

Good Evening, Everybody:

At last they have found the missing balloonists Ward Van Orman and his team mate, Frank Trotter. They had landed in the woods way off in Northern Ontario, and what a time they ~~are~~ had!

... the day after I saw them start --- they came down
They came down a week ago Sunday, [^] in a violent thunder

storm. The basket of their balloon hit a tree and the thing was badly damaged. For eight days they struggled through the thick woods of Ontario trying to get to some inhabited place. The hardships they went through were so extreme that they are now ill.

That completes the roll call of all the missing aeronauts, ^{now that} ~~some~~ [^] the two Poles [^] ^{competitors} are also reported safe. They [^] ^{Poles} had ~~only~~ a six day march through the dense underbrush and thickets of Canada. For those six days all they had to eat was twelve oranges. They slept on the ground at night and trekked a hundred miles until they reached civilization.

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The chief trouble ^{today} ~~not~~ is, to determine who actually is the winner. It will probably take surveyors to measure the distance to the actual spot where Van Orman and Trotter landed.

Incidentally, Van Orman and Trotter made use of a ~~XXXX~~ cagey device to ^{summon} ~~get~~ help. After trekking ~~xx~~ for seven days they came to a telephone line. By this time they were too ^{exhausted} ~~weak~~ to get much ~~farther~~ farther, so they chopped down a telephone pole, calculating that this would disrupt communications, and that a trouble squad of the telephone company would soon be on the way to find out what was wrong.

Their calculation was correct. They chopped down the pole on Sunday and this morning a trouble squad of the phone company reached the spot and found the badly weakened aeronauts. When rescued, they were suffering from ptomaine poisoning. ^{They} ~~are~~ are now in a ^{Canadian} hospital.

N.B.C.

CUBA

Apparently all is quiet ~~and~~ the Cuban front today. Ten of Uncle Sam's warships are in Cuban waters, and five more are on their way, but the Navy Department is advised that no disturbances and no uproar are reported from any part of the island. The men of war are only on the spot to protect the lives of Americans and other foreigners. An official announcement in Washington today repeated the statement that Uncle Sam positively will put no finger into the Cuban pie except to protect lives.

Henry Latro~~b~~ Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Admiral Standley, Chief of Naval operations, were at the White House today discussing this situation with the President.~~after~~ After they left, it was authoritively declared that President Roosevelt is in no way opposed to the present government of Cuba, headed by Dr. San Martin. The White House says that if Dr. San Martin's regime proves to be stable, able to maintain law and order, and ^{proves to have} ~~to have~~ the approval of the population of the Island at large, Uncle Sam will not have the slightest objection. Mr. Roosevelt insists only that the government must be sanctioned by the Cuban people.

Repeal

~~Good Evening, Everybody~~

This begins an important week in the history of

~~repeal~~
prohibition

For in this week the voters of no less than four states will trudge to the polls and vote on the question of repeal. As I suppose everybody knows, Maine is it today and if she follows the example of the states that have already voted this year, she will be the 26th to go for the abolition of the eighteenth amendment.

I hear by telephone from Portland that balloting is exceedingly heavy and that wet leaders expect that city to be something like five to one against prohibition. But, of course, the rural districts are still dry, and there is a peculiar condition in Maine. The voting goes by counties. The Supreme Court made a ruling that the repeal question should be settled by debate in convention. ~~That means~~ The theory is that the delegates should not be pledged either one way or the other, but should go to

the convention with open minds. Consequently the names of those delegates are listed on the ballots alphabetically so that the voters cannot tell from the ballot sheets whether the delegates are wet or dry. However, the lists have been published in all the Maine newspapers with complete information as to the opinions of those delegates.

At any rate, the Literary Digest poll in the summer of 1932 showed that Maine, the first ~~prohibition~~ state in the Union, ^{to go dry,} is now wet by a considerable majority.

Three more states will decide this question tomorrow: Maryland, Minnesota, and Colorado. In all of those the wet cause has the influence and machinery of the Democratic Party behind it. Indeed it has more than that, for it has the formidable weight of the President ^{himself.} Postmaster General Jim Farley made a speech in ^{Baltimore} ~~Maryland~~ today asking everybody to vote for repeal and back up ^{the} President, ~~Roosevelt~~. The Postmaster General was ^{manifestly} ~~evidently~~ acting without any subterfuge whatsoever as the spokesman for the

President. He said that if Mr. Roosevelt could have brought about repeal by executive order he would have done it long ago, and Mr. Farley added explicitly that the President was particularly anxious to have ^{the} repeal ^{of} ~~for~~ the eighteenth amendment ratified as soon as possible in order that Uncle Sam's budget might be better planned and in order that the national treasury might get the benefit of revenue from the sale of liquor.

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If all the states voting this week join the others, the roll call will be twenty-nine for repeal, none against. That means that the voices of only seven more ~~states~~ will be needed to wipe out the Eighteenth Amendment.

N.B.C.

FIGHT

An event important in the boxfight world will take place tonight. At the Polo Grounds in New York Tony Canzoneri, former lightweight champion, will have a crack at regaining his title from Barney Ross, the present holder. This is a feat that has been attempted before, but never achieved. No lightweight champion has ever got back his title once he lost it. Among those at the ringside will be that once marvelous fighter, Benny Leonard. Benny will be there in the capacity of a reporterx.

N.B.C.

TEXAS

(I hear from Los Angeles that the renowned Aimee Semple MacPherson had an unusual visitor at her temple last night. None other than Texas Guinan, who put the Whoopee into night clubs once upon a time.) Tex walked the sawdust trail and brought a score of other penitents with her. I am informed that she did not utter her usual cry of "Hello Sucker."

Tex has done most everything for publicity's sake up to now, but walking the sawdust trail certainly is a new one for her. Evidently she had been quite secretive about it, because only a few dozen news photographers and reporters were around to see her do it. When the camera men tried to set off their flashes, the strong armed guard of the Temple gave them the bum's rush, much to the distress of Madame Guinan.

NBC

AFRICA

A detachment of his Britannic Majesty's Navy are on the march into the African interior. A wireless message from Capetown by way of London, informs us that the British High Commissioner learned that an Englishman had been flogged by one of the native chiefs. So the High Commissioner, who is Vice Admiral Evans, is ^{himself} leading an armed force into Bechuanaland ~~himself~~ to investigate *with rifles and machine guns.*

N.B.C.

HIGHWAY

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A new and extraordinary road is soon going to be thrown open for traffic. That is the great International Highway ^{— the part of it} twenty-three hundred miles long in South America. Two thousand miles of it have already been completed. And the Republics of Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador are about to hold a joint celebration as soon as the last few miles are paved.

Uncle Sam's Consul General at Caracas tells the Department of Commerce at Washington that it is ~~already~~ already possible to travel between Caracas, ^{Venezuela,} and Bogota, Colombia over this route. This is one of the greatest improvements that have been constructed in this hemisphere. Hitherto travel was exceedingly difficult because there were practically no roads over the ^{rugged, towering} ~~high~~ ^{Northern Andes, the Cordilleras.} ~~mountain districts.~~ This route eventually will be part of the great International Highway to connect North and South America.

N.B.C.

ROBBERY

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A hundred thousand dollar robbery is reported from St. Paul, Minnesota. Two small safes belonging to the Railway Express Agency were outside the door of the Union Station at about six o'clock this morning. A gang of eight armed men swooped down, grabbed the safes, threw them into a large high powered sedan and beat it. There were only two employes of the Express Agency to protect the safes, and, of course, they were easily outnumbered.

N.B.C.

TAXES

Your income taxes ^{installment is} ~~are~~ due this week, and Uncle Sam's bill collector, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has told the President that he expects to gather in one billion dollars for the treasury. So there's something to console ourselves with when we pay the government what we owe.

N.B.C.

SCHOOLS

I ^{presume}~~suppose~~ everybody remembers this is supposed to be blue Monday, the day when schools open. I've never observed that the youngsters were so blue about going back to school, but anyway, the tradition is that they should be.

Some unusual conditions are shown by the enrollment figures. In New York City, for instance, one million one hundred thousand boys and girls presented themselves at the various schools. President Ryan of the New York Board of Education, tells me that while enrollment in the high schools has increased to a point that makes it difficult to handle, that of the elementary schools has fallen off. This is attributed to Uncle Sam's shutting down on immigration in the last few years, and also -- this sounds strange -- to ^a~~the~~ decline in the birth rate.

For The increased enrollment in the high schools N.R.A. is largely responsible. The codes in all the industries have put up the barriers on child labor, hence a lot more candidates for high school education.

N.B.C.

BOY

A curious story of a boy-wonder comes from Canada. It may sound exaggerated, but it is vouched for by no less an institution than the Canadian National Railways.

It concerns ~~the~~^a three year old lad named Billie McNeil who is the son of ~~the~~^a Civil Engineer on the staff of the C.N.R.

Billie began to pick out letters from the newspapers before his first birthday. ~~Now~~ ^{That} that sounds formidable. When he was eighteen months old he knew his alphabet, and by the time he was twenty months he was able to dial any telephone number without help. What's more, he could read ~~n~~ words of ten letters.

The usual children's nursery books Billie polished off as slick as a whistle at the age of two and a half. And now at three years, ~~old~~, he is not only reading newspapers, but asking his parents questions which show that he understands what he is reading.

Billie's father and mother say it is a mystery to

them how he taught himself to understand what the letters of the alphabet stood for. He has had no schooling, no help from either parent. Outside of that he is a normal child. Billie is now amusing himself by doping out his own code of shorthand, of which he can read entire passages without difficulty.

Here's something for fathers and mothers to puzzle out. I knew one lad like that -- and it's beyond me. At any rate there are not many like that lad among the millions who are starting to school today.

PARADE

It looks as though not much work will be accomplished in New York City on Wednesday. That's the day of the big N.R.A. parade. It promises to be the biggest thing of its kind since Armistice Day in 1918.

The ~~arrangements~~ are being made by the Army and it is expected that more than two hundred and thirty thousand people will be in the line of ~~the~~ march. The marchers will be reviewed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the governors of half a dozen states, and several other magnificos, including General Johnson and Grover Whalen.

The party will include people from every occupation including the employ^es of Chinese restaurants, of whom I learn there are no less than twenty-five hundred. I understand no shops will be open, not even barber shops.

N.B.C.

RESCUE

A thousand pleasure seekers on an excursion steamer decidedly got their money's worth ~~yesterday~~ when in addition to ^{their} trip they had all the thrill of taking part in a rescue. The steamer was going on its way to a resort called Playland at Rye, which is operated by Westchester County, New York. Four lads from New York City had started a rather foolhardy stunt of crossing Long Island Sound in a canoe. The water got choppy and the canoe overturned. The captain of the Playland steamer saw these four clinging to their overturned craft four miles away. The lifeboat of the excursion steamer was manned and the crew rescued the four ~~adventurers~~ adventurers after they had been in the water several hours.

N.B.C.

ANIMAL

He just
I heard a true animal story, ~~the other day~~ It

comes from Wheeler Williams, the celebrated American sculptor.

Mr. Williams' specialty is animals. Mr. Williams is particularly distinguished for the brilliant and beautiful contributions he has made to the sculpture of animals.

Insofar as possible he works from live models. When he was out in California recently he had a perfectly amiable house-broken leopard named Neysa. When Neysa was not posing on the model's stand she had the run of the house and in fact was a regular member of the family.

Among the intimates at the Williams residence in California was an eminent scenario writer almost as well known for his conviviality as for his stories. In fact this writer sometimes got so convivial that he occasionally saw things that were not there, such as purple geese with pink sunbonnets, vermillion elephants with golden crowns, and so forth. His doctor and his friends had advised him whenever he had such visions to pay no attention because they weren't really there.

Well, this scenario writer walked into Wheeler Williams' studio one day and there on the divan he saw Nēysa, the Williams' pet leopard. Remembering what his friends had told him, that there wasn't any leopard, he went over to the divan and sat down. In fact he sat on Nēysa. Nēysa promptly lashed round and grabbed his wrist in her jaws.

This was a new experience even for a convivial scenario writer and somewhat of a shock. A hurry call was sent out for Nēysa's keeper, and the scenario writer's wrist was extricated from the leopard's jaw without any serious harm done. The animal had simply seized the wrist without biting it.

But that scenario writer is now faced with a worse problem than ever. If he sees a flock of spotted alligators what would you advise him to do?

Sherwin

END

I guess I'll have to push along. I've got a big night tonight. An association composed of men who have won the Congressional Medal of Honor is holding its annual convention. It is called the Legion of Valor, and I was valorous enough -- or reckless enough to ask the whole gang to dinner up on the 70th floor of the R.C.A. Bldg. at Rockefeller Center. There are a hundred of them, and taking a hundred guests to dinner ought to be a deed of valor sufficient to win, well a leather medal or something.

Part of the festivities will be put on the air. All but the food. So, if you care to join these Congressional Medal men at dinner tonight, the hour of the broadcast of the Legion of Valor is ten P.M. over this network. Anyway, I'm ^{playing} ~~palming~~ the heavy host tonight to a hundred guests, and I guess I'd better hop along and put some more water in the soup, and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.