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INTRO

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here we are back in New York again, and the old town looks fine. Chicago is great -- and so is New York. But there's a difference between the two towns, and you can't help feeling it. Chicago has energy and enthusiasm to burn. New York is a bit more stately, perhaps. But they are two cities you can't really compare. Each leads the world in its own way. Well, anyway, I like them both and feel at home in both.

FOOTBALL

Last Saturday night I made the remark that the amateur football season was over. But I was all wet. It didn't end until yesterday. The final game was played yesterday between two teams of Orientals, Chinese and Japanese. According to the newspaper reports from San Francisco it must have been a colorful affair indeed. The hero of the game was Joe Yuen, the big Chinese fullback.

Around the end came the Japanese backfield, Susumu Nambu, Sasaba Onishi and Yamakawa, lickety split but when they hit Joe Yuen, the spectators saw Japanese stars spilled in all directions.

But the big moment of the game came when the lads from Far Cathay held like the great wall of China.

1 Foon Kai Kee, the Cantonese quarter-
2 back, barked out a signal in high pitched
3 sing-song Chinese. Tiny Leong, the 210
4 pound center, flipped the pigskin back
5 ~~xx~~ to Joe ~~xxx~~ Yuen, the celestial fullback.
6 Joe Yuey booted it squarely between the
7 uprights and the score ended: - Chinese
8 All Stars 3, Japanese Showa University
9 nothing. And as the crowd of excited
10 Chinese fans poured out of the stadium
11 their band played: - "There'll be a hot
12 time in Chinatown tonight."

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SPAIN

Over in Spain martial law was declared late this afternoon. Revolution seems to be springing up ~~wxx~~ everywhere. There are general strikes in the larger cities. Military aviators at the flying field outside of Madrid mutineered. Planes flew over the capital and dropped proclamations saying that Madrid would be bombed unless the government resigned. According to the United Press, government soldiers attacked the flying field and shelled the mutineers with artillery.

One report has it that Ramon Franco the Ace was killed in a clash.

Rumors are flashing from Spain thick and fast. Most of them come from London. Spain is behind a veil of censorship tonight and most of the information or supposed to be information comes from returning travelers. ~~The International News Service has handed me a whole sheaf of these rumors.~~ Just ~~let me read the headlines:~~ 200 arrests in Madrid -- all public buildings surrounded by soldiers - King Alphonso heavily guarded in his palace -- a regiment of troops in revolt at Bilbao --

Zamora, former cabinet member arrested as head of the revolutionists
-- Madrid says Spanish Foreign Legion will be brought from Morocco
to help put down the revolt -- and so on.

The revolt is said to be directed against the King.

The rebels are demanding a republic.

BOAT

Sailing across to this side of the Atlantic - all day long scores of boats have been searching the waters off Miami, Florida, for ~~xx~~ the victims of that excursion boat disaster. Five excursionists are still missing as a result of yesterday's explosion.

A hundred and thirty-five people went out on a vessel called "Eureka-the- Second", to take a look through the glass bottom at the wonders on the bottom of the sea. Suddenly there were three explosions. The Eureka burst into flames. The excited panic-stricken people leaped overboard into the water. A few minutes later the boat sank. Luckily there were other vessels in the neighborhood. The pilot of a mail plane flying from the Bahamas to Miami saw the burning ship, and flashed the alarm to coast guard boats. Scores of boats rushed to the scene and pulled 125, men, women and children from the shark-infested waters.

1 By the way, ^{it's} here's a mysterious note about
2 Chicago's big society wedding - that is,
3 it was a society wedding all right if
4 exclusiveness is any test. It certainly
5 was exclusive. Well, the mystery is -
6 was Al there?

7 The papers have all been carrying
8 news about the wedding of the sister of
9 Chicago's ^{socalled} Big Shot - Al Capone. She married
10 an important man in gang affairs. It was
11 a sort of state wedding in Chicago's
12 gangdom. The Associated Press informs
13 us that it was a magnificent ceremony.
14 4,000 people were in the church. A huge
15 crowd waited outside. There were mountains
16 of flowers, and the wedding cake cost
17 \$2000. The Chicago police are looking for
18 Scar-face Al, and it has been supposed
19 that he was not there, but the United Press
20 states that there are rumors that the Big
21 Shot was at the ceremony, body guards and
22 all. ~~He must have just sneaked in and~~
23 ~~sneaked out.~~ None of the wedding guests
24 would admit having seen him.

25 While the marriage festivities of

gangdom have been going on in Chicago, the windy city has been engaged in a duel with the State of Texas. Governor Dan Moody of Texas said that he could clean up the Chicago gang situation with half a dozen Texas Rangers. The Chicago newspapers came back and had something to say about homicides not being so unpopular in Texas. This week's Literary Digest informs us that the Chicago Tribune went so far as to say that Texas is a great state and would look well in the map of Mexico.

The Digest has a ~~xxxxxx~~ red hot article about the little argument that has been going on between Chicago and Texas. For instance, regarding that blast about how well Texas would look in the map of Mexico well it brought an immediate barrage of verbal shot and shell from Texas, of course. Governor Moody said that Texas has its Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto, and Chicago has its Maymarket riot and St. Valentine's Day garage massacre. If you want a bit of excitement just turn to the Digest and read the yarn telling about this dispute.

BRITISH DEBT

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1 Today was pay day for Uncle Sam.
2 According to the Associated Press, his
3 friend across the Atlantic--John Bull--
4 made a payment on that bothersome war
5 debt to the tune of \$94,390,000. That
6 reduces the total quite a bit. John
7 Bull now owes Uncle Sam only four billion,
8 398 million. A mere trifle?

9 *Well it makes me groggy just to reel*
10 *off a figure as big as that.*
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1 Out in Waukegan, Illinois, a famous
2 man is in the hospital tonight. He was
3 in an automobile crash and, according to
4 the International News Service, he has
5 a broken shoulder. He is Count Luckner,
6 the Sea Devil--that jolly, old-time Jack
7 Tar who commanded a sailing ship raider
8 during the World War.

9 He sailed before the mast as a boy
10 and young man, and then became a German
11 naval officer. And during the world War
12 he took an old wind-jammer, ~~and~~ ran
13 through the British blockade with it, and
14 raided the seas, sinking one ship after
15 another and inflicting huge ~~damagem~~ damage.
16 He went through storm and shipwreck,
17 went through the torrent of shell fire
18 at the battle of Jutland, played the
19 game of a lone wolf on the ocean, had
20 fights at sea, was made a prisoner,
21 escaped, and was made prisoner again.
22 Yet he had scarcely a mishap in which
23 he was injured. His particular trouble
24 seems to be automobile accidents. He
25 had two bad ones in Germany, in which he

barely escaped death. And now once more there was a crash of cars, and the Sea Devil has a broken shoulder.

Count Luckner came to this country a stranger four years ago. But in that time he has won tens of thousands of friends and probably has done more to break down war time prejudice than any one person. The Count's rollicking sailor personality has done this.

PERSHING

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1 A long time before the big trouble
2 over in France, there was one small boy
3 ~~out~~ in Missouri who was always out
4 hunting and fishing at Locust Creek, near
5 the town of Laclede. Well, that boy is
6 a great man now, but he still remembers
7 Locust Creek and likes to talk about it.
8 He is General Pershing. *And* He is being
9 honored with a memorial, a 3,000 acre
10 park which is being laid out near
11 Laclede, ~~Missouri, Pershing's home town.~~
12 It will be called Pershing National Park.
13 Well, they did the nice thing about
14 that park. It is to be right along the
15 banks of Locust Creek *where the general*
16 *fished when he was a barefoot boy.*
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1 Professor Einstein sailed from
2 New York today on his way to California.
3 He and his wife are making the trip
4 around through the Canal. Just before
5 he left, the famous scientist said a few
6 things in favor of pacifism.

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8 prints a wise remark about the inventor
9 of relativity. It says that many a man
10 with a bald spot on his head, which is
11 slowly growing bigger, would rather
12 know the secret of Professor Einstein's
13 magnificent mop of hair than all the
14 thorny math^ematical secrets of relativity.

This next item takes me back a few years to the old days out West. We had a barn and I was ambitious enough to paint it. But a week after I got ~~xxxx~~ through that paint began scaling, and peeling off. That experience gives me a special interest in some information that comes from the United States Department of Agriculture. It tells about the kinds of wood that hold paint the best, and the kinds on which paint flakes and peels off. An article in this week's Literary Digest sums up these facts and says that the kinds of wood that hold paint best are cedar, cypress, and redwood. Next come northern white pine, western white ~~xxi~~ pine, and sugar pine. The worst kinds so far as painting is concerned --

1 are southern yellow pine, Douglas fir,
2 and western larch. The Digest tells us
3 that experiments have shown that paints
4 tend to flake and crack on these last
5 three kinds of wood.

6 They must have been used in building
7 that barn which I painted.

8 I have seen some peculiar kinds of
9 flaking out East. There if they want a
10 pagoda or a temple to be beautiful, they
11 don't paint it at all. They cover it with
12 gold leaf. Well, that gold leaf flakes
13 too, just like any common old white lead
14 that we would put on a barn. So they
15 renew the gold leaf every so often; that
16 is, maybe several times a century. It
17 is expensive, of course, but it does
18 look good. *It would even look good*
19 *on a barn -- if you had gold leaf to*
20 *squander like that.*

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ANEMIA

1 The New York Sun announces that a
2 ten thousand dollar prize has just been
3 divided between Dr. George Whipple, of
4 the University of Rochester, and Dr.
5 George Minot, of Harvard Medical School.
6 Maybe some of you have been reading about
7 this \$10,000, the prize offered by
8 Popular Science Magazine for the
9 scientific achievement of greatest benefit
10 to the public. These two learned
11 scientists are said to have discovered
12 that a diet of liver will cure anemia.

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GOOSE

1 At Hudson, Iowa, lives the
2 Methusalah of geese. The United Press
3 informs us that John Robinson out there
4 claims that he has a goose which is the
5 oldest in the world. That bird is 21
6 years old--and I suppose is about ready
7 to vote. But the critter is not so old
8 but that it can lay a dozen eggs a year.

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This next item was printed under the heading: GOLDFISH CAUSE FIRE.

How come, says you? Here's how, says I.

George Dobling lives in a town in Iowa called Lost Nation. He had a bowl of goldfish. It acted like a lens and focused the sun's rays on a tablecloth.

The tablecloth caught fire, and the next thing you know the fire engine was coming to put out the big fire caused by the bowl of goldfish.

STUDENTS

1 At the University of Michigan they
2 play a particularly good brand of
3 football, and I suppose that chemistry
4 and mathmatics out there are not so bad
5 either. But the automobile driving is
6 something fierce. Just the other day a
7 student, driving along, hit a motorcycle
8 cop, and that's bad strategy anywhere.
9 It was just the climax of a lot of bad
10 driving, and now the University has
11 ordered that no student will be allowed
12 to drive a car until he has taken out
13 full liability to cover any damage he
14 may cause.

WHISKERS

Down in Washington, Congressman Tinkham wears a magnificent black beard. It is cut square. The Associated Press states that there is no set of whiskers in Washington to compare with it in grandeur. Senator Gillette also from Massachusetts has a small red pointed crop of spinach on his chin. Senator Cooper of Wisconsin has a snow white beard. Senator Randall has white and stubby chin whiskers. None of them compare with Senator Tinkham and his great black chest protector.

Of course, the next Congress will have Senator J. Ham Lewis of Illinois, famous for years for his marvelous pink whiskers. But I saw Senator J. Ham out in Chicago the other day alas those golden pink whiskers have turned to silver white.

Well, I can lay claim to the honor, in a manner of speaking, of being present when the Tinkham whiskers were born. I told you the other night about a queer automobile accident on the Italian front during the World War, in which Senator Tinkham

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who was over there, had his arm broken. It was the Congressman's right arm that was broken. He couldn't shave, and he let his whiskers grow. And now they're the wonder of Washington.

Well, I think I'll go home now and stroke my beard and ponder over the days news.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.