

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 A few plain words were spoken in  
2 London today. (In the House of Commons  
3 Ramsay MacDonald declared that the  
4 British government had no idea of  
5 granting ~~the~~ independence <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ India. He  
6 explained that the Indian people  
7 themselves do not want it.) All that was  
8 under consideration at the Round Table  
9 Conference was a certain amount of local  
10 self-government *for India.*

11 The International News Service quotes  
12 the Prime Minister as adding that the  
13 next step in the attempt to solve the  
14 Indian question will be the appointment  
15 of committees to go out to India and  
16 study the situation, *and that is just what*  
17 *committees have been doing for years and*  
18 *years.*

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*Lowell Thomas*

1 I ran across an exceedingly  
2 interesting fact today. It occurs in an  
3 article on Lincoln. We are told of  
4 Emanuel Hertz, a lawyer, who has made a  
5 life study of Lincoln. In his quest of  
6 objects pertaining to the great  
7 emancipator, he made a trip to Bombay,  
8 in far-off India.

9 Now why go to Bombay to find out  
10 anything about America's great Civil War  
11 President. The answer is -- a portrait  
12 of Lincoln.

13 Louis Sherwin, writing in today's  
14 New York Evening Post, relates that one  
15 of the best of Lincoln's portraits was  
16 painted <sup>one</sup> for Dossabhoy Framjee Cambay, a  
17 rich Parsee of Bombay. This Parsee was  
18 deeply interested in America's great  
19 emancipator and had a picture painted of  
20 him, a portrait which now hangs in a  
21 Bombay museum.

22 And this once more reminds us how  
23 world-wide has been the interest in Abraham  
24 Lincoln.  
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1 ~~Some~~ More cheers from the  
2 Democrats. Today. <sup>I mean,</sup> ~~of course~~ They won  
3 ~~x~~ the congressional election in New  
4 Jersey, yesterday. They elected their  
5 candidate to take the place of a  
6 Republican in a normally Republican  
7 district. <sup>And</sup> That increases the ~~the~~ Democratic  
8 majority in the House of Representatives  
9 by one. And so, it's only natural  
10 that the Democratic donkey is braying  
11 with a loud and jubilant sound tonight.  
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1           In Washington two invitations have  
2 been extended. One is an invitation to  
3 a Congressman to join the Republican  
4 caucus. The other is a similar invitation  
5 to join the Democratic caucus. The odd  
6 thing is that both of these invitations  
7 have been sent to the same man.

8           The International News Service  
9 wires that Representative Patrick J.  
10 Boland of Pennsylvania has been invited  
11 to join both the Republican and the  
12 Democratic caucuses. The explanation is  
13 that Mr. Boland was endorsed by both  
14 parties.

15           And so he has had to decide which  
16 party he would vote with. He announces  
17 that he is going to vote as a Democrat.  
18 He has accepted the invitation to join  
19 the Democratic caucus and will be listed  
20 as a member of the Democratic Party.  
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1       The subject of President Hoover's  
2 message to the forthcoming Congress is  
3 forecast ~~in~~ today in the New York Evening  
4 Post. Clinton ~~A~~ Gilbert, the Post  
5 correspondent, declares that the President  
6 will take up the subject of credits and  
7 the banks. The President, as has been  
8 ~~told~~<sup>mentioned</sup> many times before, is deeply  
9 concerned about the tied-up credit  
10 situation of the country, and the report  
11 is that the most important problem that  
12 he will lay before Congress in his  
13 official message will be plans for  
14 thawing out all of those millions of  
15 dollars worth of frozen credits. That's  
16 an old subject now but it is  
17 scheduled for some new presidential  
18 illumination. And if those frozen  
19 credits are finally thawed there will be  
20 much jubilation as well as illumination,  
21 because the country is tired of skating  
22 around on those frozen credits.

1 Last night we had a dramatic  
2 scene, with Jimmy Walker, New York's  
3 merry Mayor making an eloquent plea for  
4 the freedom of Tom Mooney, America's  
5 most famous prisoner. Well, tonight  
6 let's see what the country at large thinks  
7 of Jimmy Walker's sensational entrance  
8 into the Mooney case. A picture of  
9 diverse opinions is given by the new  
10 Literary Digest, which comes out  
11 tomorrow.

12 The Digest <sup>starts</sup> ~~quoting~~ by giving us  
13 a resume of the facts that both Mooney  
14 and his aged mother appealed to New  
15 York's Mayor, and that Jimmy is in the  
16 case as a lawyer serving without fee.

17 First of all what does California  
18 think about it? Well, the <sup>state</sup> ~~city~~ is  
19 divided. The Sacramento Bee uses the  
20 phrase "hound for publicity".

21 "The engagement of Mayor Walker",  
22 agrees the San Francisco Chronicle, "is  
23 too plainly for the purpose of a hippodrome!"

24 The San Francisco <sup>however</sup> News is of an  
25 opposite opinion and <sup>emphatically</sup> declares that



anything that centers attention on the Mooney Case is welcome. The San Francisco News, as quoted by the New York World Telegram this evening, states that Jimmy Walker's plea made yesterday a day of triumph for him.

And here comes the Asbury Park Evening Press which asserts that so irregular were the proceedings that convicted Mooney, that even a vaudeville show is justified in attempting to undo them.

The Baltimore Sun declares that if Mayor Walker's plea for Mooney is successful, it will be a useful act as well as flashy acting.

That Mooney-Walker affair is very much in the public eye just now. So naturally the Literary Digest comes right to the point and gives a country-wide picture of varying opinion.

1 Today a stately ocean liner steamed  
2 into New York Harbor. She was the  
3 Aquitania, with hundreds of passengers  
4 lining the rails. There was a hum in the  
5 sky. A queer-looking flying machine was  
6 approaching. It was an autogiro.

7 The windmill plane hovered over  
8 the ship and dropped a package on the  
9 deck. What was in the package?  
10 "Christmas Seals," answers the New York  
11 World-Telegram. This was a graphic sign  
12 that the annual sale of Christmas seals  
13 for the benefit of the ~~New York~~ Tuberculosis  
14 and Health Association is on.

15 Well, the Christmas seal has  
16 become a <sup>nationwide</sup> ~~standing~~ institution and a <sup>mighty</sup> good  
17 institution because there ~~xxxx~~ is  
18 nothing more important than the fight  
19 that is being waged <sup>or</sup> against the scourge  
20 of tuberculosis.

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1 Now let's think up all the different  
2 maladies and kinds of sickness we can  
3 and then say---No, they haven't got  
4 yellow jaundice, they haven't got <sup>whooping</sup> ~~scarlet~~  
5 <sup>cough</sup> ~~fever~~ and so on down the line, because we  
6 have to deal with the healthiest boy  
7 and the healthiest girl in the country.

8 The <sup>United Press</sup> ~~International News Service~~  
9 describes a competition which was held  
10 for the healthful prize. The boy that  
11 won it was William Sanders of Johnson  
12 County, Indiana, and the girl was  
13 Gertrude Heikes of Dakota County,  
14 Nebraska. They are sixteen and fifteen  
15 years old respectively, and have been  
16 proclaimed the two healthiest youngsters  
17 in the United States.

18 Bill rolled up a healthful percentage  
19 of 99.1% and Gertrude's score was 99.9%.

20 What <sup>makes them</sup> ~~do they do to be~~ so healthy?

21 Well, nothing in particular outside of  
22 what normal active youngsters do. It is  
23 significant that both are from the farm,  
24 and live the regular open-air active  
25 lives of farm children.

1 And here's another prize-winner. She  
2 is from the farm too, although you may  
3 not expect an agricultural lassie to win  
4 in a fashion competition.

5 Her name is Annette Yonkelowitz, 15  
6 years old, and she hails from Hoopestown,  
7 Illinois. At the Chicago International  
8 Livestock Exhibition they held a fashion  
9 competition. One prize went to the girl  
10 who could devise the most fashionable-  
11 looking street costume at a cost of less  
12 than 25 dollars. Annette <sup>Yonkelowitz of Hoopestown</sup> spent just 24  
13 dollars and 92 cents for her outfit, and  
14 won the prize.

15 Mary Marley, of Ashland, Massachusetts,  
16 took the honors for a party ~~class~~ dress.  
17 She assembled a pale green creation at a  
18 cost of \$19.76.

19 The International News Service closes  
20 the list with Helen Thomas of Amesville,  
21 Ohio, who produced a prize-winning semi-  
22 tailored costume at a cost of \$14.37.

23 The general idea seems to be to  
24 encourage fashionable looks at small prices,  
25 and I think most of us husbands and  
fathers agree that ~~that's~~ a most laudable  
enterprise.



1 ~~No, I can't tell you about a new~~  
2 ~~airplane speed record tonight, and that's~~  
3 too bad.

4 Yesterday Lowell R. Bayles, called  
5 the hard-luck flyer, zipped around a  
6 course at Detroit at a speed of 284 and  
7 72 one-hundredths miles an hour. And  
8 that should set a record for land planes.  
9 The present record is 276.48 miles per  
10 hour. Of course, considerably greater  
11 speeds were recorded at the Sneider Cup  
12 Races, but they were for seaplanes, which  
13 are stream-lined better and fly faster  
14 than land machines.

15 Well, the speed that Hard-Luck  
16 Bayles made yesterday was confirmed by  
17 a stop-watch. The official timing  
18 mechanism, however, consists of an  
19 electrical device with a camera. Before  
20 the record could be accepted, why the  
21 camera had to tell its story.

22 And that brings us down to today.  
23 The Associated Press relates that when  
24 the plates were developed it was found  
25 that the camera had failed. It appears

1 that the shutter of the photographing  
2 machine hung fire at the critical  
3 moment. As a result, the speed ~~mm~~  
4 achieved by Hard-Luck Bayles will not be  
5 presented as an official record.

6 *He'll have to do it all over*  
7 *again.*



Let's  
Now picture an Arab village in an isolated desert region of Mesopotamia. The followers of the Prophet are gathered around their camels talking things over. Perhaps they're scheming a revolt against the British, who are in control of the country.

A loud voice rings out -- a voice from the sky. In a deep and eloquent tone it warns them not to start any trouble. It tells them of the power of the government. It describes cannon and machine-gun, and volleys of rifle-fire.

The tribesmen see a strange-looking bird flying high in the sky, and from that bird comes the voice of warning.

Yes, that is the sort of thing that may impress the fighting, plundering nomads of the desert.

The International News Service describes a plan that is under way in London, a plan to use loud-speakers in impressing the natives of British territories in the Near East. Trouble is always threatening in Irak, also along

1 the River Jordan. The wild ~~tribes~~ tribesmen  
2 there need to be impressed. And officials  
3 of the Air Ministry in London believe that  
4 the way to persuade them is to have  
5 airplanes fly over their country with a  
6 loud-speaker going at full blast. The  
7 loud-speaker will utter salutary  
8 warnings, telling them to remain peaceful.  
9 And the voice, booming from the sky, is  
10 expected to have a profound effect. It  
11 will seem like a warning from Heaven.



1 Here's another one of those bits  
2 of news that make the members of the  
3 Tall Story Club bow their heads in  
4 shame. It's just one more example that  
5 truth can be stranger than whoppers.

6 First let me give the credentials  
7 for this one. It is cabled by the  
8 Associated Press from the town of Lecce,<sup>Lay chay,</sup>  
9 Italy.

10 Florindo Lëmno, an electrician,  
11 missed his step or something, and the  
12 next thing you know he was hanging on to  
13 a live wire. He just hung there. A  
14 call was sent to the central power  
15 station to have the current shut off.  
16 This all sounds quite reasonable, but  
17 get this:

18 ~~xx~~ The employee in charge of  
19 the central station refused to shut off  
20 the current because, as he explained -  
21 all complaints must be made in writing.  
22 And no amount of arguing could pull him  
23 out of his haze of red tape. The  
24 current was not shut off.

25 ~~xx~~ An army officer came along

and did some prompt and intelligent rescue work. Florindo came through alive, and I'd like to hear his fluent Italian the next time he sees that power house employee who said:-

"all complaints have to be made in writing."



1 Nevertheless the Tall Story Club  
2 will not be outdone by any Italian tall  
3 occurrence. The learned brothers enter  
4 the lists tonight with a whopper about  
5 a squirrel.

6 Charles Rose, of West Virginia,  
7 describes how last fall while out  
8 hunting in a patch of woods, he came  
9 upon a big ~~xxx~~ squirrel on the limb of  
10 a tree. He raised his rifle and shot  
11 the teath out of the squirrel's mouth.

12 This fall he went hunting again  
13 in that same bit of woods, and he saw  
14 the same squirrel. The crittur ~~had~~ had  
15 two stones and was cracking hickory  
16 nuts. ~~with them.~~

1           In China today there were no  
2 official receptions or celebrations,  
3 no holidays, no great gatherings of  
4 students.

5           December 2nd went by like  
6 any other ~~day~~ day. And this is the  
7 first time that such a thing has happened  
8 in China for many and many a century.

9           The troubled republic of the  
10 Far East is so much engrossed by ~~troubles~~,  
11 floods, famines, and the fighting with  
12 Japan, that it forgot to celebrate the  
13 anniversary of Confucius. Every year  
14 since the ancient days China has  
15 celebrated the birthday of the Prince of  
16 Literary Enlightenment, as they call  
17 Confucius.

18           Today old scholars of the  
19 classics may have met in tea houses and  
20 repeated to each other in sonorous  
21 language the great truths of the  
22 Analects, and the Principle of the  
23 Golden Mean. But there was no other  
24 stately celebration.

25           This omission is related by



1 the New York Sun, and it does seem a  
2 bad year when China fails to  
3 commemorate the anniversary of the  
4 Prince of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Literary  
5 Enlightenment, the Master Exemplar  
6 of all ages, *Confucius*.

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2 bad year when China fails to  
3 commemorate the anniversary of the  
4 Prince of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Literary  
5 Enlightenment, the Master Exemplar  
6 of all ages, *Confucius*.



1 Now we know who did it, and it's time  
2 to tell the world the great secret. Who  
3 ~~invented~~ invented sauerkraut? No, you're  
4 wrong. Sauerkraut was invited by the  
5 Chinese.

6 The United Press gives us a report on  
7 <sup>solemn</sup> an investigation ~~that has been~~ conducted  
8 by the National Kraut ~~Association~~ Packers'  
9 Association. They set out to discover who  
10 invented the German national dish. The  
11 honor has been claimed by Belgium, England,  
12 Holland, Denmark, Russia, and France. But  
13 it is now revealed that sauerkraut first  
14 sprang into being as part of the rations  
15 served to the Coolies who labored on the  
16 Great Wall of China in 200 B.C.

17 It wasn't called sauerkraut in the  
18 celestial kingdom during those ancient  
19 days. It bore the honorable name of  
20 Hsien Bai Tsai; and it was eaten with  
21 great relish in the reign of Shi Hwang Ti,  
22 the glorious emperor of the Chin dynasty,  
23 who built the Great Wall of China and who  
24 ~~reigned in the days when sauerkraut was invented.~~  
25 ~~It appears that the original Chinese~~  
~~sauerkraut was regarded as a healthful~~

Sauerkraut was then carried through Russia into Europe; and finally made its home in Germany.

Well Chop-Suey was invented in San Francisco, so I suppose it's only poetic justice that sauerkraut was invented in China.

So Heinz, please pass the Hsien Bai Tsai.

Ja ja, the sauerkraut.

And, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.