

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 A bit of news with a wild and
2 woolly sound comes from China, ~~tonight~~.
3 The revolutionary government at Canton
4 announces that it has received a
5 telegram from the military governor of
6 Manchuria. He states that he is
7 talking in behalf of General Chiang
8 Kai-shek, the President of the Nationalist
9 Government of China.

10 The gist of the telegram is
11 that General Chiang Kai-shek is willing
12 to resign the presidency - on one
13 condition, and this condition is that
14 all of the Chinese parties get together,
15 form a government, and declare war on
16 Japan. *And that's a startling proposal.*

17 *suggests*
18 Chiang ~~proposes~~ that all the
19 provinces of China unite in mobilizing
20 half a million men on the border of
21 Korea. The idea is for these half a
22 million men to start military operations
23 against Japan. And Chiang wants to
24 be commander in chief of the Chinese
25 army in that war *against the armies of the Mikado.*

The Associated Press in

1 sending ~~along~~^{out} the news of this dramatic
2 proposal, makes the comment that the
3 revolutionary authorities of Canton
4 have not yet answered the telegram.
5 They don't like the idea of starting
6 a war with Japan, and I guess they are
7 wise and sensible, in a military sense
8 I mean.

9
10 Thirty thou. fight fans
11 saw the big heavyweight fight
12 at Ebbets Field, Bblyn tonight.
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

GERMANY

In London today American Secretary - of- State Stimson had a session with the newspaper men. He declared that the conference to help Germany is making real progress. He thought that the proceedings might be finished off tomorrow.

There was in Secretary Stimson's statement one hint of the international line-up. He emphasized that the United States and Great Britain were looking at things in the same way. *Apparently the mean*
~~And the Associated Press interprets this as meaning~~ that France is a bit out of step with the two English-speaking nations.

The New York Evening Post prints a cable from Berlin
~~which states that~~ German financial authorities and also American financiers in Germany don't think that President Hoover's latest plan is sufficient. The President's proposal was that the other nations should give German industrial and financial concerns a bit more time in which to pay their debts. And this is the plan which is not considered quite enough to pull Germany out of the desperate hole in which she finds herself.

Meanwhile, those statesmen in London are wrestling with

all sorts of intricate technicalities concerning budgets and credits and all the rest of those thorny puzzles of international commerce.

1 Now for a short bit about selling
2 short. President Hoover, ~~you'll recall~~,
3 came out with a blast denouncing the
4 speculators, especially the speculators
5 in wheat who make it a business to sell
6 short. The President declared that he
7 didn't want to say anything about the
8 ethics of the matter in ordinary times,
9 but right now short selling is downright
10 unpatriotic. It tends to cut down
11 prices and make life harder for the
12 farmer whose life ~~right now~~ is hard
13 enough.

14 In the new Literary Digest that
15 comes out tomorrow, there's an illuminating
16 article about those strong words which the
17 President had to say to the speculators
18 in wheat. The Digest editors take pains
19 to tell us just what short selling is.
20 Well, ~~as the Philadelphia Public Ledger~~
21 ~~explains,~~ it's selling something you
22 haven't got. A speculator may sell you
23 thousands of bushels of wheat, when he
24 doesn't own a grain of wheat. He makes an
25 iron-clad contract to deliver the wheat

1 to you at a certain price. ~~Well.~~ When
2 the time comes he has to go out and buy
3 the stuff to satisfy the contract. If
4 it costs him more than the price at which
5 he has sold it to you, why, he loses
6 money. But if wheat prices go down
7 meanwhile, he ^{makes a profit.} ~~pays less for the wheat~~
8 ~~than he gets from you.~~ And that's where
9 the profit comes in. ^{And so, as the Phila. Public Ledger comments,} ~~And so,~~ the short-
10 seller is naturally a bear. He wants
11 prices to go down.

12 The Digest reminds us that there
13 have been several attempts in Congress
14 to stop short selling, and quotes the
15 New York Times as saying that in the
16 last Congress, and the one before it, and
17 the one before that, bills were introduced
18 to put an end to the practice. But the
19 bills didn't go through.

20 On the other hand, the Literary
21 Digest quotes the Wall Street Journal as
22 pooh-poohing the idea that short selling
23 is such an evil. It is pointed out that
24 Liverpool is the international wheat
25 market and that wheat prices in the United

States are slightly higher than the Liverpool quotations.

And there is a general opinion that the trouble is we produce more wheat than we can consume and our prices are too high to enable us to sell our excess grain to foreign countries.

Perhaps this is not a very sprightly subject but it's a mighty important one.

CRUISERS

1 We've been having word on and off
2 that something's wrong with ^{those} ~~the~~ new
3 cruisers that ~~are being~~ ^{have been} built by the
4 United States Navy. The Washington
5 correspondent of the New York Evening
6 Post gives us a ^{little enlightenment} ~~bit of information~~ on the
7 subject.

8 For one thing, those new cruisers
9 roll too much. ^{the papers have told us about this,} In any kind of a sea they
10 lurch from side to side in a way that
11 interferes with accurate gunfire. One
12 ship rolled so badly that a top-mast was
13 snapped off.

14 The officials of the Navy ^{now} explain
15 that this is because the cruisers are of
16 a ^{experimental} new design. It was impossible without
17 actual tests of the vessels to tell how
18 much they would roll. In fact, ^{it was expected} that they
19 would do a bit of excessive lurching ~~was~~
20 ~~expected.~~ ^{and heeling over.}

21 And the trouble can be corrected.
22 It is ^{now} being corrected. They're installing
23 anti-roll tanks in those new cruisers
24 and putting larger bilge keels on them.
25 This will make them steadier.

1 Also it was found that five of the
2 new cruisers had cracked stern posts.
3 The contractors who did the building are
4 responsible for that, and ^{are now busy} ~~they are~~ making
5 good. The United Press reports that
6 the naval experts are using radium to
7 detect any further faults that may
8 develop. It's emphasized that the trouble
9 is not serious, and the new cruisers will y
10 be put into service. The first one, the
11 Pensacola, will join the fleet on the
12 first of August. The second, the North-
13 hampton, will fly her colors no later
14 than September 15th.

SPAIN

There are still wild doings in sunny romantic Spain. Strikes and Communist riots are going on. The Associated Press gives the total casualties as fifteen.

The Spanish government is trying to stop the epidemic of strikes. ~~The International News Service reports that~~ the authorities have ordered the Confederation of Labor to close up shop - at least for a while. They say the Labor officials have been playing too prominent a roll in stirring up strikes in the land of the Alhambra.

and from down in Chile comes news

~~They have had a bit~~ of rioting.

~~down in Chile~~ A mob went on a rampage through the streets, *of the city of Santiago.*

Chile has been having a lot of political complications of late. Three cabinets have been in power during the last two weeks. The third one was sworn in this morning at one o'clock, and it was this formation of the new cabinet that caused the rioting.

The mob consisted of people who ~~are~~ ^{were} trying to persuade the ministers not to take office under the new Premier, ^{Senor} Francisco Garcias Gana, and they used strong methods of persuasion. They bombarded the city hall with stones, ~~and then proceeded to the house of the new Minister of the Interior, and shouted and raised cain there. However, as the United Press tells us, the new government is in power after a day of wild agitation.~~ *a shower of Irish confetti;* *This evening*

7

INDIA

In India an attempt was made today to assassinate the acting governor of Bombay - and that acting governor certainly had one narrow escape. He is Sir John Hotson, and he was inspecting Ferguson College at the time.

A young student walked up and fired two shots, point blank, at him with a revolver. One shot went wild, but the other was aimed with deadly accuracy. It hit the British official just above the heart but was stopped by a metal stud of a pocketbook. No harm was done. The student was arrested and, as the Associated Press tells us, the acting governor continued his inspection, his British calm unruffled.

1 Well, I should have thought the
2 flagpole sitting would have been enough.
3 I mean the case of that college girl,
4 Betty Fox, who sat 126 hours on top
5 of a ~~flagpole~~ at Battle Creek, Michigan.
6 That Co-ed established a new record for
7 flagpole sitting. And as I say, x
8 you'd think that ~~that~~ was enough.

9 But along comes the United Press
10 and tells us that the college girl went
11 right from the ~~g~~x flagpole to the show-
12 window of a department store. She went
13 to bed in that show-window and slept
14 on public display, while a big crowd
15 stood watching.

16 She slept steadily for seventeen
17 hours. At 9:36 this morning she woke
18 up, rubbed her eyes, and treated the
19 crowd to a bewitching smile, and the
20 crowd roared with applause. Then she
21 turned over and went to sleep again.
22 Last reports ^{were that} she was still snoozing.

23 Well, I suppose it's a great
24 performance, but what does it mean -
25 if anything.

~~And now~~
No, ~~well~~, I don't blame the Chicago

cops for being sore. They didn't join the force to ~~be compelled~~ to figure out puzzles in cockney dialect.

A man was arrested in Chicago for trying to cash a winning ~~lottery~~ lottery ticket that didn't belong to him. His name was Sam Fine, and he had a ripe and rosy cockney accent. The police were inquiring about his record and forced him to admit that he had been in trouble with the law before.

"Were you ever convicted of a crime?" the cops demanded.

"Oh yes -- ripping," was the blithe cockney answer.

"What do you mean -- ripping?" growled the detectives.

"Bli'me -- I used an 'old man', you know."

The United Press describes the faces of the cops as being puzzled and perplexed. The cockney went on explaining:

"An 'old man'," he chirped "--strike me pink -- an 'old man' is what you use to

1 to do the ripping."

2 After much palaver the cops finally
3 learned that in the cockney thieves'
4 talk of London "ripping" means to tear off
5 the combination of a safe and get what's
6 inside. And ^{an} "old man" is the tool used
7 to wrench off the combination.

8 In other words, the cockney was an
9 old-time London crook who, even in
10 Chicago, talked the lingo of Limehouse.

1 Let's solve a mystery. What kind
 2 of a mystery? Well, a sea-serpent
 3 mystery.

4 During the past week or so, a
 5 story of a sea-serpent has spread among
 6 the residents along the Ohio Shore of
 7 Lake Erie. People said they saw a
 8 sea-serpent out on the Lake and they were
 9 laughed at and elected members of the
 10 Tall Story ^{Club} ~~Squad~~. But the legend of the
 11 Lake Erie sea-serpent persisted. A
 12 number of people declared positively
 13 that they had seen the monster.

14 A solution of the puzzle comes
 15 in a story from the International News
 16 Service, which tells us that Clifford
 17 Wilson and Francis Bagentose were out ~~xxx~~
 18 fishing in a boat on Sandusky Bay. The
 19 boys ~~nearly~~ fell into the water when they
 20 saw the sea serpent, right beside their
 21 boat. Wilson moved fast and hit the
 22 critter over the head with an oar. The
 23 sea serpent rolled over on its back and
 24 Wilson hit it again. ~~They saw~~ **I** It was a
 25 giant 18-foot snake. It seemed to be

4

dead and they hauled it into their boat and pulled for shore.

The sea serpent began to wiggle a bit. It was merely stunned. They put it in a box. And pretty soon the sea serpent was as lively as ever.

The curator of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History was called upon and he cast a scientific eye upon that sea-serpent. He declared it was an East Indian python. That species of giant reptile doesn't occur anywhere within thousands of miles of Sandusky, Ohio, and how the big python got into Lake Erie to play the part of the sea serpent, well that's another mystery.

Some people called attention to the fact that ~~was~~ two big boa constrictors were stolen from the Toledo zoo several months ago and thought the sea serpent might be one of them. But the scientists are definite in saying that the Lake Erie sea serpent is not a boa constrictor, but an East Indian python.

TALL STORY

And now let's have a real Tall Story.

The Tall Story Club this evening pays its homage to the science of medicine. The members of the truth-telling confraternity delight in paying honor to the noble self-~~xxx~~ sacrificing physicians of our country. Some of them even pay their Doctor bills.

In this instance we have a bit of high and lofty tall-story telling in the Illinois Medical Journal. This exceedingly scientific publication tells us of a hen that would hatch out anything from a tennis ball to a lemon. Why, one day that hen sat on a piece of ice and hatched out 2 quarts of hot water.

In another case a hen was fed ~~x~~ on a diet of sawdust. That old barnyard bird ate sawdust day after day. She laid 12 eggs, and when she hatched them 11 of the chicks had wooden legs, and the 12th was a woodpecker.

That's the way tall-story telling flourishes among the doctors.

1 I guess I ought to use nothing but
2 short words right now, for this bit of
3 news tells of short names.

4 At Coldwater, Michigan, was a man
5 who claimed he had the shortest name in
6 the country. He was H. P. Re -- R-e.

7 Well, that short-named man died several
8 days ago, and ever since a contest has
9 been on to decide who should succeed Mr.
10 Re as the possessor of the shortest name.

11 Here are a few of the early
12 entries, as given ^{today} by the United Press. ~~the~~

13 Only the last names count:-

14 S. Uva -- U-v-a; C. Utz -- U-t-z;
15 and A. Utt -- U-t-t. ~~the~~ ^{are} all these citizens
16 of Chicago. And there was Finn Ax -- A-x
17 -- of Indianapolis, Indiana. ^{Then}

18 ~~But these dropped out as~~ ^{There is} some really
19 short names came along: - [^] Ed Py -- P-y --
20 who is in jail in Newcastle, Indiana;
21 C. Au -- A-u, of Clinton, Iowa; J. Ur --
22 U-r -- and C. Ek -- E-k -- of Duluth,
23 Minnesota.

24 Well, those names certainly sound
25 pretty short. But imagine the

consternation of the competitors when along came Mr. A. A., of Chicago. His full name is Aaron A. How do you spell the last name of Mr. A? Why A! Just A.

That single-letter name seemed certain to win the prize, and they were ready to crown the short-name champion when somebody threw a bomb-shell by entering a name which tied Mr. A for the honors.

The fact was dug up that a Chinese medical student once lives in Baltimore, and his last name consisted of the ~~xxx~~ letter I. Mr. I was graduated from John Hopkins in 1925 and now is in China, a member of the health service of the Chinese government.

And so the short-name championship is divided between Mr. A. and Mr. I. And I suppose the next thing will be to hold a competition to find the man who has the longest name.

Well, in the news tonight we've had short selling, and short names, and just to be in harmony I'll now cut it short -- and say:-

So LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.