

Good Evening, Everybody:-

It looks as though that Manchurian question is going to start ~~no end of~~ <sup>real</sup> trouble. Manchuria is in the headlines again. A dispatch from Geneva to the Indianapolis Times reports that Japan and the League of Nations are lined up for a knock down, drag out fight over Manchuria. There seems to be no way of avoiding it. What's more it's bound to end in ignoble defeat for either one side or the other.

If the League of Nations wins the row, then the League will enormously increase its authority and prestige all over the world. If Japan wins, well, it may mean the downfall of the League of Nations. So say the expert observers in Geneva.

A dispatch from Washington declares this will affect Uncle Sam even though he does not belong to the League of nations. The dispatch adds that no first class member of the League is more vitally concerned than the United States over the outcome of two major problems. One, Manchuria; the other, Germany's demand for equality of arms with all other countries.

Another dispatch from Washington tells us that Soviet Russia's recognition of Manchukuo is looked upon in the capital as a

blow to President Hoover's policy. The United States idea in ~~this~~<sup>this</sup> issue has been to try to keep Manchukuo an outlaw state unrecognized by any other nation except Japan. This policy was supported by the League of ~~Nine~~ Nations. Now that Russia as well as Japan has recognized Manchukuo, the fact that Uncle Sam ignores the existence of this state doesn't mean much.

ARMS

Meanwhile all the Armament conferences in the world do not seem to discourage inventors from devising new engines of war. At ~~xx~~ no time in the last ten years have warlike inventions been so numerous. The French anti-aircraft artillery *corps* now has a gun capable of ~~striking~~ hitting an airplane ~~at~~ *How often I don't know. But* 32,800 feet up. <sup>^</sup> This is almost three miles further than the maximum range <sup>*here to fare.*</sup> ~~hitherto~~. Great numbers of other deadly devices are being turned out. The authority for this <sup>*ironic news*</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>^</sup> the International Peace Bureau in Geneva.

CHINA

From China too comes <sup>more</sup> ~~the~~ news of hostile movements.

A dispatch to the <sup>New York</sup> ~~Evening~~ Sun points out that one situation in the Far East is that China is arming against China. Civil War is raging in the rich province of Shantung.

Large quantities of war material have been pouring into that province from almost every country in the world. Bombing planes, pursuit planes, tanks, and all sorts of other equipment are being freely bought by the warring Chinese generals.

SOUTH AMERICA

And the tale of today's wars is not ended yet.

In South America a battle has been raging for two weeks around the Gran Chaco frontier between Bolivia and Paraguay. In Brazil the rebel forces of the state of Sao Paulo are still in the fields, although they are totally surrounded by Federal troops. Materials of war are <sup>still</sup> pouring into Brazil.

But there's a third trouble <sup>spot</sup> ~~over~~ in South America. Columbia and Peru are at loggerheads over territory on the frontier. The Colombian Senate has voted ten million pesos for defense. Peru has voted five million. It's ~~believed~~ <sup>believed</sup> that Columbia has been sending troops to a border town which was seized several days ago by Peruvian radicals.

PATEL

White Mahatma Gandhi is busy starving himself to death in India, one of his apostles arrived in America today. His name is -- it's quite a mouthful. His name is Vitabhai J. Patel. Mr. Vitabhai J. Patel was formerly Lord Mayor of Bombay, and is now President of the Indian National Congress which is leading the Indian campaign against John Bull.

Mr. Vitabhai Patel was an imposing sight as he landed. As a Londoner would say -- he had them all on. That is, on his head he wore a white Gandhi khadar cap. His body was draped in beautiful flowing robes. And tightfitting trousers of ~~the~~ exquisite white silk encased the apostolic limbs. In short he was all dolled up like an Oriental Xmas tree. And his luxuriant white whiskers made him look for all the world like a tropical Santa Claus.

Mr. Vitabhai Patel is in our midst for the purpose of instructing the American people in the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi.

If Mr. Gandhi dies as the result of his fast, the consequences will be disastrous. So says his spokesman.

Mr. Gandhi, he adds, stands between the British Empire and revolution. Without Gandhi British lives would not be safe in India. That is the pronouncement of Mr. Vitabhai J. Patel as he brings his gaily clad body to American shores.

## TENNIS

They're holding the world's Professional Tennis Championship in Berlin this week. The sensation of the day was the defeat of Big Bill Tilden. In the semi-final round he met Martin Plaa, of France. And Big Bill went blaa, when Mr. Plaa licked him in three straight sets.



## LUMBER

There's a story in the Montreal Star which ought to encourage some people. It says that six hundred and fifty million feet of lumber will be cut in the forests of the Province of Quebec this winter. That is, if present indications materialize. This will give employment to about twenty thousand men. A substantial increase over the figures of last year.

BUDAPEST

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There's weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in Hungarian smart society. This has been caused by the fashionable tailors and dressmakers of Budapest.

A dispatch to the New York Evening Post says that the tailors and dressmakers recently formed a sort of union. They ~~have~~ decided that in the future they will <sup>sew</sup> ~~ask~~ only for cash. They are not only demanding payment of bills, they have drawn up a black list. The consequence is that the fashionable <sup>dandy or smart lady of Pest, if they</sup> ~~Budian or Pester, if he or she~~ owes the tailor money, not only can't get new clothes from that tailor, but will not be served by any other tailor in the union.

~~The~~ dispatch relates that the society newspapers are exceedingly indignant.

SEAWAY

( There was an enthusiastic expression of approval for the great St. Lawrence seaway project in Hamilton, Ontario, today. The Great Lakes Harbor Association which is in session there adopted resolutions begging the early ratification of the Treaty by the legislators of Canada and Uncle Sam. )

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A story in the Toronto Star reports that the association listed the following outstanding advantages which would result from ratification of this treaty. First it would furnish a greater measure of employment than any other public work now being considered. <sup>Second,</sup> Construction work <sup>now</sup> would be done at a relatively low cost. Third, surplus waters can be used for power purposes to such an extent that the seaway will largely pay for itself. Fourth, it would improve the situation of forty-two per cent of the railway systems in the United States.

The delegates to the Convention came to Hamilton from both sides of the border.

BREACH

It must require a lot of nerve for a man to bring suit for a breach of promise. A Mr. Alanson Malott formerly of Léamington, Ontario, has just started a case of this kind in the Chicago courts.

Mr. Malott was engaged to marry a lady who jilted him. The boys razed him so hard over this that Mr. Malott says he was obliged to leave Léamington in order to escape the storm of ridicule. So now he's suing the lady for \$25,000. damages. *And that's the touching story of the Jilted Mr. Malott.*

FISH

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Here's a fish story from Arkansas. A physician of Fordyce in <sup>that state</sup> ~~Arkansas~~ went fishing with a friend the other day. The doctor landed fifteen fish while his friend caught only one. Finally, the <sup>lucky</sup> doctor explained <sup>that he had</sup> ~~he took~~ <sup>taken</sup> minnows for bait and painted them with ~~mercury~~ mercuric <sup>come</sup>. In the water <sup>this</sup> ~~they were~~ made <sup>them</sup> ~~to~~ look like gold fish. Consequently, even the wisest and largest fish <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ fooled <sup>to</sup> in striking for them. And the clever doctor just hauled 'em in.  
~~So there's a hint for all anglers.~~

## CORN

There's one farmer in Missouri who recently showed that he certainly had his wits about him. He found some thieves husking corn in his popcorn field. Did he rush to the telephone right away and call the police? He did not. He waited until the thieves had practically finished the job and were almost ready to go. Then he called the cops and had the five thieves carted off to jail. But the corn they'd husked remained with him. So he got all that work done for nothing.

And that's what you might call thrift, ~~also.~~

PRISONER

And here's a silver lining item from Grand Rapids,  
Michigan.

A colored gentleman was arrested on a charge of driving  
a car while intoxicated. When he came up for trial the police  
surgeon testified that in his opinion the charge was true.  
The magistrate asked why. And the surgeon said he'd noted  
that the pupils of the prisoner's eyes were dilated.

The court then asked the prisoner if his eyes were  
dilated. And the prisoner replied:

"I ~~don't~~<sup>don</sup> know, ~~Your~~<sup>Yo</sup> Honor<sup>ah</sup>: But here, you ~~can~~<sup>all</sup>  
look for yourself."

So saying, he removed his glass eye from its socket  
and handed it to the Judge.

The prisoner was discharged.

WOMAN CABINET MEMBER

( If Franklin Roosevelt is elected president, the United States will probably have its first woman cabinet member. This was reported today in a dispatch to the Brooklyn Times. The woman is Miss Frances Perkins, who is now Industrial Commissioner of the State of New York.. Governor Roosevelt's friends say that if he is elected, she will be his first choice for Secretary of Labor. )



BONUS

A new movement in opposition to the bonus is on foot in Tennessee. An association of war veterans, opposed to this cash payment, is being organized in Chattanooga. It is known as the American Veterans. It includes veterans of all wars. It <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ been announced that similar chapters will be established all through the south. And an effort will be made to extend the organization throughout the United States.

## MILK STRIKE

The latest region to be threatened with ~~the a~~ strike of farmers is New York City. If it comes off it will be ~~ix~~ a milk strike. Delegates from various farming centers are hurrying to New York. They are canvassing the retail milk sellers of the city, telling them the farmers are in an angry mood. They say they are ready to dump their milk into the creeks if prices do <sup>it</sup> ~~not~~ go up. The secretary of the emergency committee declares that a crisis may be expected before Monday.

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The trouble, they say, is that small dealers have been cutting prices to such an extent that farmers cannot break even with their dairy products. *And I'm one farmer who can vouch for that.*

FARM STRIKE

~~But~~ From several other parts of the country there are indications that the farm strike idea is spreading. A dispatch from Des Moines to the Hartford Times declares that this movement now has a hundred thousand followers in Minnesota. This, in addition to the farmers in Iowa, ~~and~~ the Dakotas and Nebraska.

AIM

It seems I stubbed my toe, or rather my tongue again

the other day in the pronunciation of the name of a Pennsylvania

town. <sup>Even though ~~many~~ *many* of my ancestors were keystone slaters</sup>  
^ These Pennsylvania ~~names~~ <sup>names</sup> seem to be my Waterloo. I talked

about the famous ghost of <sup>P-a-o-l-i,</sup> ~~Paoli,~~ and Margaret ~~A~~ <sup>A</sup>mes of

Philadelphia writes in to tell me I should have called it

*- and not Paholi as I did.*

Payolee, ^ This happened shortly after I had borne false witness

against the town of Conshohocken. I pronounced it Conshocken, <sup>or</sup>  
*something like that.*

Margaret ~~A~~ <sup>A</sup>mes also wants to know when we are going

to have another <sup>official whopper fest</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> of the Tall Story Club. Well, that's

not a bad idea. We haven't had one <sup>many months</sup> ~~in some time~~. I'll have to

see if we can't <sup>round up</sup> ~~get together~~ <sup>get together</sup> a new group of Munchausens at

Tall Story headquarters. ~~in the Empire State Building.~~

TREE

Here's one from Pennsylvania,  
that's both true and tall.

In Adams County, Pennsylvania, there's a farm which boasts a ~~rare~~ freak of nature. An apple tree on the property of L. H. Rice, near Arendtsville, is bearing both fruit and ~~blossoms~~ blossoms. One half of the tree is bearing large ripe apples, the other side is covered with beautiful flowers.

EAR

In preceding generations, so the novelists tell us, one of the principal obstacles in the path of true young love used to be the parents of the young lovers. But my, how things have changed! There is a story in the New York Evening Post tonight which illustrates the way in which the pendulum is swinging.

(1) A lady in Brooklyn, a widow old enough to have an eighteen year old daughter, has been courted for some time by a young man -- well, he's thirty-eight. Now, the daughter, who is a high school student, did not approve of mother's goings on. She made things so uncomfortable for mother and her boy friend around the home, that mother <sup>did as daughters</sup> ~~took~~ <sup>have done. She made dates</sup> to meet ~~the~~ the boy friend in ~~secret~~ <sup>secret</sup> ~~there~~.

The other evening <sup>the daughter</sup> ~~she~~ came home from school and found a note from the <sup>suitor</sup> ~~courtier~~ asking her mother to meet him at a certain corner in Brooklyn. The young girl was enraged at this evidence that her mother had been disobedient. So

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the girl went to keep the date herself. She took with her a razor blade and when she encountered mother's suitor at the corner she walked right up to him and cut off his ear.

And that's harsher than ~~any~~ parents used to be in my days, I'm glad say. Anyhow, I'll bet that made the young fellow say what I'm saying now - so long, until Monday.