

1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

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4 Here's a flash about a character  
5 of whom you have already heard *much*  
6 ~~considerable~~ in a sensational way --  
7 Gaston B. Means. Yes, the fellow who  
8 was secret service agent during the  
9 Harding Administration. The chap who got  
10 so much advertising in the days of the  
11 Tea Pot Dome scandal.

12 Well, <sup>Gaston B.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Means was pinched today --  
13 arrested by the authorities of the  
14 District of Columbia. He is charged with  
15 having shaken down no less a personage  
16 than Mrs. Edward B. McClean, wife of the  
17 proprietor of the Washington Post. He  
18 trimmed this well known lady, they say,  
19 for \$100,000. How do you suppose he  
20 got that large sum out of a lady who is  
21 theoretically speaking a rather  
22 sophisticated person?

23 Well, he claimed that he knew the  
24 whereabouts of the kidnapped son of  
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1 Colonel and Mrs. Charles ~~Mr.~~ Lindbergh. )

2 The Police <sup>se</sup> ~~set~~ declared that <sup>Gaston</sup> Means  
3 had <sup>s</sup> been living high, <sup>^</sup> in a fashionable  
4 Washington suburb. Their charge is that  
5 he approached Mrs. McClean two weeks  
6 after the Lindbergh child had been stolen.  
7 He told her he was in touch with the  
8 kidnappers.

9 Mrs. McClean <sup>informed</sup> ~~told~~ agents of the  
10 Department of Justice that Means had  
11 pleaded with her to give him \$100,000  
12 so that he might pay the ransom and return  
13 the child to its parents. *And she gave it to him.*

14 The "D. J." <sup>^</sup> which is thieves'  
15 slang for Department of Justice,  
16 discloses the fact that it had <sup>s</sup> been wise  
17 to <sup>the</sup> ~~Means~~ <sup>Means</sup> activities <sup>^</sup> for some time, ~~and~~ They  
18 know <sup>^</sup> everything he has been doing in the  
19 last six weeks.

20 As for the Lindbergh headquarters  
21 ---a statement was issued by police  
22 authorities at Hopewell, New Jersey, that  
23 Gaston ~~B.~~ Means has <sup>at</sup> ~~no~~ no time ~~whatsoever~~  
24 <sup>figured</sup> ~~appeared~~ in this case, so far as ~~police~~  
25 <sup>they</sup> ~~authorities~~ know.

The commutation of the sentence of the Massie defendants from ten years to one hour has by no means finished the case. Governor Judd, instead of <sup>receiving</sup> ~~getting~~ praise for his leniency, is getting criticism <sup>from all sides</sup> ~~knocks all around~~. The champions of Lieutenant Massie, Mrs. Fortescue, and the two blue jackets are saying; ~~on all sides~~.

"Why shouldn't they have a full pardon?"

Clarence Darrow makes the statement:

"We are pleased with what has been done so far. But we are not satisfied with this commutation. My clients automatically lost their citizenship when they were convicted, but an unconditional pardon will fix that point." ~~I believe Congress will act to restore Lieutenant Massie's position in the Navy, providing the conviction made any changes in his status.~~

~~Now~~ Governor Judd, After switching that sentence from ten years



1 to one hour, now ~~he~~ has to have a guard  
2 of military police around his home ~~for~~  
3 protect <sup>him</sup> ~~him from molestation~~

4 The agitation for full pardon <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~  
5 on foot both in Honolulu and in  
6 Washington. Meanwhile we learn that  
7 the Navy is going to transfer Lieutenant  
8 Massie and Bluejackets Jones and Lord  
9 from Honolulu to some station on the  
10 mainland. So evidently their conviction  
11 had no effect upon their status in the  
12 service.



1 Here's something that was news  
2 to me when I ran across it in the  
3 current issue of the Literary Digest  
4 out today.

5 I never knew before that a  
6 massacre of refugees fleeing from Russia  
7 into Roumania is supposed to be going  
8 on today and every day. According to  
9 this article in the Digest they <sup>have been trying</sup> ~~tried~~  
10 to make their escape across the frozen  
11 river Dniester.

12 While the Soviet Government  
13 officially denies these terrible charges,  
14 they are being investigated by a mixed  
15 commission of Russians and Roumanians.

16 According to this article in  
17 the Digest, responsible correspondents  
18 in Roumania report that more than  
19 one thousand Moldavians - men, women  
20 and children - have been ~~killed~~ by  
21 Soviet frontier guards during the past  
22 three months. These were the last  
23 remaining ~~class of~~ peasant proprietors  
24 in the Ukraine. Their offense was ~~xxx~~  
25 opposing the grabbing of their land by  
the Soviet Government.

(Well, ~~as we forecast last night,~~  
that peace pact was signed at Shanghai.  
~~between Japan and China.~~ In one  
respect it ~~certainly~~ was the most  
curious ~~peace~~ treaty that ever came  
off. It was signed in two different  
hospitals.

After the Japanese Minister had  
put his John Hancock to the document,  
he was rushed to the operating room, and  
a surgeon cut off his leg.

As you may recall, he was  
injured <sup>by</sup> ~~in~~ that bomb ~~that was XXXXX~~  
thrown during a ~~recent~~ review of troops *last week.*  
~~outside Shanghai.~~

The Chinese vice Foreign  
Minister did his signing at the Chinese  
hospital. He was there because a gang  
of students had raided his home and  
beaten the <sup>stuffing</sup> ~~stuffing~~ out of him during  
a reception for the Shanghai civic  
leaders.) ~~Gentle people, these Chinese.~~

The terms, as cabled by a  
United Press correspondent to the New  
York Sun, are that hostilities cease

1 today. The Chinese ~~xx~~ will stay where  
2 they are, retaining their present  
3 positions. The Japanese ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> withdraw  
4 to the International Settlement. ~~and~~ <sup>they are</sup>  
5 ~~doing so now!~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~roads outside the settlement, as they~~  
6 ~~were before fighting started in~~  
7 ~~January. A joint international~~  
8 ~~commission will supervise and certify~~  
9 ~~the withdrawal of troops.~~

10 The ~~American Minister on the~~  
11 ~~spot declared: "I believe the~~  
12 ~~agreement means an early return to~~  
13 ~~normality."~~

14 I'm glad he didn't say  
15 ~~normalcy.~~



1 One of the things that  
2 interests me about this job is the  
3 letters I get from junior salesmen and  
4 their parents. They're so numerous that  
5 ~~unfortunately~~ I cannot<sup>it</sup> mention them all  
6 on the air. But I do ~~want all the~~ <sup>read them all.</sup>  
7 ~~youngsters and their people to know~~  
8 ~~that the letters are all read and~~  
9 ~~attended to.~~

10 Here's ~~an especially interesting~~  
11 ~~one from Mrs. F. A. Lane, Junior, of~~  
12 Port Jervis, New York. What has  
13 impressed Mrs. Lane particularly is the  
14 patience extended to her young hopeful,  
15 and the perseverance that it has  
16 encouraged in him.

17 ~~Of course you know it's not to~~  
18 ~~be expected that every lad not yet in~~  
19 ~~his teens, or even if he is in his teens,~~  
20 ~~is able to tackle such a job right bang~~  
21 ~~off. But~~ The policy of handling these  
22 junior salesmen in their job of  
23 delivering the Digest is to show them  
24 why they must not be discouraged if they  
25 don't bust a record the ~~very~~ first week.

1 out.

2 Mrs. Lane says of her  
3 youngster: "It was his first experience  
4 of the kind -- your perseverance and  
5 patience, with the bonus check coming  
6 at regular intervals, certainly had the  
7 desired effect. He has been depositing  
8 the money ~~he has earned~~ in the school  
9 bank, and as we have very moderate means  
10 and three younger boys to educate, it  
11 has given Edward ~~quite~~ a thrill to  
12 deposit money which he himself has earned."

13 Well, Edward <sup>die</sup>~~ward~~ isn't the only  
14 fellow getting a thrill out of that. ~~He~~ <sup>4</sup>  
15 ~~can tell you. He has lots of company. And I~~  
16 ~~get a thrill out of it too.~~

17 Here's a lady from McIntyre,  
18 Pennsylvania, Mrs. ~~Raymond~~ <sup>says:-</sup> ~~H~~, Swan, who  
19 ~~tells me~~ -- "I consider the work my  
20 boy is doing for you a very important  
21 part of his education."

22 <sup>well,</sup> ~~yes,~~ those letters do hit the  
23 right spot.  
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1 The submarine is <sup>in Dutch.</sup> ~~on the par~~  
2 again.

3 "It has the worst record of  
4 any ship ever invented as a menace  
5 to civil populations", <sup>declared United States</sup> ~~said~~ Senator  
6 Claude Swanson in Geneva, <sup>Switzerland,</sup> this afternoon.  
7 He made this statement at a meeting of  
8 the Naval Commission of the World  
9 Disarmament Conference, <sup>So says a</sup> ~~according to a~~  
10 United Press dispatch to the New York  
11 Sun.

12 <sup>the boys in Geneva have</sup> For ten days ~~they've~~ been  
13 talking about battleships and aircraft-  
14 carriers and submarines. Every nation  
15 has had its favorite bugbear, and every  
16 nation has had its pet weapon to defend.

17 It was only a few years ago  
18 that submarines were generally considered  
19 the cruelest assassins of the seas. Now  
20 many consider them the most valuable  
21 defenders of <sup>hearth and</sup> homes, cried Senator Swanson.

22 So far the <sup>proceedings have</sup> ~~situation has~~ been  
23 confined to what our old friend  
24 Shakespeare would call - words, words,  
25 words.



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1 But from Spain there comes a  
2 story that's concerned with something  
3 more than words. Two men were arrested  
4 by the police, accused of a plot to  
5 assassinate the President and Premier  
6 of the Spanish Republic.

7 The idea, according to a  
8 United Press dispatch in the Providence  
9 ~~Bulletin~~ Bulletin, was to wipe out the  
10 President and Premier, and substitute  
11 a government of what is known as the  
12 Right Wing. Presumably monarchists.

13 It's believed that a probable  
14 sequel would have been an invitation  
15 to ~~the~~ King <sup>Alfonso</sup> to come back to his happy  
16 home in that gloomy old pile, the  
17 Escorial palace. - I don't know if  
18 you've ever seen it, but it's the  
19 darkest, coldest, most uncomfortable  
20 home that any unfortunate monarch could  
21 have. But ~~I can tell you~~, apparently  
22 the Spanish police have their own  
23 methods, ~~just as do ours~~. They  
24 arrested ~~the~~ suspect<sup>s</sup> first, and found  
25 out the details of the plot later. They

1 claim to have a confession from both of  
2 the prisoners. One of them was a  
3 lawyer, and the other a retired  
4 military officer.



*Here comes*  
~~We now have~~ John Bull ~~come out~~  
with a new suggestion about the war debts.  
At least it's new, because we haven't  
heard it for quite a few months. A  
United Press dispatch to the New York  
World Telegram declares that His Majesty's  
government is about to propose a 25%  
all-round <sup>re</sup>~~a~~duction of war debts and  
reparations at the Lausanne Conference in  
June. This of course is one of those  
unofficial official statements. It is  
what is known in newspaper circles as a  
"feeler". When a government isn't quite  
sure of its ground it lets news leak  
out unofficially, just to see <sup>how</sup>~~who~~ the  
world will take it. If the world growls  
too loudly, they <sup>protest</sup> "Oh, no, no, we didn't mean  
that, <sup>how could we?</sup> If the growls aren't too loud,  
the unofficial statement is subsequently  
confirmed.

So that's what this 25% cut in  
war debts suggestion amounts to so far.  
~~The United Press has it that some~~  
~~financiers and politicians were afraid that~~  
~~Germany was on the verge not only of~~ ~~on~~  
~~defaulting on reparations payments but~~ ~~xx~~  
~~her commercial debts. the 25% cut -- they~~  
~~feel is the only means of avoiding a~~  
~~complete breakdown of international credit.~~



1 This sounds like old times --  
2 "A near riot in the House of Commons."  
3 I remember when I was in England <sup>there were</sup> ~~that a~~  
4 few weeks when life wasn't enlivened by  
5 headlines in the London papers --  
6 "Violent Disorders in the House."

7 Well, here comes news from  
8 London today in the old familiar words --  
9 "Scenes of Violent Disorder Prevail in  
10 the House of Commons."

11 The row was started by J.H.  
12 THOMAS, His Majesty's Secretary of State  
13 for the Dominions. He made the <sup>following</sup> ~~the~~ statement:

14 "It has already been made clear  
15 to the House that President De Valera  
16 of the Irish Free State has deliberately  
17 chosen to propose abolition of the  
18 parliamentary oath in the Free State by <sup>arbitrary</sup>  
19 ~~one sided~~ ~~unilateral~~ <sup>M.P.</sup> action."

20 A Liberal <sup>M.P.</sup> then asked the  
21 Secretary whether the government would  
22 submit the oath dispute either to the  
23 Special Court of Appeals <sup>or</sup> ~~at~~ to the Hague.

24 There were so many loud and long  
25 protests from the floor that the

Secretary's reply, if any, was lost in the confusion. The speaker vainly attempted to restore order. Liberals, Conservatives and Laborite members were all shouting at once. Secretary Thomas emphasized his contention that President De Valera has broken the treaty which established the Irish Free State. ~~just~~

~~as emphatically~~ The Laborite members <sup>emphatically</sup> deny <sup>this</sup> ~~it~~ And there the matter stands, for the moment.



1 Yesterday's elections in California  
2 created even more of an upset than ~~was~~ <sup>folks</sup> most  
3 had expected. Speaker Garner's  
4 clean-sweep of the primaries on the  
5 Pacific Coast ~~has~~ blurred the political  
6 picture so much that Democratic leaders  
7 in the east are chasing their own  
8 tails. ~~Like puppies.~~

9 Of course, the spokesmen for the  
10 various candidates are making the best  
11 of it. As my old friend, George Ade,  
12 said in that classic American comedy  
13 "The County Chairman": "Claim  
14 everything, no matter what the returns  
15 are."

16 George Van Slyke, political  
17 editor of the New York Sun, admits  
18 that Franklin Roosevelt still maintains  
19 his lead. <sup>He tells us</sup> It's a case of one man  
20 against the field, ~~he declares~~. But  
21 the candidacy of the New York Governor  
22 suffered, and from now on it's a fight  
23 for him instead of a walk over. All  
24 of which, adds Van Slyke, puts Tammany  
25 in a <sup>strategic</sup> ~~sweet~~ position, <sup>because it</sup> ~~it~~ makes the 94  
votes of New York State vital.



A few weeks ago I broadcast a little morsel about a rumpus in the University of California. The gist of it was that the male undergrads were demanding female professors. They claimed that the gals were getting all the high marks from the male professors, and they very ungallantly described the co-ed undergraduates as apple polishers.

Well, that broadcast seems to have had a good deal of reaction. <sup>For instance</sup> ~~^~~ ~~xx~~  
~~I got~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>has just come</sup> letter <sup>^</sup> from Dr. Ezra Gillis, Registrar of the University of Kentucky. <sup>The learned doctor gives</sup>  
~~in which he gave~~ me some quite interesting information, including the following ~~little~~ <sup>noble</sup> poem <sup>about a co-ed at a college called McMaster. Here it is:-</sup>  
 There is a <sup>young</sup> girl at McMaster  
 Whose head is alfalfa and plaster;  
 But she looked like a queen  
 And she smiled at the Dean,  
 And he marked <sup>up</sup> her paper and passed her.  
 Well ~~Ho ho~~ <sup>so that's what's been going on!</sup> ~~so~~ in the Personnel Bulletin of the University of Kentucky there appears an article by Dr. Gillis entitled:-

1 "Is Sex a Factor in the Assignment of  
2 College Marks?" *And the answer appears*  
3 *to be yes, yes!*

4 It seems that an investigation  
5 was undertaken throughout the colleges  
6 of Kentucky. Here are some <sup>of the doctors</sup> interesting  
7 figures:- ~~I'm not going to give you~~  
8 ~~them all, but just those that are~~  
9 ~~significant.~~

10 Of the boys that were taught  
11 by men 69% were passed with a  
12 satisfactory grade. Those taught by  
13 women 70%. But now the girls. Ah,  
14 the girls. Of those taught by men,  
15 83% were passed with a satisfactory  
16 grade. Of those passed by their own  
17 sex, only 75%.

18 Well, ~~there are a lot of other~~  
19 ~~figures, but they all mean about the~~  
20 ~~same thing. So I won't give them to~~  
21 ~~you now. But the joker is not that~~  
22 ~~boys are better taught by women or~~  
23 ~~that girls are better taught by men.~~  
24 ~~It's all in the marking. Evidently~~  
25 ~~if you're a male you get a better marks~~  
~~chance of a good mark from a female teacher.~~



1 But if you're a girl, especially the kind of girl I'm thinking  
2 of, ah! Your chances are much better with dear teacher if he is  
3 a man.  
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5 At any rate, that's what happened to the girl  
6 at McMaster,  
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8 All of which sends me home faster and faster.

9 And --

10 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.  
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