

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1       Here's a strange story from the  
2 mysterious depths of Central Asia. It  
3 tells of the tomb of Genghis Khan, the  
4 great Mongol conqueror and terror of the  
5 world of the 13th century.

6       The man who claims that he has found  
7 the tomb of Genghis Khan is a Russian  
8 named Boris Kosloff, who has recently  
9 arrived at Shanghai from Central Asia in  
10 the garb of a Mongolian Lama -- that is,  
11 a Buddhist priest.

12       Kosloff claims that for twenty years  
13 he has lived the life of a nomad among  
14 the wandering tribes of the great barren  
15 land of Mongolia, and that after a while  
16 he became a Buddhist monk and was  
17 admitted into the secrets of the yellow-  
18 robed Lamas.

19       Genghis Khan, who with his Central  
20 Asian hordes, spread havoc from China to  
21 the borders of Germany in the 13th  
22 century, is worshiped in Central Asia as  
23 the Lord of All Mankind and Conqueror of  
24 the World. But only the Lamas know of  
25 the location of his tomb, which is kept

1 secret from the outside world. Kosloff  
2 declares that last spring the Lamas  
3 finally consented to take him to the tomb  
4 of the great conqueror. It is near a  
5 small hamlet called Ka-Ra-Ka-Tu, to the  
6 northwest of the Gobi Desert. This  
7 section is strongly guarded by a tribe of  
8 Mongolians who are descendants of  
9 Genghis Khan. This is a country of barren  
10 rocks far off the beaten track. The tomb  
11 of the conqueror is in a subterranean  
12 chamber which is reached by means of a  
13 long tunnel.

14 And there in a gorgeous sarcophagus  
15 surrounded by ancient tokens of his glory  
16 rests the mortal remains of the great  
17 destroyer, the most terrifying of ~~all~~ all

18 ~~builders of empire,~~ *builders of empire,* the Lord of all Mankind, *the conqueror*  
19 ~~conquerors,~~ *of the world.*

20 Such, at any rate, is the story told  
21 by the Russian adventurer, as printed in  
22 the New York Sun today. If it is true,  
23 it's enough to make the archeologists of  
24 the world want to start straight away for  
25 that ~~xxx~~ forbidding, isolated corner of  
Central Asia.

1           In Kansas a man hunt was staged  
2 today, and it ended quickly. The  
3 successful hunt was for those six  
4 convicts who, as the Associated Press  
5 tells, ~~is~~ broke out of the Federal  
6 penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.  
7 They took the Warden prisoner, and  
8 forced him to accompany them in their  
9 escape. The Warden, too, has been  
10 found with one arm blown off.

11           The Associated Press reports  
12 that after the six men got away, with  
13 Warden T. B. White as their prisoner,  
14 they commandeered one automobile after  
15 another. They abandoned a car and forced  
16 the occupants out of another. As they  
17 were getting into the third car, the  
18 Warden tried to make a fight and escape.  
19 They shot him point blank with a shotgun,  
20 and left him lie. But he is only wounded  
21 in the arm, and is not in any danger.  
22 Then, after a four hour man hunt, the  
23 six convicts were ~~rounded up~~ <sup>trapped</sup>.

24           The end ~~of the man hunt~~ came when  
25 the escaped prisoners were ~~cornered~~ <sup>trapped</sup> and



1 surrounded by forces of guards and  
2 police. There was a gun battle, and  
3 when the shooting was over, three of  
4 the convicts were dead, and three were  
5 captured, badly wounded.

6 According to the International  
7 News Service it is believed that the  
8 three desperados killed themselves in  
9 order to prevent capture.

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1           The leading newspaper in  
2 Alaska is the Daily Empire of Juneau.

3           A copy of it landed on my desk  
4 today and the first thing that caught  
5 my eye was the following picturesque  
6 item. When the Chief of Police at  
7 Fairbanks recently arrested seven men  
8 in one day he had to release three of  
9 them on their own recognizance.

10           The capacity of the jail is  
11 four.

12           This speaks volumes for the  
13 peacefulness of life in <sup>wild and woolly</sup> Alaska these  
14 days, because Fairbanks is one of the  
15 principal cities of Uncle Sam's vast  
16 Northern Empire.

WASHINGTON

The word from Washington tonight is that increased opposition is developing in Congress against the proposals which President Hoover has made. Even Republican Regulars are said to be joining in the chorus denouncing the idea of extending the debt moratorium. Senator Watson, the Republican leader, is quoted by the International News Service as declaring that he is against any reduction or suspension of payments from abroad unless the European nations will do a considerable bit of disarming.

But the Associated Press reports that President Hoover has issued a call for common action. The President said he had submitted to Congress a non-partisan, program which if enacted would turn the tide of deflation and start the country toward economic recovery.

1 I'm afraid I'm going to have to  
2 repeat a certain word a few times. The  
3 word is "Minister", and it applies to  
4 one of the most versatile ministers any  
5 government has ever known.

6 (The United Press reports that  
7 today Winston Churchill<sup>of England</sup> landed in the  
8 United States for a lecture tour. He,  
9 of course, is well known as one of the  
10 most interesting and provocative ~~xxxxxx~~  
11 persons in British public life.)

12 I recall meeting Churchill in  
13 London a few years ago. His appearance  
14 astonished me. I knew him as a statesman  
15 and a writer, and rather expected to  
16 find the usual type of Britisher in  
17 public life. But he looked more like a  
18 huge ex-prize-fighter, with his massive  
19 face, his ~~big~~ broad, powerful physique,  
20 his stopped shoulders, lumbering gait,  
21 something like that of a fighting man  
22 crouched for a battle.

23 Well, Winston Churchill's  
24 career is really most amazing. He is  
25 the grandson of the Duke of Marlborough.



1 His father was Lord Randolph Churchill,  
2 one of the great political figures of  
3 his time. His mother was Jennie  
4 Jerome, an American society woman.

5 Winston Churchill began his  
6 career as a war correspondent. Before  
7 he was 26 he had seen more fighting  
8 than the oldest general. He was a  
9 member of parliament before he was 27,  
10 a member of the government before he was  
11 31, a full fledged cabinet member when  
12 he was 34. And that's where the word  
13 "minister" comes in. He's been Minister  
14 of Commerce, Minister of Colonies,  
15 Minister of the Navy, Minister of  
16 Munitions, Minister of Home Affairs,  
17 Minister of War, Minister of the Air,  
18 and Minister of the Treasury. — *every thing but*  
19 *Prime Minister.* Yes, you might call that a  
20 ministerial record.  
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1 Every so often I am conscious  
2 of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ feeling of gratitude toward  
3 Soviet Russia. There's one way at  
4 least in which the Red regime of Moscow  
5 does deserve a bit of ~~this~~ praise.

6 I mean by way of industrial  
7 news, which as a general thing is  
8 likely to be a burden and a bore.

9 From the land of the Soviets,  
10 however, we quite often get a touch  
11 of comedy in the reports about the  
12 Five Year Plan, the progress of  
13 Communist industry, and so on.

14 Take for example, an article  
15 in this week's Literary Digest, which  
16 goes to the Soviet newspaper Pravda  
17 for a few facts about the distribution  
18 of merchandise under Communism.

19 We are told, for example, of  
20 a Russian village that received a large  
21 consignment of lamps without wicks,  
22 while another village a few hundred  
23 miles away received an equally large  
24 consignment of wicks without lamps.

25 The Literary Digest gives us



1 a whole series of amusing blunders which  
2 all trace back to the Soviet shipping  
3 clerk who ~~xxx~~ sits in the dingy office  
4 and proceeds to play tricks that  
5 bewilder the inhabitants of countless  
6 towns and villages.

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7 He gets an order from the  
8 Central Bureau to send to a certain  
9 place a quantity of shoes. The order  
10 doesn't give any further details. The  
11 shipping clerk doesn't use any  
12 intelligence. He sends the kind of  
13 shoes he has nearest at hand, and the  
14 result is that some village or other  
15 receives a large shipment of shoes, all  
16 of one size, every one ~~pair~~ of them  
17 ~~probably~~ big enough for the feet of  
18 giants.

19 The next day the Soviet  
20 shipping clerk receives a similar order  
21 for shoes from another village, and  
22 the next thing you know that village  
23 is flooded with carloads of children's  
24 shoes.

25 The Literary Digest gives us



1 one particular amusing instance of the  
2 way the Soviet shipping clerk can bungle.

3 A baby's bottle is a useful  
4 implement, but even a good thing can be  
5 overdone. A Russian village of several  
6 hundred people was astonished recently  
7 to receive an enormous consignment of  
8 ~~xx~~ bottles for the babies. There are  
9 bottles and nipples sufficient for a  
10 whole <sup>army</sup> ~~nation~~ of babies.

11 You can't blame those villagers  
12 for cussing out the Soviet shipping  
13 clerk with <sup>a volatile, picturesque and purple</sup> ~~■~~ Russian enthusiasm.

1 Over in England today there  
2 were widespread expressions of disquiet  
3 about an announcement made in the House  
4 of Commons, that the British government  
5 would be unable to give the Cunard  
6 Steamship Company any financial  
7 assistance in building ~~xxxxxx~~ the new  
8 75,000 ton liner under construction at  
9 Glasgow. Work on that huge ship has  
10 been suspended, and the International  
11 News Service points out that three  
12 thousand men will be thrown out of work.

13 The London Daily Express states  
14 today that the suspension of work on the  
15 big ship comes like a slap to every  
16 British face. The vessel was to have been  
17 ~~one of~~ the largest and most luxurious  
18 in the world.

19 The Evening Standard in London  
20 points out that England will now be without  
21 a single postwar luxury ship on the  
22 Atlantic, to compete with Germany's new ~~xx~~  
23 boats, <sup>and</sup> with giant modern liners that  
24 France and Italy are building. It was  
25 stated in the House of Commons that the



1 government hopes something can be  
 2 done to enable the company to recommence  
 3 work on the big ship at an early date.

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~~And here's some more navigation news:~~ ~~Page 14~~

1                    <sup>has just</sup>  
2                    A rowboat <sup>^</sup> arrived at Burlington,  
3 Iowa, ~~today~~. It came paddling along ~~to~~  
4 the Mississippi River. In it was a 63-  
5 year-old woman, and she was operating the  
6 oars in vigorous style. As my old friend  
7 Count Luckner would say, "Pull, sailor,  
8 pull -- pull for the shore, <sup>by JOE.</sup>"

9                    ~~The Associated Press tells the story~~  
10 ~~of how~~ Miss Randi LeRoyl, a scrubwoman  
11 of Superior, Wisconsin, is rowing a boat  
12 down the Mississippi River. She intends  
13 to keep on rowing until she winds up in  
14 the Gulf of Mexico.

15                    She declares that she has worked for  
16 years scrubbing floors to earn enough  
17 money to accomplish what to her is the  
18 purpose of a lifetime. Somehow or other  
19 she formed the grand ambition of rowing  
20 a boat down the Mississippi River, from  
21 its source to its mouth. And that's  
22 quite a <sup>glamorous, adventurous &</sup> heroic idea for an old lady of 63.

23                    And she is well on her way. In a  
24 boat 23 feet long she has reached Iowa  
25 now, and intends to keep on going. She  
has been warned that Old Man Winter may

1 make the going a trifle hard. The river  
2 is liable to freeze over, and she is  
3 likely to find herself marooned in the  
4 ice. But that doesn't daunt her one  
5 bit. She says Old Man River be hanged!  
6 If the river freezes over she'll just  
7 climb out and skate the rest of the way.

8 Yes, Auntie, that's the spirit. *Were*  
9 *all with you.*



1 I'm sorry to have to report some  
2 unseemly doings at Lynn, Massachusetts.  
3 It appears that a man in that pleasant  
4 town hurled his landlady out of a window  
5 three times.

6 ~~The United Press reports that~~ There  
7 was an argument between a lodger and his  
8 landlady. The lodger proceeded to throw  
9 the landlady out of the second-story  
10 window. She came right back into the  
11 house and renewed the argument, and he  
12 threw her out of the window again. Once  
13 more she returned, and he threw her out  
14 a third time.

15 That was plenty. The landlady was  
16 injured to the extent of a broken rib,  
17 and the lodger was taken to the lock-up,  
18 where he is lodging tonight.  
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1        Let's have another endurance record.  
2 The Associated Press reports that the  
3 longest poem in the world has been written.  
4 It is the work of Father John Blatter,  
5 a former Chicago Parish priest who now is  
6 in Rome. That record-breaking poem ~~contains~~  
7 contains 25,000 verses. The Father  
8 started to work on it when he was twenty.  
9 He's been working on it ever since, and  
10 he is now 71.

11        The poem is 15,000 verses longer  
12 than Dante's "Divine Comedy." In Dante's  
13 work there's one descent into the infernal  
14 regions. But the former Parish priest of  
15 Chicago includes in his <sup>3</sup>~~1~~ record-breaking  
16 poem three descents into the evil domain  
17 where Old Nick reigns in sulphury terror.

18        Well, I often find 25 verses of  
19 poetry a pretty stiff dose, but as for  
20 25,000 verses -- well, that's a long,  
21 long poetical road to travel.  
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Last night I ended my remarks by saying that if I didn't hurry up and cut it short, why the joke would be on me.

Well, the joke was on me anyway. I made a prize bloomer. I don't know whether you noticed it, but the story I told about autographing books must have seemed rather pointless. I said the anecdote had a particular reference to something that Announcer Howard Petry would have to say.

It was about the famous author, George Barr McCutcheon. I told how he was riding on a train when a boy came through selling books, including McCutcheon's own sensational success, Graustark. McCutcheon took a copy and autographed it and told the boy he could now sell it for twice the regular price. But the boy came back with a roar. He said McCutcheon had ruined the book, and would have to pay for it. Which the author did.

Well, when Announcer Howard Petry, following me, started to speak his piece, I was astonished and bewildered to find that he wasn't saying anything that applied at all to that autographing story. I had made a miscue. I was one night ahead of time. It was tonight that he was to have something special to say. All right, Howard, the



coast is clear. Let her go.

And -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.