

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

Another bit of aviation news. A new coast to coast record was established today by that swagger, spectacular flier Colonel Roscoe Turner who made it from Burbank, California, to Floyd Bennett Field, New York in ten hours, and five and a half minutes. This beats the record held by Jimmie Haizlip, beats it by thirteen minutes.

Colonel Roscoe had hoped to refuel and turn right round and beat it back again to the Pacific, and thus make it a round trip record; but the weather was against him.

N.B.C.

ROOSEVELT

An announcement from Washington today set New York politicians by the ears. The announcement was that President Roosevelt was about to take another short vacation and would stop over in New York City. The news came as a bit of a surprise because a previous announcement had it that Mr. Roosevelt would go straight from Washington to his country place *in Dutchess County.*  
~~Hyde Park~~

So the New York politicians immediately saw a deep dyed political plot in this change of plan. They became convinced that the President was stopping over at his New York City home for no other purpose but to put the presidential finger into the New York City <sup>pie --- that</sup> ~~mayoral~~ campaign <sup>for mayor that is</sup> ~~pie~~ *raising such a hullabaloo*

However, the straight dope from Washington is that there's nothing to it. The White House <sup>says</sup> positively and emphatically that Mr. Roosevelt will take no part in New York City politics. Of course, this will be a great disappointment to the enemies of the Tammany tiger who had hoped that the national

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leaders of the party would help them ~~by~~<sup>by</sup> throw ~~ing~~<sup>ing</sup> the formidable weight of the administration on the side of the people who are trying to bust up Tammany's control of New York City.

As a matter of fact, the real purpose of Mr. Roosevelt's visit to ~~New York City is to~~<sup>Gotham will be to</sup> say goodbye to his son James

and ~~his~~ wife, and see them off on their forthcoming trip to

Europe Tuesday ~~at~~<sup>midnight -- tomorrow,</sup> The President will motor to ~~Hyde Park~~<sup>Poughkeepsie</sup>

on Wednesday morning, ~~so~~<sup>so</sup> there you are.

N.B.C.

## STEEL

There was a conference of big shots of the steel industry at the White House today. They were summoned to consider the President's plan for the government to purchase large quantities of steel and sell or lease the steel thus bought to railroads and other industries just to start the buying wave in a big way. It is said the railroads are prepared to buy half a million tons of steel rails and this would help everybody more or less.

N.B.C.

STRIKE

Strike news comes from two different parts of the country. ~~today.~~ In Philadelphia the workers at the plant of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company are out, and similar information comes from Detroit. The workers in several of the big automobile plants in not only Detroit but in Flint, Michigan, walked out demanding higher wages. This automobile strike is backed by an organization known as the Mechanics Educational Society.

Leaders of the American Federation of Labor are trying to settle the troubles in Philadelphia.

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CUBA

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Cuba is still reported as more or less upset, but there were no sensational disturbances. An announcement was issued from the State Department in Washington today in which Secretary Hull said that in case any of Uncle Sam's warships are obliged to land a rescue party, the nationals of any foreign country who want to join in <sup>the rescue</sup> will be welcome. Secretary Hull also said that if any serious trouble shows up the naval commanders will be expected to use their own judgment.

N.B.C.

GENEVA

( Well, the good old League of Nations is at it again. The fourteenth assembly of the League was opened today at Geneva and the principal speaker was the Prime Minister of Norway who promptly turned on the gloomiest kind of gloom. He told the delegates that all the nations are afraid of war, and that they are all blaming the league. He told them further that the prestige of the League has been growing smaller every year. )

The spectacular act of the day was put on by who do you suppose? Yes of course, a lieutenant of Chancellor Hitler of Germany. The Nazi Minister of Propaganda stalked into the hall at Geneva ~~xxxxxxxx~~ escorted by fifteen brown shirt troopers in military formation, acting as his bodyguard. And this spectacle in an assemblage supposed to be devoted to peace!

N.B.C.

ASIA

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My friend Ellery Walter seems to be having a thoroughly exciting time over in Asia. He declares that from what he observes in Harbin conditions are almost unbelievably complex and tense. During the first five days of his stay in Harbin two married couples both Japanese, were shot; a Russian scientist was kidnapped by Chinese bandits by mistake -- they thought they were capturing the American Vice Consul -- and a whole host of other acts of violence took place in and around Harbin. Walter was present at a battle between seventy-five of the troops of the Manchukuo Government and a large body of bandits. The city of Harbin, he says, is fully armed: the soldiers guarding the roads do their patrolling with drawn revolvers and rifles already cocked slung over their shoulders. There are barbed wire barricades all over the place, many of them ~~are~~ electrified.

Peasant refugees coming into Harbin say there is extreme poverty, even starvation in Siberia. It is believed that this accounts for armed raids by Communists, mostly



members of the ~~O.G.P.U.~~ <sup>the G.P.U.</sup> the celebrated secret police of the Soviet Government. Several of these bands of armed Communists have been raiding villages in Manchuria for food.

In spite of these conditions, says Ellery Walter, night life goes on <sup>merrily</sup> in the city of Harbin. ~~merrily~~ Out of seventy thousand Russians <sup>there</sup> ~~in Harbin~~ ten thousand are Reds, most of them working for the Chinese Eastern Railway. But although these are Reds they have no desire to go back to the land of the Soviet Union. The foreigners call these Communists radishes, because they are red outside and white inside!

Ellery Walter also had the experience of being the first newspaper man to talk to Dr. T. V. Soong, the Chinese Finance Minister, since his return from the World Economic Conference in London. He says Dr. Soong is extremely optimistic over the outcome of the loan from Uncle Sam to China for the purchase of cotton. Dr. Soong thinks the American Government will get its money back within a year. ~~On the subject of the Communist~~

~~menace~~ Dr. Soong <sup>still insists</sup> ~~was exceedingly scornful, as he doesn't take it seriously at all. At the same time he says~~ that China never will play ball with Japan.

~~XXXX~~ Ellery Walter

FAIR

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An important exhibition begins tomorrow, ~~night~~. The New Jersey State Fair, <sup>at Trenton.</sup> ~~which will open at the beautiful Fair Grounds in Trenton.~~ I've never been to one of these ~~Fair~~ ~~grounds~~, but impartial friends tell me it is one of the best ~~state~~ fairs in the <sup>land.</sup> ~~eastern part of the United States.~~ In fact, ~~one of the best in the country.~~

One of the features ~~of the fair~~ will be a horseshoe tournament, <sup>Wednesday.</sup> ~~and~~ On Friday the international Congress of Daredevils will give a show on the track. An advertisement in the Trenton ~~Evening~~ Times calls for a man to drive an automobile in a head-on collision with another car on Friday. The advertisement ~~x~~ reads: "Must crash at forty miles an hour, or no pay." The contestant must also give an unconditional release in case of injury or death, and he must be single. Another daredevil stunt will be a motorcyclist crashing through a double board wall at sixty miles an hour. <sup>H</sup> ~~and~~ There will be harness races during the first three days, <sup>H</sup> ~~of the Fair.~~ ~~Among the exhibits is a tomato~~

LINDBERGH

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh hopped off from Leningrad around noon today and landed in Moscow this afternoon. They were cheered by a crowd of twenty thousand people in the Soviet capital.

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MOLLISON

Oh yes, and there doesn't seem to be any such thing as discouragement for the Mollisons, Captain Jim and Amy. I hear they now have a new ship as a successor to the one in which they crashed at Bridgeport after crossing the Atlantic. This ship is all fueled, tuned up and ready to go at Wasaga Beach, Ontario. The name of it is the Seafarer, and they are all set, waiting only for a favorable weather, ready to fly to far off India or Arabia, non-stop.

N.B.C.

TENNIS

The U.S.A. has walked away with the laurels in the professional tennis matches at Paris. America's Big Bill Tilden met Henri Cochet of France, the ~~chap~~ <sup>Big Bill</sup> who ~~tumbled him~~ <sup>tumbled him</sup> off the National Championship throne, and ~~his~~ had his revenge today. Tilden beat the Frenchman in three straight sets: 6 - 3, 6 - 4, 6 - 2. ~~Bruce Barnes had a tougher time beating Martin/Clark~~ <sup>Flas</sup> but he finally took him in four sets.

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~~The match between Tilden and Cochet was their first meeting since the Davis Cup Matches three years ago.~~

N.B.C.

TRIAL

( The trial of the German Communists accused of having set fire to the Parliament Building in Berlin, is turning out to be a hectic affair. Its principal feature today was an impassioned ~~and~~ ten minute speech by the leader of the ~~German~~ Communists, in which he declared his innocence. This leader, Ernst Torgler, is the only German among the five accused men. Vañderlūbbe, stealing a leaf out of Mr. Gandhi's book, had been trying a voluntary fast.) But when he found his health wouldn't stand it, he gave in today and consented to take food.

N.B.C.

MEDICO

Some interesting visitors from South America are in New York at present. They are seventeen of the most eminent physicians in Brazil who are commissioned by the Brazilian Government to make a tour of the U.S.A. and inspect our hospitals

*I met them at the Waldorf today.*  
and clinics. <sup>^</sup> There's going to be a reception in their honor

tomorrow evening on the Observation Roof on top of the Seventy Story R.C.A. Building in Rockefeller Center. The party is being given by the Pan American Medical Association. The program will be broadcast in this country <sup>by</sup> ~~over~~ the N.B.C. ~~W.A.S. network~~ and, ~~will be~~ relayed by short wave to Brazil.

N.B.C.

## PEDIGREES

A good many of the English aristocracy are pretty hot under the collar over that statement made at a meeting of what is known as the British Association. I mean the statement of Lord Raglan, himself a member of the peerage, a statement that all family trees are the work of pedigree fakers, and there's not a word of truth in them. Ho, ho, so the nobility is also rather scornful of Lord Raglan's declaring that the tradition of Norman blood is a myth.

But the noble Lord did more than annoy the aristocracy when he attacked two of Britain's most cherished traditions he angered everybody, for he told the British Association that Robin Hood never existed, and neither had Hereward-the-Wake, a hero not so widely known in America, but nevertheless the subject of a fascinating romantic novel by Charles Kingsley. Lord Raglan said moreover that another myth was the existence of William Tell -- the good old apple story. As for Robin Hood, he was just a tree god



borrowed by the English from the legends of thirteenth century France.

13 } Lord Raglan wasn't the only man who addressed the British Association with sensational statements. An eminent psychologist declared that the world's brains are on the skids. This he attributes to the rapidly decreasing birth rate in the more intelligent families which he says, is bringing about a decline in the average intelligence of the population. In fact, he ~~insists~~ *insists* it is declining so rapidly as to endanger the safety of modern civilization.

~~Well, well, that sounds awfully formidable. Maybe we'll all have to turn back to being Robin Hood and William Tell.~~

London Daily Mirror.

STORM

We think we've been badly hit by storms this year, but apparently all of our disasters were mild compared to the hurricane that tore down on Tampico and northeastern Mexico today. I understand that the total number of people killed may reach into the hundreds; To say nothing of dozens of others who were drowned.

Communications have been so thoroughly demolished that we would not have the slightest bit of information concerning this disaster but for the radio of Pan American Airways. The hurricane <sup>roared landward</sup> ~~came~~ out of the Carribbean early this morning and reached a velocity of a hundred ~~and even a hundred~~ and fifteen miles an hour, and in its wake came a torrential ~~torri~~ tropical downpour, in Tampico.

Some Pan American pilots radioed the information that entire houses were demolished by the wind and even in modern concrete buildings all windows and doors were blown in. Two oil tankers were washed up on the south bank of the ~~Rxxx~~ Panuco River which overflowed its banks. Considerable sections

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of the city are under water. The planes of Pan American Airways are unable to land because the airport at Tampico is inundated. They have been ~~report~~ dropping parcels of food for the marooned personnel of the airport, as well as hundreds of Tampicans who took refuge in the higher country around ~~the~~ landing field.

N.B.C.

WEATHER

Well, I knew that sooner or later I'd get into trouble over some of these stories about the weather. And sure enough, here it comes. I have a letter from Mr. Frank Newly of Suffern, New York, who addresses me as follows:

"Dear Lowell: The next time you broadcast the weather I wish you would use your own judgment. I was looking for a big hurricane over the weekend and I nailed all the doors and blinds up on my farm house and also all the chickens. I nailed them so good that it took me two days to get out of my house, and I don't know how long it will be before I get to my chickens to feed them. And as it happened, we had nothing but nice sunshine and clear weather over that week-end." Then my correspondent adds: "Please guess the weather for yourself next time."

If I ever started that I'd not only get into more trouble but I would deserve it. All the weather predictions

I convey come from <sup>Uncle Sam's</sup> ~~the~~ Weather Bureau, of the Department of ~~Agriculture~~ so I'm afraid, Mr. Newly, I'll have to pass the buck to Uncle Sam whose shoulders are somewhat broader than mine.

H.B.C.

Correspondence

## GIANTS

A famous English explorer is on his way to Africa in the hope of finding a race of giants. The editor of Judge says it isn't necessary to go that far. He says: "All we have to do is go into a movie and they all sit down right in front of us.

As for me, all I need to do to come face to face with a Giants is to play baseball. With a scratch, pick-up team I played yesterday with a bunch from Brewster, New York. And how those Brewster Giants could lam the old apple. It was a calamity. If I told you what the score was you'd think I'd been playing cricket instead of baseball. Anyway, my soul is so bruised from this encounter that all I've got left to say now is --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

Judge

L. T.