

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 (The Round Table Conference at
2 London seems to be in a bad way.
3 Mahatma Gandhi today rejected the terms
4 that the British government have
5 offered to India. The British
6 Government is willing to grant
7 AUTONOMY, and a considerable measure of
8 independence. But England wants to
9 keep control of the Indian army and
10 Indian finances.

11 And to this, reports the
12 International News Service, Gandhi and
13 other delegates from India say, NO.)

14 There have been obstreperous
15 doings in the House of Lords, with a
16 demand that if Gandhi tried^s to start any
17 more sedition in India, why he should be
18 deported to the Andaman Islands. There
19 were other demands that England make no
20 treaty with representatives of terrorists
21 from India.

22 And some seem to think that this
23 means the death of the Round Table
24 Conference. *At any rate it seems to be in*
25 *danger of going on the rocks.*

1 The League of Nations tonight is
2 said to be considering an important
3 communication from the United States,
4 presented by Ambassador Charles G.
5 Dawes. There is no word of what is in
6 the message from Uncle Sam, but it is
7 hinted that it may have an important part
8 in settling the Manchurian quarrel. It
9 may indeed be the turning point toward
10 peace.

11 The United Press, however, reports
12 that both China and Japan are standing
13 firm. The League of Nations is talking
14 over the matter of appointing members to
15 a commission to arbitrate in the
16 controversy. China is still demanding
17 that the Jap^{anese} shall get their soldiers
18 out of Manchuria before the neutral
19 commission goes to work.

20 From the battle-front over there in
21 the Far East, the Associated Press
22 cables a curious report. It is to the
23 effect that the Japanese want to appoint
24 General Mah Chan-Shan governor of
25 Manchuria. Well, they've been battling

1 with the army of General Mah for weeks
2 now, but they say that the ~~Mikado~~ Mikado's
3 authorities have opened negotiations
4 with the General, and hope to get him to
5 play the Governor of Manchuria for them.
6 If that little deal went through it
7 would certainly be a curious right-about-
8 face.

9 Japanese troops have occupied the
10 town of Hain-Min. This is interpreted
11 as a move to capture the ^{Southern Manchurian} important city
12 of Chin-Chow.

13 Charles Hunter, the International
14 News Service correspondent, cables that
15 he arrived in Hain-Min today and was
16 received with a fusillade of blank
17 cartridges. A Japanese armored car
18 blazed away at him, but the guns were
19 loaded with blanks. Japanese officers
20 apologized, and explained that they were
21 using tactics of firing with blanks for
22 the purpose of intimidating Chinese
23 bandits.
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1 Dino Grandi, the Italian foreign
2 minister, announced today that Italy is
3 not seeking to float a loan in the
4 United States. Grandi has been
5 confabulating with prominent American
6 financiers, and the rumor was that he
7 was trying to negotiate a loan.

8 But he says it's nothing of the
9 sort. The United Press quotes him as
10 declaring that Italy does not need a
11 loan. He explains that just a little
12 while ago Mussolini floated an internal
13 loan of 3 billion lire. The Italian
14 public responded so enthusiastically,
15 that 7 billion lire were handed over
16 to the government.

17 But Mussolini gave back to the
18 people the excess cash, for which there
19 was no need.
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1 Last night I mentioned a few
2 questions that are answered in the new
3 Literary Digest, which came out today.
4 One of those questions ~~asked is~~ ^{was} --
5 WHAT HAVE BEEN THE RESULTS OF DINO
6 GRANDI'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT
7 HOOVER?

8 A good many of us have been
9 puzzled by the purpose of the visit of
10 the Italian foreign minister to the
11 United States. There seems to be no
12 questions ^{or} ~~and~~ dispute between Uncle Sam
13 and Mussolini's government. In fact,
14 it's been understood that the United
15 States and Italy have the same general
16 outlook, so far as international
17 problems are concerned.

18 The new Literary Digest takes up
19 the subject of Grandi's visit, and gives
20 us various bits of insight.

21 We are told that the eyes of both
22 President Hoover and Foreign Minister
23 Grandi ~~were~~ ^{are} directed principally at one
24 big goal -- the World Disarmament
25 Conference, which is to be held in

1 February. Both Uncle Sam and Mussolini
2 seems to be determined that the big
3 attempt to reduce armament throughout
4 the world shall not result in failure.

5 The Literary Digest quotes Percy
6 Winner, a correspondent of the New York
7 Evening Post, as declaring that
8 Mussolini's dominating belief right now
9 is that of all the problems before the
10 world, economic recovery is of the
11 greatest importance. And the Duce is
12 further convinced that disarmament will
13 do a great deal to bring the present
14 financial and industrial difficulties of
15 the world to a solution.

16 Italy has a long-standing
17 controversy with France about how big a
18 Navy the two countries, respectively,
19 should have. Mussolini wants to settle
20 that argument. He'd like to have his
21 own way, but above all things, he wants
22 a settlement -- and he is willing to
23 compromise. Anything to lick the
24 depression seems to be the Duce's idea.

25 As for President Hoover, the

1 Literary Digest quotes this same
2 political expert in the Evening Post as
3 declaring that disarmament is Mr.
4 Hoover's pet hobby. ~~He is said to hold~~
5 ~~disarmament just as dear as President~~
6 ~~Wilson held the League of Nations.~~

7 According to this summary which
8 the Literary Digest passes along to us,
9 President Hoover and Mussolini's right-
10 hand man were talking about something
11 on which they were both enthusiastically
12 in agreement. And they are said to have
13 struck something of a bargain. The two
14 statesmen might have talked together
15 ~~something~~ like this:-

16 "Signor Grandi," remarks President
17 Hoover, "we would like to have your
18 government support the American idea in
19 the approaching disarmament conference.
20 We should like to have you stand
21 shoulder to shoulder with us in putting
22 through a real effort to cut down the
23 heavy amount of guns, armies, and
24 warships which the nations are now
25 carrying."

1 "Very well, Mr. President,"
2 responds Grandi, with his ^{widely advertised} ~~customary~~
3 genial smile, "we will do this on
4 condition that you help us out a bit at
5 the conference. We want to settle our
6 naval dispute with France, and we should
7 like to have Uncle Sam use his powerful
8 influence to bring about a settlement
9 of that perplexing question about the
10 size of the French and Italian navies."

11 That ^{is rumored} ~~seems~~ to be the gist of the
12 understanding which ^{Pres} Hoover and ^{Mr.} Grandi
13 arranged between them.

14 And it is further intimated that
15 Uncle Sam might find it convenient to
16 have some of his proposals presented by
17 the Italians.

18 Anyway, these ideas are given to
19 us by the Literary Digest as inferences
20 drawn by acute minds among the important
21 newspaper correspondents at Washington.
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1 Well, it's a mathematical
2 certainty now -- I mean the Democrats
3 are sure to have a majority in the
4 House of Representatives of the new
5 Congress that meets on December 7th.

6 This is the result of that
7 election in Texas yesterday, in which
8 a Congressman was chosen. A Democrat
9 won. He scored an easy victory.

10 The International News Service
11 gives the present line-up of the new
12 Congress as follows:- Democrats, 218;
13 Republicans, 214, and one Farmer-Labor
14 member. Two seats are vacant, but even
15 though the Republicans should win both
16 of them, why the Democrats would still
17 have a majority. The two vacant seats
18 are in New Jersey and New Hampshire, and
19 the Democrats ^{say they} have hopes of carrying
20 both.

21 And that makes the Democratic majority
22 in the Lower House a mathematical
23 certainty -- unless, of course, death
24 or illness takes a hand in the short
25 time between now and December 7th.

1 In Pittsburgh today a number of
2 people are giving thanks in advance.
3 They are employ^es of one of the
4 largest tin-plate companies in the
5 country.

6 In an appropriate announcement ~~for~~^{on}
7 the day before Thanksgiving, the company
8 has issued notice that hereafter
9 everybody in its 44 plants is going to
10 work full time.

11 The employ^es have been working on
12 an average of 3 days a week, and half
13 the mills have been idle.

14 The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
15 today prints the cheering news that so
16 far as this company is concerned,
17 things are pretty well back to normal,
18 and that during December at least
19 everything is going to run full blast.
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1 Trade reports from ~~xxx~~ abroad
2 show that the British cotton weaving
3 industry is climbing with rapid strides.
4 This is of interest to Americans because
5 the British textile industry buys a
6 considerable share of the cotton crop
7 of ~~the~~ South.

8 The spurt of activity in
9 British mills is ascribed to the Chinese
10 boycott against Japanese goods. The
11 Chinese won't touch cotton goods from
12 Japan, and are buying the British
13 product instead. In Germany, reports
14 the Associated Press, the cotton industry
15 is making good progress too.

16 But the ^{French} textile industry is
17 said to be hit by the British revival.
18 The abandonment of the gold standard in
19 England has brought down the value of
20 the British pound, and that in turn has
21 made British goods cheaper for other
22 nations to buy. As ~~the~~ ^{the} result, the
23 French textile industry is having
24 trouble in keeping pace..

1 Over in England the doors were
2 shut down today -- I mean the tariff
3 doors. Fifty per cent duties were
4 clamped onto foreign imports coming
5 into Great Britain.

6 This is an emergency measure which
7 will remain in effect until the regular
8 tariff has been worked out.

9 Ever since the Conservatives
10 won their great victory in the recent
11 British election and tariff became a
12 certainty, why a flood of foreign goods
13 has been flowing into England.

14 Importers have been hurrying to take
15 advantage of the remaining period of
16 free trade.

17 And so Parliament did something to
18 stop the flood. It gave the British
19 Board of Trade the right to slap on
20 tariffs up to 100 per cent. The Board
21 of Trade decided on 50 per cent duties,
22 and put them into effect today. At the
23 last moment there was a final rush of
24 imports.

25 The International News Service

1 describes the arrival of scores of
2 airplanes at the Croyden landing field.
3 They were machines from France and
4 Germany, all carrying cargoes of
5 merchandise, and landing them before the
6 new regulation could go into effect.

7 The imports from the British
8 dominions^s are exempt from the^{se} duties.
9 Except under certain conditions, they
10 won't have to pay any tariff.

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1 its grip until it was in the boat. It
2 was nearly thirty-one inches long and
3 weighed eleven and a quarter pounds,
4 and its powerful jaws left quite a
5 few marks on the policeman's hand.

6 *Also tall but true.*

HO-HO, HEY-HEY, HEE-HEE AT VASSAR

Well, now, ho-ho, hey-hey, hee-hee - meaning laughter. At any rate, that's the way the college girls at Vassar are said to laugh.

An investigation of the subject of mirth at Vassar, has been made by a psychologist of Columbia University. His name is Dr. Polyxnie Kambouropoulou. The psychologist analyzed various kinds of laughter. Sometimes the girls laugh with a loud ho-ho. That's a scoff of self-exaltation. When they, the girls, laugh hey-hey it signifies contempt at a worsted wretch who is not at their mercy. At least so says Dr. Kambouropoulou. When the girls laugh hee-hee, it is a hiss and sneer of trickishly gained victory. Another kind of laughter investigated was hoo-hoo. That marks disgust, while ha-ha is characteristic of the gallant victor who enjoys a pure-hearted laugh.

Those are remarkable discoveries, but Dr. Kambouropoulou was not content. He also investigated the question of what

1 the girls laugh at. *

2 It appears that one hundred Vassar
3 students kept humor diaries. That is,
4 they marked down the laughs they've
5 had each day.

6 It is discovered that the girls
7 laugh at most anything, or even nothing
8 at all. *They'll titter without provocation - at*
9 *Vassar, in Poughkeepsie.*

10 One of them marked in her diary
11 that during a hockey game she laughed
12 at the way people fell down because of
13 the slippery field. I wonder whether
14 that was the ho-ho laugh, or the hey-hey
15 or hee-hee laugh.

16 Another girl ~~says the New~~
17 ~~York Evening Post~~, described a laugh
18 in her diary, although you might have
19 expected her to shed a few tears. She
20 and another girl were out to beg an
21 automobile ride. The only trouble was
22 that they stopped a taxi, got the ride,
23 and then had to pay the fare. That
24 made them laugh. I suppose it was the
25 hoo-hoo laugh, which marks disgust.

Another entry in a humor

1 diary tells of the big laugh that one
2 girl got when she was reading a
3 newspaper article which related that
4 girls taken to the Yale-Harvard game
5 cost their escorts \$1,000,000. She
6 might have laughed hee-hee, that being
7 the hiss and sneer of trickishly gained
8 victory. Or again, she might have
9 giggled hey-hey, meaning contempt at
10 a worsted wretch now at ^{their}~~his~~ mercy.

11 In any case, the studies made
12 by Dr. Kambouropoulou seem to have been
13 an exceedingly hilarious investigation.

14 And I suppose about the only
15 comment I can make is ho-ho, hey-hey,
16 hee-hee, and so long until tomorrow.

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