

Lowell Thomas - October 21, 1932

Good Evening, Everybody:-

RIOT

For several days there has been trouble at the Portsmouth penitentiary in Kingston, Ontario. Today it became more serious than ever. Guards and troops of the Dominion of Canada ~~have~~<sup>held</sup> two hundred and ten ~~men~~ mutineers besieged in the ~~cell~~<sup>cell</sup> blocks.

A dispatch to the Montreal Star reports that at least half a dozen convicts are supposed to have been shot since the trouble began on Monday. There was also a report that the rioters were holding forty guards as hostages, but this was ~~is~~ denied. The prison officials say that they are determined to starve the mutineers out. The rioters are in possession of the prison kitchen and power house.

Firing was heard during the night, but it was believed the shots were fired into the air to frighten the prisoners. Officials say that the guards and troops have the situation in hand. The troops are units of the Royal Canadian Artillery, ~~forces~~<sup>House</sup>.

## DISARMAMENT

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post from Washington states that Uncle Sam's State Department has decided to accept the disarmament conference's proposal to extend the international naval holiday four months longer. This will prolong it to March 1st, 1933.

Thirty-five other powers including Great Britain and France, have accepted the proposal. The holiday has been prolonged in the hope that by March 1st the powers will have reached a general disarmament agreement.

~~According to a dispatch from London there's a possibility that Uncle Sam and John Bull will take the leadership in disarmament and bring the present crisis to an end. Norman Davis, United States delegate to the disarmament conference, has been in London for a week conferring with leaders of the British government. At the same time Rear Admiral Hepburn, another American representative, has been holding informal conversation with a representative of the British Admiralty.~~

LONDON

They've been having more <sup>riots of the</sup> unemployed ~~riots~~ in England.

Mounted police charged a crowd ~~of unemployed~~ near the Thames police court today. This happened during a trial of three men who were arrested yesterday for creating <sup>a</sup> disturbances during the visit of H. R. H. Prince George to a sailors' hotel and club.

Then in the east end of London a mob of two hundred unemployed attacked and stoned the Bobbies.

BERLIN

(The breach between Chancellor Von Papen of Germany and Adolf Hitler grows wider. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that the Chancellor issued an official statement today which gave the direct lie to ~~Adolf~~ Hitler.

The leader of the German Fascists had published an open letter in which he made certain statements about the demands ~~of~~ the Government ~~had made~~ for an army of 300,000 and for the right to build battle ships.

Von Papen declared in diplomatic but unmistakable terms, ~~adds~~ ~~say~~ the Evening Post, that Hitler's description of the demands made by the Government was pure fabrication, and that the leader~~x~~ of the German Fascists was treacherously endangering the cabinet's plans.)

Incidentally Former Cancellor Bruening astonished the country ~~somewhat. He made a~~ <sup>with a</sup> ~~xx~~ speech in which he said ~~that~~ he and members of ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> former cabinet are at one with the present Government in expecting a business revival ~~next spring~~ in Germany ~~next~~ Spring.



ACHARD

Here's a story that might be entitled - <sup>The</sup> ~~&~~ Hello Girl's  
Revenge. A <sup>Ashar</sup> French writer named Paul Achard wrote a scathing  
satire ~~on~~ the telephone girls of Paris. Incidentally, Mr.  
Achard's previous book was about America.

Well, the story goes that his satire on the Parisian  
telephone girls just burned those fair ladies up. Incidentally,  
it would be difficult to think of any statement that would be  
unfair about the telephone <sup>service</sup> in Paris, which ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> notorious. ~~the~~  
~~world over.~~

At any rate, the telephone girls evidently read or  
heard about Mr. Achard's book. Ever since it appeared his voice  
has been poison ivy on all the telephone wires in the Paris  
district. No matter where he talks from or how he disguises his  
voice, the girls get back at him. They call him all the worst  
names in the French vocabulary. To be sure, those names sound pretty  
mild to American ears. He's been called a <sup>Kōshō</sup> cochan, which means  
pig; chameau which means camel; and <sup>vāsh</sup> vache which means cow. If  
you call a Frenchman a cow that's considered a fighting word. ~~in~~

~~La Belle France.~~

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The joke is that in private life Mr. Achard is one of the most charming and well-mannered men in the Republic. ~~The best telephone in Paris is pretty bad. What Mr. Achard gets is -~~ <sup>But</sup> ~~as they say on Broadway nobody's business.~~ It's ~~as~~ useless for him to ask for the supervisor. Whenever he speaks there's a chorus in the telephone exchange - "there's that no good Paul Achard, pig, idiot, ~~and~~ slanderer!" The telephone girls even call up his house and tell his servants that they should be ashamed of themselves for working for <sup>a vache - a cow.</sup> ~~such a master.~~ <sup>Why they</sup> ~~They will~~ even butt into conversations he's holding with friends over the telephone and tell <sup>them</sup> ~~his friends~~ <sup>what sort of a cow he is,</sup> ~~their opinion of him.~~

STRAUS

About two weeks ago we had an item concerning  
S. W. Straus and Company, banking and brokerage firm.

Well, here's another one about the same firm that sounds *as*

~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> it might be good news for many people. By a vote of

four to one, the Appellate Division of the New York State

Supreme Court sitting in Brooklyn today vacated the

receivership of S. W. Straus. The judges of the Appellate

Division completely reversed the decision of the lower

courts.

CANOE

A couple of Danish adventurers have undertaken a daring and perilous trip. They are trying to make the thirty five thousand miles along the coast all the way from Montreal to VanCouver by way of Cape Horn, in an eighteen foot sailing canoe.

9 A dispatch to the Toronto Star says they left St. John, New Brunswick two days ago for the ~~Waco~~ coast. Since they left heavy gales and rain storms have lashed the coastline. No news has been received from these Danish adventurers and it is feared their frail craft has been wrecked.



## ADVENTURE

This has been adventure week for me. Monday night it was ~~at~~ a gathering of explorers, ~~from all over the world~~. Last night the Adventurers' Club, made up of sea captains, big game hunters, trans-oceanic flyers, soldiers of fortune and so on, held their 21st annual banquet. And tomorrow night <sup>*I am going to the first*</sup> ~~it will be the~~ annual <sup>*and grand ball*</sup> gathering of the veterans of the romantic French Foreign Legion, <sup>*at The Waldorf-Astoria. There are some 200 of them in New York - men*</sup> ~~About 200 of them will be there, men representing~~ 23 nationalities. 2

Next to me at the Adventurers' Club sat a man named Gray, a former British Major General, who has taken part in 17 wars. Through his record run names like Bechuana<sup>^</sup> land, the Boer War, Bondo<sup>^</sup> land, squadron commander in the Zulu War, with the French at Tonkin on the China coast, with the Italians in Tripoli, wars in China, Mexico, Siberia, and so on. Major General Ivan Thord-Gray. He has also spent 10 years as an <sup>*ivory*</sup> hunter in Africa.

8 It was the first time a woman had ever been admitted by the Adventurers. It was in honor of Osa Johnson, Martin's wife, who told of her 23 years of adventure in Papua, the New Hebrides,

Simmie Hare.  
war correspondent

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Borneo, the Belgian Congo, and so on.

And I saw a man there I haven't seen for exactly 15 years. You may have forgotten his name, but you will all remember his pictures. He is the dean of all American war correspondents, and he did most of his work with his camera. I mean Jimmie Hare. Jimmie has followed wars all over the face of the earth. He <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ the man who used to supply all those pictures for Leslie's Weekly. His hair and his beard are gray now. He <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ past 70. But what tales Jimmie Hare could tell if he wanted to, of his adventures, along with Richard Harding Davis, and the war correspondents of that era.

Jimmie is sitting beside me tonight. I am not going to ask him to make a speech. But I did want to pay this tribute to him. And by the way, Jimmie, just what wars did you cover, and how many years were you at it?

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FOR JIMMY HARE

Well, let's see Lowell, the first was the Cuban Revolution. Then the Spanish American War, Russo-Japanese War, the trouble in Venezuela, the first and second Balkan Wars, a rumpus in Panama, and then you and I were on the Italian Front, and during the World War I was all over the place.



FLEET

Uncle Sam's fleet in the Pacific has been considerably worried by a mysterious ship which has been following it. A dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press says that the Pacific Fleet has been maneuvering for the last few weeks, and the mysterious vessel is apparently carrying people who are spying on the maneuvers.

6 The spooky craft bears no name and flies no flag. In shape it somewhat resembles a tanker. ~~Ex~~ But the speed which allows it to keep up with Uncle Sam's fastest boats leads naval officers to suspect that it's a re-conditioned destroyer.

This spy ship does not venture within the twelve mile limit. Consequently it is unlawful for ~~offex~~ officers to board her and question the crew. Whenever the fleet puts into port the strange vessel anchors outside the twelve mile limit.

Now how do you figure that out?

SMOOT

One of the interesting political contests this year is out in Utah. The veteran Senator Reed Smoot is having the fight of his political life. This is the first time in many years that there <sup>has</sup> been anything like serious opposition to his election.

As a dispatch to the ~~XXXXX~~ Newark News points out, <sup>Senator</sup> ~~Smoot's fight~~ <sup>Smoot's fight</sup> ~~this election~~ has importance far beyond the boundaries of Utah. The influence of United States senators varies not <sup>so much</sup> ~~so much~~ with their brains as with the length of time they've served in the Senate. Mr. Smoot's been there a <sup>long</sup> ~~long~~ time. Consequently he's one of the most important men in the Senate, and chairman of the <sup>all</sup> ~~and~~ important committee on Ways and Means, and what is called a rock-ribbed upholder of high tariff.

## FOOTBALL

This is what the experts call the height of the football season. ~~At any rate it's mid-season. And the break in weather came just in time. It looks as though it would be clear and cold for all those big games tomorrow.~~

I met a couple of lads from Princeton this afternoon, and they said that they were going to be on hand for that Tiger-Navy game tomorrow, because ~~it~~ at last they have high hopes of watching a victorious Princeton team in action. For three years the poor old Nassau Tiger has been a sad spectacle. But ~~tonight~~ <sup>now</sup> he's roaring as in days of old.

Yale and Army tangle in their annual battle. And that's always a spectacular show, ~~It looks like Army has the head. But you never can tell, even if Albee Booth is out of the picture.~~ <sup>and Cagle are gone.</sup>

Dartmouth  
I'd like to see that Harvard-Dartmouth game at Cambridge too. I hear they have a senior up <sup>at Harvard</sup> ~~at Harvard~~ who never played football until this year but who is a sensation. ~~Coach Casey says he is one of the shiftiest back field runners that ever zigzagged down a gridiron.~~

~~Fordham will have to get up and travel to hold those~~



But then there are big games, crucial games, all over the country.

Philadelphia newspapers are carrying stories this afternoon about a rather unusual one. The first Rocky Mountain Pigskin aggregation to ever play in the East is now in Philadelphia. The Pioneers from the University of Denver have come down from their mile high perch in Colorado for a clash with Temple University tonight at Temple Stadium. The Western lads arrived two days in advance in order to get used to the heavier air.



## EASTON

The city of Easton, Pennsylvania, has been giving what the citizens call a hearty kick to Old Man Depression.

Easton, ~~which is the~~ home of Lafayette College, ~~and the sister~~  
~~city on the other side of~~ <sup>on</sup> the Delaware River, ~~Phillipsburg,~~  
~~New Jersey,~~ has been holding a three day <sup>a</sup> celebration.

The Mayor and Council ~~opened the recently repaved Main Street~~  
~~of the city, and also~~ <sup>have</sup> turned on a brilliant new lighting  
system, <sup>said to be</sup> ~~Easton believes it now has the finest street lighting~~  
~~display~~ in the East. Guests from three states were invited  
to join ~~the city~~ in the celebration. Today is the last day of  
the three day festival.

HOOVER

4 Mr. Hoover is under arrest in Brazil. But don't be alarmed. He's no relation to our president. His name is Orton W. Hoover, and he's an aviator from Indiana. He's in jail on charges of having helped the recent rebellion in Sao Paulo, which has been suppressed.

(3) It's not the first time that this daring aviator has been in prison. He was in the calaboose during the rebellions of 1924 and 1930. <sup>Star Pilot</sup> Hoover was an ace in the World War.

THIEF

I was startled today to see a headline in the New York World Telegram which read as follows: "Hoover calls Roosevelt thief." Then in parenthesis: It's a couple of other fellows. So here's the story. It comes from Chicago.

"Hoover versus Roosevelt", called out the Clerk in one of the Chicago police courts.

"What's this?" said the Magistrate, "a political meeting?"

"No", replied the Clerk. "This is Ike Hoover, special agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad."

Ike came forward and then said to the Magistrate:

"This fellow is Metts Roosevelt who lives on Roosevelt Road. I caught him stealing ice in the yards."

"Well", replied the Judge, "we mustn't desecrate the name of Roosevelt. <sup>Bang!</sup> Ten dollars and costs."

The Magistrate then turned to Metts Roosevelt and said: "I suppose you're going to vote for Roosevelt."

"No suh. Ahm gonna vote for Hoover and I don't mean Ike Hoover neither."



## POLITICS

Here's a man who laments what he terms the excessive politeness of political speech making, ~~today~~. He is ~~an~~ professor an assistant professor of history in New Jersey. He told his class ~~today~~ <sup>today</sup> that the art of mud slinging has been definitely lost in America. The present campaign has been so <sup>mild</sup> ~~mild~~ that the professor believes our language is losing its picturesque elements. The professor quoted samples from political oratory in the days of Washington and Jefferson to prove his point. For instance, one of Thomas Jefferson's enemies called him a cowardly wretch, and called his followers rapacious ~~profligate~~ profligates and desperados.

~~The dignified Noah Webster, the dictionary man, said the Jeffersonians were the refuse, the sweepings of the most depraved part of mankind.~~



SMITH

When Al Smith spoke in Tammany Hall Wednesday evening he referred to patched<sup>s</sup><sub>1</sub> on his under-garments. Ever since then he's been flooded with letters, telephone calls, telegrams, demanding to know what size he wears, what kind, and what color he prefers. *Folks are sending him so many* <sup>1</sup> It looks as though before long he'll own as many suits of under-garments as there are floors in the Empire State Building.

Al hasn't admitted it publicly, but the whispering ~~XXXXX~~ campaign has it that he wears long fuzzy woolly ones, not necessarily red.

LUKS

~~My friend~~, George Luks, admittedly the dean of American painters, has been handing out some advice to women. He gave an interview to the New York World Telegram in which he said there are that two things a woman needs in order to get on. One, says George, is glamor, the other is a noodle. The glamor she should keep on exhibition whenever there's a man in sight. Her brains, however, should be subtly concealed except when she's alone with other women.

George says he thought <sup>New York</sup> ~~men and~~ women had a better time when Manhattan Island was owned by the Indians than they <sup>'re</sup> ~~are~~ having now. George also thinks men are getting softer. George is one of those who believes in the old English proverb:

A Spaniel, a woman, ~~and~~ a walnut tree,  
The more you beat them the better they be.

And after that - I - I'm afraid I'd  
better run. And s - e - l - u - t - Monday