

# GERMANY

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

1 ( "No more reparations", ~~says~~ *shouts*  
2 Germany to the rest of the world.

3 ~~today~~

4 Fritz has been saying this  
5 before, but every day he says it more  
6 emphatically. *And today*

7 <sup>bold</sup> Chancellor Bruening made ~~a~~ <sup>his exact words</sup> ~~this~~  
8 statement in the Reichstag. ~~this afternoon~~  
9 ~~that~~ <sup>were:</sup> "It is inconceivable that Germany will  
10 ~~would~~ ever be able to resume those  
11 payments." )

12 According to a United Press  
13 dispatch to the New York Sun, the  
14 Chancellor's speech was the most pointed  
15 pronouncement of Germany's policy ever  
16 delivered. ~~this in spite of the fact~~  
17 <sup>however</sup> ~~that~~ Some nations still <sup>insist</sup> ~~stick to it,~~  
18 ~~that~~ Fritz is not going to escape those  
19 reparations altogether and must pick  
20 up his burden at some future date.

21 "The separation of nations  
22 into debtors and creditors must cease", <sup>Chancellor</sup>  
23 <sup>Bruening</sup> ~~he~~ added. "Once this has been done every  
24 country will be richer."

25 One statement of the Chancellor's

1 created quite a sensation in the  
2 German Parliament. He threw out  
3 the charge that there had been secret  
4 conferences between followers of ~~the~~  
5 Handsome Adolf and politicians of  
6 other countries.

7 "I must warn you gentlemen  
8 to be more careful in talking to  
9 foreign politicians" <sup>he</sup> cried. ~~the~~

10 ~~Chancellor~~

11 As you can ~~well~~ imagine,  
12 this <sup>provoked</sup> ~~created~~ quite a rumpus -

13 Hitlerites yelling, <sup>in protest, and the</sup> Catholics and  
14 Socialists <sup>members</sup> crying: Hear, hear, <sup>or hoert, hoert as the Germans</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>Say it.</sup>

15 <sup>meanwhile</sup> the President of the chamber ~~ringing~~ rang  
16 his bell <sup>for order,</sup> for all he was worth.

17 ~~The speakers of European~~  
18 ~~parliaments use a bell instead of a~~  
19 ~~gavel when they want to restore order.~~

Now, here's

~~This is~~ something unusual, --  
a lusty pat on the back ~~xxxx~~ of Uncle  
Sam from John Bull.

"The United States is all right",  
cried Lord Rothermere today. He said  
it in a full page signed editorial *of the London*  
*Daily Mail*. What makes it so much more  
significant is that the Daily Mail  
with several of Rothermere's other  
papers, had been going in for an  
anti-dollar campaign.

Lord Rothermere <sup>today discredited</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ the  
notion that there was any likelihood  
of the gold standard being suspended *in*  
*America*.

"I believe we may soon expect  
the ~~fully justified~~ return of the self-  
reliant spirit of enterprise which in  
the past century raised the United States  
from the level of a small and almost  
impoverished agricultural community to  
the greatest industrial nation of the  
world." ~~he continued~~ *These are the*  
*words of the Lord Northcliffe brother.*

And, by the way, John Bull is inviting Uncle Sam to take part in a conference to raise prices. Raymond Swing in a dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that the invitation is somewhat vague and indirect. But it is instigated by two former chancellors of the exchequer, including the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill.

A few hours previous to this announcement Nevill Chamberlain, the present chancellor, had told the British Bankers Association that it might be the policy of the government to raise prices but that it could only be done by international co-operation.

It is significant that the Bank of England and our own Federal Reserve system are already following a concerted policy to bring about cheaper money. Great Britain, they claim, is prepared to go further if Uncle Sam will lead the way.

1           Meanwhile the prospects seem  
2 fine for a new row between John Bull  
3 and the Irish Free State. You wouldn't  
4 think it necessary to look ~~very~~ far  
5 for excuses for a squabble between  
6 those neighbors, but here's a new one.

7           This time it's over tariffs.  
8 ~~The~~ fact came to light through a  
9 statement by J. H. Thomas, Dominion  
10 Secretary in the House of Commons  
11 today. Secretary Thomas was answering  
12 questions.

13           "The provisions of the recent  
14 Free State Import Duties bill", declared  
15 the Secretary, established ~~ed~~ tariffs  
16 on British as well as other goods. *In other*  
17 *words Ireland wants to put on tariffs against*  
18 *England.* ¶ This is in direct conflict  
19 with the obligations undertaken by the  
20 Free State in the treaty of 1921.

21 *¶ All of which* is quite significant  
22 because there's going to be a  
23 Dominion's conference right close to  
24 us at Ottawa this summer.  
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1) ~~And from Tokio comes some~~  
2) ~~very~~ Hopeful news from Tokio.

3) (The Japanese government has  
4) ordered all its land forces brought  
5) home from Shanghai within a month.  
6) A spokesman for the Mikado's cabinet  
7) announced that they decided to make  
8) the withdrawal of their troops  
9) unconditional, though some of them  
10) ~~were~~<sup>are</sup> to be sent to Manchuria.)

1 It seems they had a real  
2 panic in the free city of Danzig last  
3 week. The first I learned about it  
4 was <sup>through</sup> ~~in~~ an article I found in the new  
5 issue of the Literary Digest which will  
6 be out tomorrow. It was only because  
7 London and Paris intervened that the  
8 Poles didn't walk right into Danzig  
9 and grab it.

10 No information about this seems  
11 to have got into the cables, but all  
12 Europe is still quite excited about  
13 this proposed raid. According to the  
14 London Daily Express it is believed  
15 that the <sup>stunt</sup> ~~coop~~ would have been a success  
16 if Poland's ally, France, hadn't butted  
17 in at the last moment and said: no.

18 The Poles had warships stationed  
19 ~~xxxxxxx~~ all ready to enter Danzig  
20 harbor.

21 The Danziger Allgemeine  
22 Zeitung declares that the present  
23 situation obviously is an effort of  
24 Poland to distract attention from her  
25 own domestic difficulties. The Deutsche

1 Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin is very  
2 caustic about it, and points out how  
3 impotent the League of Nations showed  
4 itself in the Manchurian affair. It  
5 goes on to maintain that "Real help  
6 against a Polish attack will not come  
7 from the League of Nations, but must  
8 ~~rest~~<sup>depend</sup> upon Germans themselves.



1                   The voyage of the <sup>U. S. Navy</sup> ~~United States~~  
2                   dirigible Akron, <sup>encountered tragedy this afternoon</sup> ~~ended in disaster.~~  
3                   Two of Uncle Sam's sailors were killed,  
4                   and another ~~one~~ came ~~very~~ near death,  
5                   ~~as well.~~

6                   According to a late United  
7                   Press dispatch from San Diego, <sup>to</sup> the Newark News  
8                   the airship broke away from its mooring  
9                   mast. One bluejacket was dangling  
10                  precariously from the ends of a cable  
11                  suspended from one of the gondolas.  
12                  The two men were killed by a fall of  
13                  200 feet.

14                 The Akron broke away from her  
15                 moorings no less than three times while  
16                 marines and civilians were trying to  
17                 land her for refueling. A long cable  
18                 was dangling from the nose of the ship,  
19                 and sailors were trying to pull it to  
20                 the mooring mast when the ~~xxx~~ cable  
21                 snapped. With a whip-like motion it  
22                 threw the two sailors to the ground.  
23                 ~~She~~ Immediately she floated back into  
24                 the air with the third bluejacket still  
25                 clinging to the cable. Navy headquarters

1 immediately ordered all landing efforts  
2 suspended so that the crew could  
3 concentrate on saving the life of the  
4 dangling sailor. The San Diego fire  
5 department was called in to help on

6 the job, ~~of saving him.~~ *with nets and ladders. And they got*  
*him down okay.*

7 Navy officials explained that  
8 the heat of the sun apparently was  
9 responsible for the ~~disaster.~~ *fatalities.* ~~The~~ *casualties.*

10 *The* heat, it seems, caused the helium gas  
11 to expand too rapidly. Landing  
12 operations were consequently suspended  
13 until after sundown.

1 President Hoover came to bat today  
2 with a new plan to save 300 million  
3 dollars for Uncle Sam.

4 He gave a party this morning at  
5 the White House and invited the Senate's  
6 ~~new bi-partisan~~ new bi-partisan economy  
7 committee to breakfast. And there he  
8 outlined his plan.

9 Colonel Roop, director of the  
10 budget, was also present.

11 Well, the President obviously is  
12 doing just what the patient needs,  
13 because a United Press dispatch from  
14 Washington to the New York World-  
15 Telegram shows that on May 9th the  
16 national deficit was <sup>only</sup> ~~just~~ a few dollars  
17 short of two <sup>and half.</sup> billions, ~~and a half.~~

18 So the President and ~~the~~ Congress  
19 can't make us mad by saving us money.  
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# RELIEF

And here's another one that runs into big figures.

(Three hundred million dollars for Unemployment Relief! That's the idea of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the upper House of Congress. The Democratic leader wants Uncle Sam to put out a bond issue for the \$300,000,000.)

He also advocates a two-billion issue to be spent on building various things so as to provide employment. He wants this legislation to be pushed through before the end of the present session. His plan is that the money should be advanced to states and municipalities by Uncle Sam.

Coupled with this, the Arkansas Senator wants a 34-hour week, to be made a matter of law.

1           It's a ~~very~~ hopeful sign that  
2 we keep getting a fresh batch of  
3 prosperity items every day, ~~now over the~~  
4 ~~wires.~~ Here are a few that the  
5 United Press collected for the <sup>Pittsburg Press.</sup> ~~Newark~~  
6 ~~News.~~

7           For instance, the National  
8 Automobile Chamber of Commerce reports  
9 that production of cars in April was  
10 greater than that for March by 15%.

11           Then in Washington, D. C.  
12 Chairman Stone of the Federal Farm  
13 Board predicted a 10-cent rise in  
14 wheat prices as a result of the  
15 government's crop report issued on  
16 May 1st.

17           In Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the  
18 St. Louis Southwestern Railroad  
19 reopened its local division shops,  
20 putting 200 men to work again on a  
21 five day week basis.

22           And then the sales of a well  
23 known electric ~~xx~~ refrigerator in  
24 New York City for the month of April  
25 were 107 per cent higher <sup>than</sup> in March, and

1 48 per cent ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ greater than  
2 those of April, 1931. That's what you  
3 might call a real increase.

4 Then an electric company in  
5 Buffalo announced that its net income  
6 for 1931 showed a considerable rise  
7 over that for 1930.

8 All of which ought to help us to  
9 feel better ~~in~~ these spring days.

10 And from Tulsa, Oklahoma, comes  
11 the report that ~~x~~ the oil companies  
12 operating in that area are now making  
13 ~~x~~ a profit, some of them for the first  
14 time in a year.



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1           Here's a determined woman. She  
2 left her home sooner than obey the  
3 New York education law. The law, to  
4 be sure, does sound a bit arbitrary.  
5 It won't let you educate your own  
6 children no matter how much better  
7 equipped you may be, ~~even~~ than any  
8 salaried school teacher.

9           This lady was told by a  
10 judge in Lockport that she should either  
11 send her children to school, go to jail,  
12 or leave the state. She decided to  
13 leave the state. The judge - his name  
14 is Gold, I think it ought to be known -  
15 said that if the lady's children weren't  
16 in public school first thing the  
17 following morning, she'd be arrested.  
18 So she climbed into her car with the  
19 children and as many of their  
20 movables as they could crowd into the  
21 car, and ~~went~~ <sup>they went to sunny</sup> off ~~to~~ South Carolina.

22           She told the judge that she  
23 herself had taught school for fifteen  
24 ~~xxx~~ years in South Carolina and  
25 Virginia. She holds certificates from

1 two colleges. Nevertheless, the judge  
2 said: "You'll send your children to  
3 school, or go to jail."

4 Her husband, thoroughly  
5 sympathizing with her, threw up his  
6 job, and went with her.

7 This lady objected to sending  
8 her children to public school because,  
9 she declares, "our schools serve the  
10 children nothing but canned knowledge."

11 Well, anyway, she had her  
12 own way, even if she had to travel  
13 quite a long <sup>distance</sup> ~~way~~ to get it.



1 From Victoria, British Columbia,  
2 comes the news that the Sons of Freedom,  
3 otherwise known as the Doukhabors, are  
4 in trouble again.

5 They were starting on a new  
6 pilgrimage, their fifth within 300 years.

7 You may recall that this curious  
8 sect originated in Russia and was battered  
9 about from Pillar to Post--persecuted  
10 by one Czar after another. Among other  
11 things that made them unpopular was their  
12 refusal to fight.

13 So about the end of <sup>the</sup> last Century  
14 they migrated to Canada. They are a ~~very~~  
15 patient, harmless, nice people, minding  
16 their own business and bothering nobody.

17 Except:--

18 There are times when they refuse to  
19 wear clothes.

20 They sometimes go on the rampage  
21 to the extent of having naked parades, <sup>especially</sup>  
22 <sup>in winter.</sup> As a result of this, some 327 of them--  
23 men and women, are <sup>now</sup> in jail, in Nelson,  
24 British Columbia. Some of them have been  
sentenced to three years in prison.

25 The "Sons of Freedom" are now  
considering another trek, either to Mexico  
or South America. →

1 Can you imagine a family so rich  
2 that they owned a tremendous slice of  
3 New York real estate and only one zinc  
4 bath-tub? These were the famous  
5 Wendells, the last of whom died about a  
6 year ago, leaving an estate so  
7 fabulously rich that it would take several  
8 adding machines to count it all up.

9 The story about the bath-tub came  
10 out today in the court proceedings  
11 contesting the will of this lady. With  
12 all her money, she refused until quite  
13 recently to have electricity in the  
14 house, and one of her nephews told the  
15 court that the only articles in that  
16 house less than ten years old were a  
17 pair of scissors and a few books.

18 // Although she had only one bath-tub, ~~and~~  
19 that made of zinc, she had 18 poodles,  
20 all of them named Toby. 18 poodles  
21 named Toby — and s-l-u-t-m.  
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