

Good Evening, Everybody:

It looks as though Congress were going to jump right into the beer question the very first thing. The Lame Duck session begins on Monday and only this afternoon Speaker Garner announced that he would call up the repeal question for action on the ~~very~~ first day of the session. In other words, there will be a vote on prohibition repeal Monday. *At least it looks that way.*

A dispatch to the New York Sun points out that there is considerable ~~chance~~ ~~that~~ ~~a~~ ~~dry~~ ~~bloc~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~southern~~ states may ~~pull~~ ^{bolt} the platform of the Democratic party ~~xxx~~ on this question. ~~The~~ To balance that, Representative Bachmann of West Virginia, the Republican ^{whip} ~~with~~, declared that at least one hundred wet Republicans would back up the wet Democrats on this issue.

So it seems the Lame Duck Session won't be so lame — i. e. *so far as excitement goes.*

CANADA

The possibility of prohibition repeal has Uncle Sam's Canadian neighbors worried. A dispatch from British Columbia to the New York Sun reports that distillers and brewers on the northern side of the border are ^{anxiously} watching ^{the progress} of the wet and dry question, ~~in the states quite anxiously.~~ Furthermore, ^{Canadian} government liquor boards and ^{Canadian} cities that get a large share of the income out of the sale of liquor are keenly interested.

The ~~★~~ dispatch says that in some parts of Canada revenues for the year 1922 have already shrunk forty per cent. If Uncle Sam gets back to ~~the position~~ where he ^{buy a family} ~~can have a~~ good five cent glass of beer, ^{at home,} Canadians believe it will cause them a loss of a considerable income.

DEBTS

Here are today's developments on that debt question.

The British Cabinet has finished the draft of its latest note to the United States. ~~Prime Minister~~ Prime Minister MacDonald has communicated its contents to King George.

The dope is that the note will hint at partial payment next month and a delay on the rest until 1933.

While this was going on the pound sterling took another drop. In the middle of the ⁴ afternoon it fell as low as three dollars and fourteen and a half cents. Later it rose to three dollars and fifteen cents. ~~Which is~~ still a record all time low.

Meanwhile the French franc took a ^{sympathetic} tumble. ~~is~~

~~sympathy.~~ In the excitement over ~~the pound~~ sterling, not much attention has been paid to the franc, but it also ^{has been} showing weakness.

LUCKNER

That jolly old sea rover, Count Luckner, is back on the first page. Newspapers everywhere are playing up a story about the Count's first visit to Toronto, Canada. ~~Von Luckner is~~ ^{He's} in Toronto today, speaking there tonight. And apparently there has been ~~quite~~ a hullabaloo. ~~concerning the visit of the Sea Devil.~~ Press reports state that the Mayor of Toronto declined to sanction an official welcome for the picturesque raider who roamed the seas in his armed windjammer.

However, from latest reports, the jolly old Sea Devil has been cordially received in Toronto today, just as he has been in France, Italy, the United States, and various parts of the British Empire since the war. The Count was a sailor before the mast on the ships of all nations when he was young. He was the only common sailor ever to rise to the rank of an officer in the Kaiser's Navy. During the war he ran the allied blockade with his Raider, a sailing ship, and sank half a million tons of allied shipping. But he was a good sport about it, and

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since the war has been honored by the peoples of many ~~of the~~ allied countries for the sportsmanlike, ~~humanitarian~~ way in which he conducted himself. Apparently the Count treated his prisoners as though they were his guests. ~~The most of them he sent to a neutral port on board one of the last ships he captured - shortened the masts of the vessel so that it could only travel slowly, put all his prisoners on board, wished them good luck, and sent them to Rio de Janeiro, while his Raider escaped around the to Cape Horn.~~

Just by coincidence, today, when this episode has come up in connection with the Count's visit to Toronto, a copy of the famous Portland Oregonian ~~has~~ landed on my desk. In it is a two-page article by a British sea captain, ^{Captain} J. C. Nielson. The title of the article is, "Captured by the Kaiser's gentleman sailor". Captain Nielsen was ^{the} skipper of the three-masted bark "The British Yeoman", captured by Count Felix Von Luckner in February of 1917, and sent to the bottom off the coast of South America. At the conclusion of his thrilling story, describing his adventures on

board the Sea Devil's ~~Raid~~^{that vessel,}, this British captain says: "He was the most daring and cunning of all ~~the~~ German sea raiders, but, it is only fair to say, the most sportsmanlike and considerate enemy one could expect to meet in any war".

The Toronto Star tells us that one of the men who captured Count Luckner when he escaped from Prison camp in New Zea. is on hand to meet him in Toronto tonight. The Count will get a thrill out of that.

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That long threatened flare-up in Asia seems to be coming on apace. A high official in Washington has been telling the foreign editor of the New York World Telegram that the situation in the Far East is more dangerous than it has been any time in the last thirty years.

The differences^s between Uncle Sam and Europe, says William Phillip Simms, are making this ^{row in the Orient} ~~big blow~~ more and more probable. Unless we can straighten out our relations with ~~the~~ European countries, something is liable to

start in the Pacific which will set the whole world on fire.

The dispatch points out that in 1900 the only thing that prevented the partition of China among the various powers was Uncle Sam. Today the partition of China is actually going on. She has lost three of her richest provinces, and the fourth is on the way. According to the latest Japanese army maps of Manchuria, this fourth province named Jehol is marked as being part of the state of Manchukuo.

FOOTBALL

Now that the football season is practically over, the statistics hounds have been taking a census of the year's casualties. The New York Times this morning announced that the total number of fatalities from football games is ~~only~~ thirty-seven this year as compared with fifty last year.

Though~~x~~ this year's death list is lower than last year's, it is still the second highest on record. Up to 1931 the largest number of deaths in any one season was twenty; that was in 1925.

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These figures are taken to indicate that the new rules are working satisfactorily for greater safety in the game. It ~~is~~^{is} also pointed out ~~that~~^{that} the contention of several coaches that the more expertly the game is played ~~and directed~~ and supervised, the safer it is. For instance, none of these deaths occurred in professional football. Only five ~~fatalities~~ⁱⁿ ~~resulted from~~ college games. Seventeen were high school boys, and fifteen died as the result of

sand-^{lot}~~locked~~ or semi-pro games. At the same time it is figured that four hundred thousand high school boys play ~~ed~~ every year, and only fifty thousand play on college teams *which would account for the proportions.*

In organized professional football the game is played under the old rules. Flying wedges, flying tackles, blocks, and everything are allowed. Nevertheless, there are no fatal or even serious injuries.

Jack Kofoed in the New York Evening Post says he used to think wrestling, boxing and football were all pretty rugged games. But, he says, they look like pastime for sissies compared to hockey. Here's the way Jack Kofoed described part of a ^{recent}~~modern~~ hockey game at Madison Square Garden:

"Almost at the start "Flat" Walsh, the Montreal goaley, thudded unconscious to the ice, blood

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streaming over his face. A little later a Canadian hit a New Yorker on the jaw and knocked him down. All through the contest men were tripped and roughed.

"This may sound like the ^{description of a Communist} ~~outline of a riot~~

red riot

in Union Square", continues Kofoed, "but it merely sketches the highlights of a hockey game between the New York Americans and the Montreal Maroons."

There's no doubt about it, hockey is a magnificent game, one of the most exciting and dramatic of all for the spectator.

But Kofoed's right 'it's no game for sissies.

LABOR

Another question that will be forced on the attention of the Lame Duck Session of Congress ^{in a few days} ~~next week~~ is the demand of the American Federation of Labor for a thirty hour week.

On top of President William Green's statement that the Federation was tired of waiting and was prepared to take forceful methods if necessary, the announcement

^{came} ~~was made~~ today that Labor ^{will} ~~would~~ send a delegation to Washington to urge forcibly on Congress the necessity for

taking the lead in this direction. — for five days a week, six hours a day.

HUNGER MARCHERS

(Another army of hunger marchers is converging on Washington, D. C.) They are coming from several points of the compass. A story in the New York Sun reports that several~~x~~ hundreds of them from the New England states and up state New York arrived in New York City late this afternoon. Tomorrow they will leave for the capital in trucks, stopping ~~on the way~~ at Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington, ^{and} Baltimore. They ~~ought to~~ ^{may} arrive in Washington about Sunday, the day before Congress convenes.

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Eight other groups from different parts of the country ~~will~~ ^{may} arrive in Washington about the same time. One of the columns left Miami, Florida, yesterday. Another started from New Orleans Sunday. Several from the Far West have crossed the Mississippi and are coming close to Pittsburgh. Five hundred from other parts of the South ~~have~~ arrived in Birmingham, Alabama this morning.

~~It is expected this will create another difficult~~

DRUG

An interesting drug has been discovered in London.

A story in the Brooklyn Times Union relates that it has been found by some research workers in ^{the great} London hospital, and the list of things it will do is quite formidable.

The scientists who discovered it claim that this drug will in the first place prolong your life ten years. In the second place it does away with fear and stimulates courage. It also gives pep to both your intellectual and physical strength.

After taking it sheep become as strong as oxen - cats as fierce as panthers. They claim that sheep and cats who have been given a dose of this drug have fought and killed strong dogs.

One of the men who has been experimenting with this concoction says its effects are so powerful that they are almost afraid of it.

If these things are true, says the ^{Brooklyn} Times Union, the day of the superman is just around the corner.

CHRYSLER

Here's something that sounds like a prosperity item. Its source is young Mr. Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., the son of the famous maker of motor cars. Young Walter Chrysler who is only twenty-four years old, is not following *in* *his father's* ~~in Papa's~~ ~~his father's~~ footsteps. He comes into the limelight as a publisher, a publisher of limited editions. *FF* Speaking at the Waldorf ~~yesterday~~, Mr. Chrysler ~~app~~ ^{ed} admits that he had actually made money this year with his limited editions and this although he lost as much as thirty-eight thousand dollars on one book. *What book? Why Dante's Inferno.* The others that he published made up for it and brought him ~~in~~ a profit. *In fact he has* ~~but he's~~ found the publishing game so interesting that ~~he's~~ ^{24 year old Walter Chrysler is} now branching out with a mystery novel. He says he took fourteen months trying to find what he considered a well written story of this kind, and he finally decided on one ~~that was~~ written by a fellow graduate from Dartmouth.

At any rate, I'm glad to hear of a publisher who's been making money. *I hope mine do as well!*

DOCTORS

There is the deuce to pay in the American Medical World. A committee of eminent physicians - entitled ^{The} Committee on the Cost of Medical Care - has completed its report after

It was appointed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, sec. of the Interior
five years' exhaustive research. The report was made

public today by the New York Academy of Medicine. And ~~that~~

^{it}
~~report~~ has ~~just got~~ all the doctors ~~almost~~ too excited for

words. The gist of it is that there should be no such thing

as doctors' bills. There should be no such thing as nursing

bills. There should be no such thing even as dentist bills,
except for the well-to-do.

The Public Health Service says this report, should be

extended so that medical care ^{would be} furnished by organized groups

of physicians, surgeons, dentists, nurses, druggists, etc.

All health service should be available to the entire population

according to its need. ^{In other words} *the socialization of medicine and dentistry.*

These are only the high points in the report. The committee by the way is far from unanimous on the subject.

More than one minority report will be forthcoming. Many

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doctors are violently opposed to such ideas and consider group medicine, as they call it, as one of the worst things that has ever happened to the medical profession. It will be interesting to see what develops, *if anything.*

PODUNK

Well, well, well, here's an old friend. Here's ~~to~~ Podunk again. Mr. Lewis Ripley of Glastonbury,

Conn., sends me a handsome collection of Indian arrow heads, a spear head, flint chipping stones, a polishing stone, and a fragment of Indian pottery, right from ^{good old} Podunk. He says the

collection was made by Charles Vibert, an authority on Podunk.

And there's a real distinction — to be an authority ^{on} ~~it~~ they are sent along, simply lest we forget that Podunk is

not a myth but a reality. So three cheers for Podunk. I mean

all ^{of those} 13 Podunks we discovered 2 years ago.

Podunk.

END

Evidently there's a judge in Chicago who has
heard about anecdotes at the expense of Scott^{ch}men.

A gentleman named ~~Bob~~^{Sandy} McNair came into this ^{Chicago} judge's
court accused of fighting with his wife. It turned out
that the fight had been because Mrs. McNair had lost a
dollar. The judge ^{said to} ~~asked~~ Mr. McNair:

"Did you find the dollar?"

To which Mr. McNair replied: "Na, we didna."

"Oh", said the Judge, "you're a Scott, are you?"

"Aye", replied ~~McNair~~^{Sandy}.

"Then", said ~~the Judge~~^{His Honor}, "losing a dollar is

punishment enough for you. Case dismissed. ~~And that~~

And that dismisses me ^{too, so} ~~for the day, so I'll~~

~~say~~ so long until tomorrow.