

Good Evening Everybody:

1 (Affairs out in the far East look
2 more serious than ever this evening.
3 That ugly three letter word WAR was
4 uttered today by the President of China.

5 General Chiang Kai Shek, the head
6 of the Nationalist Government at Nanking,
7 declared today in a formal address that
8 if the League of Nations doesn't obtain
9 a just settlement of the controversy
10 between China and Japan, why China will
11 declare war.)

12 The Council of the League of
13 Nations is meeting tomorrow in a special
14 urgent session to take up the far
15 Eastern imbroglio. The President of
16 China specifically refers to that session.
17 ~~that will open tomorrow.~~ He says that
18 if it doesn't bring justice for China,
19 well, the answer will be that same three
20 letter word which means armed conflict.

21 The Associated Press quotes
22 Chiang Kai Shek as saying - "I hereby
23 declare that the National Government's
24 patience has been tested to the last
25 degree." He went on to add that China

1 respects the League of Nations and the
2 Kellogg peace pact. ^{But} That if neither
3 of these do any good in restraining
4 Japan, why China will make the supreme
5 sacrifice. In grim language he announced ^s
6 that china will bankrupt herself for a
7 half a century and go to war, ^{if necessary.}

8 The United Press quotes Tokio as
9 being eager for an early settlement of
10 the dispute with china, but that Japan
11 is opposed to the intervention of either
12 the League of Nations or the United
13 States. Japan doesn't want either
14 Geneva or Washington to interfere, but
15 intends to settle the dispute by direct
16 negotiations with China.

1 There were loud cries in
2 Germany today, cries of "Arrest Him. Lock
3 him up." They meant Doctor Schacht,
4 former president of the Reichsbank,
5 Germany's principal financial
6 institution.

7 Supporters of the Republic in
8 Germany think Doctor Schacht should be
9 punished and the reason is the speech made
10 at a big rally of fire-eating German
reactionaries.
11 ~~radicals~~ Germany's ^{present day Junkers} ~~reactionaries~~ seem
12 to be getting together.

13 They had a wild and enthusiastic
14 rally. Adolf Hitler's Fascists were
15 represented, also ~~xxx~~ Germany's war
16 veteran organizations, the Steel Helmets,
17 and likewise the leaders of the Nationalist
18 party. These three elements got together
19 and declared an alliance.

20 There were fiery speeches,
21 loud denunciations of the present
22 Government of ^{the Fatherland.} ~~Germany~~ Doctor Schacht,
23 the important financier was there. In
24 fact, as the International News Service
25 relates, Doctor Schacht made one of the

most fiery of the speeches. He denounced the present republican government in savage terms. Then the meeting came out strong for a national militaristic policy. The alliance between the various reactionary elements promises to have an important bearing upon political developments in Germany.

The supporters of the Republic don't like it one bit and that's why they are calling for the arrest of Doctor Schacht.

1 The newspapers today are attaching
2 a good deal of importance to the
3 announcement that Uino Grandi, the Italian
4 Foreign Minister, will visit President
5 Hoover in Washington next month for a
6 series of conferences.

7 Signor Grandi was invited to make
8 the trip by Secretary of State Stimson,
9 when the latter was in Italy a short while
10 ago. Some people seem to have expected
11 that Mussolini himself might come.

12 Secretary Stimson takes up that point by
13 saying that the President would have been
14 pleased to receive the head of the
15 Italian Government, but the United Press
16 quotes Secretary Stimson as ~~xxxxxxx~~
17 adding that Mr. Hoover knew that Mussolini
18 couldn't avail himself at this time of an
19 invitation to visit the United States.

20 The Associated Press interprets
21 the visit of the Italian Foreign Minister
22 in terms of disarmament. It is believed
23 that Signor Grandi and President Hoover
24 will have a confidential chat about the
25 long standing naval dispute between

1 France and Italy, and the Fascist
2 Minister of Foreign Affairs will also
3 bring up the subject of the armament
4 vacation which Italy has proposed ~~for~~ to
5 the League of Nations.

6 The idea is that the countries of
7 the world shall agree not to spend any
8 money for war equipment for the period of
9 one year. It is pointed out that
10 President Hoover and Mussolini are in
11 pretty general agreement on the
12 disarmament question.

13 Well, with the visit of Premier
14 Laval of France, followed by that of
15 Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy, why
16 it's going to be a busy time in Washington.
17 One expectation is that the conferences
18 are likely to result in a grand ^{conclave} ~~conference~~
19 in which all the world will take part
20 on the subject of disarmament and the
21 economic situation.
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1 President Hoover uttered some
2 wise words today. He made an address
3 over the radio, to the International
4 Association of Chiefs of Police, at
5 St. Petersburg, Florida.

6 The President, says the
7 International News Service, warns the
8 public against the way some people
9 glorify gangsters. He denounces the
10 false sentimentality, and false hero
11 worship which tends to make the gunman
12 a swaggering, glamorous figure.

13 The President declared that
14 the one who should be made a hero is the
15 policeman who chases the gangster. The
16 Associated Press quotes the President
17 as saying that we need a glorification
18 of policemen who do their duty and
19 give their lives in public protection.

20 *π* Yes, that's right. There's a tendency
21 on the part of some folks to make the
22 **dop** a goat for everything and ^{add to} ~~after~~ that
23 another tendency to glorify the gangster
24 and you have the matter stood on its head
25 in the most ridiculous sort of way.

1 X X X X President Hoover gave
2 out another message today. It was sent
3 to the Twentieth Annual Safety Conference
4 and Exposition, which is meeting in
5 Chicago. The President pointed out that
6 accidents are diminishing, but that there
7 are still more than 99,000 accidental
8 deaths in a year in the United States
9 and a vast number of injuries. And a
10 large proportion of these are preventable.
11 So, let's go ahead and prevent them, is
12 the President's idea, ^{to which we all say "here, here."} ~~and it's a good one~~

13 President C. W. Bergquist of
14 the National Safety Council made the
15 statement that the biggest field ~~off~~ ^{for}
16 accident prevention just now is the home.
17 Industry is promoting safety, but in the
18 home there are still 30,000 fatalities
19 a year. A large proportion of these, he
20 says, would not take place if the average
21 home were anything like as careful about
22 accidents as the average factory. ^{And}
23 ^{that's a sound and salutary truth to point}
24 ^{out. My chief grudge at present is ~~against~~}
25 ^{against steep stairs.}

heroic!

In the history of newspaperdom there have been many instances of courageous journals that have defied entrenched power and defended the freedom of the press, but it is seldom that any paper has even gone as far as El Diario, in the Mexican ~~city~~^{state} of Yukatan.

El Diario is described by the Associated Press as a powerful daily. It must be, because it is now putting on something of young revolution. El Diario has been having a row with the Governor of Yukatan. A furious dispute has been under way. The Governor wants to put the paper out of business, and he has the soldiers with which to do it.

But the editor of El Diario has mobilized his reporters, printers and press men and they are holding the fort. The offices of El Diario in the city of Merida ~~was~~^{is} tonight an embattled fortress. The newspaper employe^es have pledged themselves to resist the Governor with bullets and defend their paper with their

lives. Noble reporters. Noble printers. Noble pressmen!

Meanwhile, the talk is flying thick and fast. The editor has appealed to the President of Mexico and also to the Mexican National Newspaper Association.

The Governor on his part swears he is going to break the power of the obstreperous editor if he has to bust all three of the printing presses in the ancient realm of Yucatan.

In other words that newspaper war down in Mexico looks something like a real war.

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Now for a bit from
~~want to say a word about~~ one of
 the most thrilling articles I^{ve} read in
 a long time. No, it's no dramatic story,
 or any account of danger and narrow
 escapes. It just gives us a few
 descriptions of nature.

That article is headed Strange Kinds
 of Lightning, and it tells us of weird
 displays not only of lightning, but also
 of other freakish electrical phenomena
 in strange parts of the world.

It's in this week's issue of the
 Literary Digest. There's a description
 of an electrical storm on the Paraguay
 River in South America. The Digest
 translates it from a German Meteorological
 Journal. In it Dr. Walter Knoche,
 for many years director of the Weather
 Service of Chile, tells how it was
 impossible ~~xx~~ even ^{approximately} to
 count the number of
 flashes.

Some were in the form of ~~streaked~~
~~xxxxxxx~~
 lightning, but were red or yellow. Then
 there were many flashes of ^{that} ~~the~~ strange ^{thing}
 beaded lightning - like a string of glowing

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1 pearls in the sky. And then there were
2 gorgeous glows of sheet lightning with
3 orange colored discharges that resembled
4 cylinders of glowing gas. And there
5 were flashes that revolved like a pin
6 wheel. At one period of the storm
7 the sky directly overhead blazed with
8 hundreds of dazzling lights, like the
9 ~~arcs of~~ ^{intense celestial} arc-lights. They were so bright,
10 travelers had to close their eyes.

11 That Digest article also tells
12 us of remarkable outbursts of lightning
13 in the eruption of a great volcano. And
14 on top of it all we are given an amazing
15 picture of a lightning flash photographed
16 from an airplane.

17 No, sir, none of us would
18 guess what ^{this photograph} ~~it~~ looks like, unless we ^{do}
19 seen it in ^{this} week's Digest.

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WOOD

And now for a strange, strange tale that is slowly, coming out. I mean the one about Mrs. Ida Wood, the ninety-three year old recluse who hoarded three quarters of a million dollars in her New York Hotel room. When they moved her out they found money, money, money - money hidden everywhere. In a secret ~~xxxxxx~~ pocket that she had sewed in her dress they found fifty ten thousand dollar bills - half a million dollars in all!

The daily papers have been telling us how she lived in a hotel room for fourteen years. She seldom went out. She cooked her own meals in the room, sending a bell boy to the store for a few cents worth of provisions at a time. And all the while she had that money with her hidden away in strange places. Thousand dollar bills buried in heaps of rubbish, five thousand dollar bills under the bathtub. So much of it that some of this hidden treasure she had forgotten.

And there's a strange history to all that money.

The New York Sun

1 gives it to us ^{tonight.}
~~today.~~

2 Years ago, the old recluse was
3 a reigning beauty of New York. Her
4 husband was Benjamin Wood, a power in
5 the city, the owner and editor of
6 one of the most important newspapers
7 of the time, the ^{old} New York Daily News.
8 He was a great sporting character,
9 Editor Wood, a mighty gambler of those
10 gaudy years in the nineties. They
11 tell how one night he ~~xxxx~~ won a
12 hundred thousand dollars in a gambling
13 house. When he went home he counted
14 it out in front of his wife and gave
15 her fifty thousand. It was all according
16 to arrangement. She allowed him to
17 gamble as much as he pleased, so long
18 as he gave her half of his winnings.

19 At Saratoga on one occasion he
20 broke the bank in a glittering gambling
21 house. He took away a hundred and
22 fifty thousand dollars, and split it
23 half and half with his wife.

24 And then after Editor Wood
25 ~~xx~~ ~~xxx~~ died, his widow sold his paper,

1 the ^{old} New York Daily News. A large part
2 of the purchase price she received in
3 handsome thousand dollar bills.

4 And so it went with the radiant
5 woman who was one of the beauties of
6 New York. It was money, always money.
7 She got it and kept it. As for banks -
8 no, not at all. She kept it in cash.

9 The years went by. Editor Wood
10 and his former newspaper and his once
11 beautiful wife - they were almost
12 forgotten. Ida Wood grew old. She lived
13 with her money, ^{fondled that} a collection of bank notes.
14 She became a recluse living in her hotel
15 room and thinking up odd ways to hide
16 her wealth. No, they say she isn't mad.
17 She is as clear and sound minded as any
18 old lady you'll find. She merely has an
19 eccentricity. She loves to have her money
20 near her and hide it away, ^{in ten thousand dollar}
21 ^{bills.}

22 Well, they are ~~xxx~~ tearing the
23 old hotel down and they had to move the
24 ninety-three year old woman from her room
25 and that's how the secret has come to
^{light}
~~light~~ And now they are hunting treasure
in the belongings of the former belle of
New York.

OPERA

Well, that's a strange sunset of old age. But here comes a sunrise story of glory come to youth

1 ~~Now comes~~ a real Cinderella
2 story. A nineteen year old girl,
3 daughter of an Italian laborer who lived
4 in New Jersey, landed in New York today.
5 She has in her handbag a five year contract
6 to sing with the ^{Chicago} Civic Opera Company.

7 The story begins one night
8 three years ago. A poorly dressed girl
9 went to Mrs. Martinelli, the wife of
10 the Metropolitan ^{Opera} House tenor, and asked
11 her for a ticket to the opera that
12 night. The girl was timid and embarrassed,
13 but some inner compulsion seemed to be
14 driving her.

15 Well, requests for free tickets
16 are very common, but there was something
17 about the girl that attracted Mrs.
18 Martinelli's notice. The tenor's wife
19 asked a few questions.

20 The girl said her name was
21 Sarafina di Leo. She was sixteen. Her
22 father was a laborer working in New
23 Jersey. The family was very poor, and
24 it was a big family. The girl hoped
25 some day to be an opera singer. How

1 could she if she could never hear the
 2 opera? And there never was any money
 3 for a ticket. That was why she had made
 4 so bold as to ask.

5 Well, girls who are ambitious
 6 to be singers are very common in operatic
 7 circles, but again there was something
 8 about the daughter of the New Jersey
 9 laborer that held the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ attention of the
 10 tenor's wife.

11 She called her husband's
 12 accompanist and asked him to try out
 13 the girl's voice. The laborer's daughter
 14 sang.

15 Yes, she got her ticket to the
 16 opera that night. More than that, a
 17 group of wealthy people were gathered a
 18 few days later to listen to the girl. A
 19 purse was raised to send her to Italy to
 20 study.

21 Last February they had a gala
 22 performance at the famous opera house
 23 of La Scala in the Italian city of
 24 Milan. ^{And} The prima donna was that same
 25 daughter of the New Jersey laborer. It

1 was her debut, and she scored a
2 magnificent success.

3 The New York Evening Post tells
4 us that she sang in other performances
5 at La Scala. The Chicago Civic Opera
6 Company heard about her - and that
7 brings us to the end of the story, with
8 the nineteen year old Serafina di Leo
9 landing in New York today, a Chicago
10 Opera contract in her handbag, another
11 Cinderella.

12 Well, that's an Italian story -
13 and today is an Italian day, in a way -
14 that is it's Columbus Day, to remind
15 us ~~that~~ how in fourteen hundred and
16 ninety two Columbus sailed the ocean
17 blue. They tried to make him turn
18 back, but he said, "sail on, sail on" -
19 and by the way it's time for me to ~~say~~
20 sail on - and sail on until tomorrow
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