capen says this is due to the fact that American people confuse ~~the~~^a college with ~~the~~^a university. "In many universities", declared Chancellor Capen, "the scholar or teacher who deals with subjects that are matters of public controversy and who states an opinion which shocks timid, conservative people, runs the risk of either suppression or instant dismissal".

Chancellor ~~Chap~~ Capen's statement was to a certain extent backed up by no less distinguished a visitor than Sir James Colquhoun (pronounced Colhoon)^{Irvine,} Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the ancient university of St. Andrews,^{in Scotland.} Sir James

declared that the freedom of English and Scottish universities was also in danger because all of them are ~~increasingly~~ becoming more and more dependent upon public funds.

CONGRESS

During the last campaign much to-do was made over Senators and Congressmen who unloaded their fond relatives on Uncle Sam's payroll. Not only the newspapers but the rivals of these Senators and representatives were unkind enough to publish in full detail how much their families were drawing all together out of the public chest.

Well, the news from Washington, now that the returns are in, shows that 60 of these affectionate Congressmen who are so solicitous about their relatives received the royal and noble order ~~with~~ of the axe. In short, they were fired, bounced, canned; some of them retired of their own free will, others retired, as Potash and Perlmutter used to say, by mutual consent.

However, there are still 109 gentlemen in the Congress who make the taxpayers help them support their families.

METEORS

Astronomers, amateur and professional, had a grave disappointment the last two evenings. They were all set for the visit of those famous meteors, the Leonids, from the constellation, Leo. But in Broadway language, the show was a flop. A few were seen from the Flower Observatory in Philadelphia, and a few more at the Harvard Observatory. ~~My friend,~~ Dr. Clyde Fisher, President of the Amateur Astronomers Association and Curator of Astronomy at the Museum of Natural History, says he counted only 18 of them.

The rest of them, says Dr. Fisher, failed to keep their date with the Earth. The theory is that they ~~have~~ ^{unsuccessful} travel ~~deserted~~ ^{left} us for our neighbor, Jupiter, which is the largest of all the planets we know.

The New York World-Telegram asks whether it can be possible that Mother Earth is losing her attraction.

ENGINEER

An extraordinarily versatile fellow got into the news today in New York City. He is only 24 years old, but he gives out the information that he is a scenario writer, a poet, a radio engineer and a dramatist. A man must have a good deal of capacity to be able to do all of those things, *especially to be a radio engineer.*

But the New York police say he ^{has} ~~ix~~ still another profession. In addition to being a scenario writer, ~~a~~ poet, ~~a~~ radio ~~engineer~~ ~~and~~ dramatist, the gentleman is also a burglar, in fact the detectives claim that he ^s ~~admitted~~ _λ it himself.

Some times it seems a man can have one trade too many.

*And if I dont run along now
Ill be taking one minute too many —
so s-l-u-t-m,*