

Good Evening, Everybody:

The ~~best~~ news I have to offer you today is what you probably already know. <sup>that is, that</sup> After tonight, <sup>there will be no</sup> ~~we won't have to~~ ~~listen to any~~ more campaign speeches, this year.

Meanwhile, (the candidates are going to be talking up to the last possible moment. President Hoover on his way to his home in California will be <sup>speech-making</sup> ~~talking~~ tonight in Elco, Nevada. Governor Roosevelt <sup>has been</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>ing</sup> visit his home territory in the Hudson River valley, <sup>winding up with an</sup> ~~making his~~ important <sup>address</sup> ~~speech of the~~ ~~day almost~~ next door to me at Poughkeepsie. Norman Thomas <sup>is speaking in Milwaukee.</sup>)

The weather man makes no promise of fair weather for voters. Uncle Sam's prophets in Washington announced that a wet election day may be expected all up and down the Atlantic seaboard, and as far west as Tennessee and Ohio. In Chicago they may even have snow. <sup>And there may be a</sup> ~~A cold day may also be~~

*a cold snap right across the Northern states.*  
~~looked for in the north~~

Political prophets are expecting a phenomenal vote.

According to the New York Sun at least forty million people in the United States will be casting their ballots tomorrow, *an all-time record.*

Then, as the New York Herald Tribune pointed out, no less than eleven of the ~~United~~ States will vote directly on national and local prohibition questions. Those states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

Needless to say, both major parties <sup>are winding</sup> ~~wound~~ up the campaign <sup>as usual</sup> ~~from~~ prophesying ~~their infallible~~ victory. If you read one set of papers you will learn that there is a stampede for President Hoover. If you turn to another, you will be informed that Governor Roosevelt cannot possibly lose. As for me, I'm neutral. I only hope that all my friends will win their election bets.

GERMANY

~~News that is~~ <sup>ward</sup> conflicting and astonishing comes

from Germany on the day after the general elections <sup>over</sup> there.

<sup>n.Y.</sup>  
A dispatch to the <sup>^</sup>Evening Post says, (although Adolf Hitler was the chief loser <sup>in the election</sup> yesterday, he declared that he would not abandon his fight but would carry on to the bitter end. The Hitlerites, after losing no less than thirty-five ~~xxxx~~ seats in the German Parliament, threatened to make the tractions' strike in Berlin even more aggravated. Hitler himself in a veiled way, and his followers openly, are threatening what the Germans call a Putsch, which is a new German word for a ~~xxxx~~ mild sort of rebellion. These threats are not taken seriously.

<sup>New York World-Telegram</sup>  
On top of this a dispatch to the ~~Toronto Star~~ brings the surprising announcement that the government of Chancellor von Papen is willing to let Adolf Hitler join the Cabinet. It is emphasized that if he accepts a portfolio this will be independent of Parliament. Von Papen and the feudalist members of his government are determined to continue to rule Germany without any regard for Parliament.

JAPAN

The Japanese police <sup>have</sup> discovered another terrorist plot against leaders of the Mikado's government. A dispatch to the Baltimore Post reports that numerous ~~arrests have been made by the authorities in Tokio of~~ members of ultra-patriotic jingo societies, <sup>have been arrested by the authorities in Tokio,</sup> The Japanese secret service claimed <sup>to have</sup> discovered a conspiracy to assassinate the prime minister and other high officials of the government.

MOSCOW

They had a big party in Moscow today. The Russians were celebrating the beginning of the 16th year of the rule of the Soviet Union. A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post reports that it was the most impressive display of military power in the history of the Soviet. 50,000 picked troops marched through Red Square before Stalin and his cabinet. No less than 50 bombing planes flew overhead. The story adds that the show revealed as nothing had ever before, the mechanical and scientific equipment of Russia's military forces.

WHEAT

Europe is taking twice as much Canadian wheat as it did last year. A dispatch from Ottawa to the Toronto Star says further that Great Britain's purchases from the Dominion have increased 158%.

OTTAWA

Here's a financial item from Ottawa that sounds significant. There was a Cabinet meeting in the Canadian capitol. A dispatch to the Montreal Star relates that when it was over, the Finance Minister of the Dominion said there was no change in Canada's policy or position in respect to the gold standard. He added that Canada has a larger gold *backing* for Dominion notes today even than it had a year ago. *And that's encouraging news.*

## GOLD

One of the interesting developments in the present state of affairs is that the gold mining fever has been revived in several parts of the North American continent. The latest of these gold rushes ~~to be reported~~ is in Northern Ontario. ~~A story in the Toronto Star relates that~~ The fever is ~~runi~~ running high in that part of the country. Many people are even prophesying that a new Klondike may develop. ~~in that region~~ The brush country is being ranged by prospectors of all sorts and conditions, some of them experienced and some mere tenderfeet.

It is estimated that some ~~500~~ <sup>hundreds of</sup> adventurous souls are hunting for gold. Some of the more solidly financed fortune seekers are using airplanes. Prospectors and mining engineers are pouring into the territory every day.

Geologists say that the Swaze area of Northern Ontario is one large mineralized belt, all the way from Shining Tree to Raney Lake. Not only veteran prospectors but expert mining engineers and government geologists believe that this is going to be the coming gold producing section of Canada. Women are ~~beginning to~~



joining the rush -- not as prospectors, but as wives and relatives.

Most of the provisions have to be brought in by airplane, as the country is difficult to penetrate.

Victor Borge.  
Pearl diver.  
Nov. 7, 1932.

INTRO TO BERGE

A FRIEND OF MINE WHO HAS LED AN EXCEEDINGLY  
ADVENTUROUS AND ROMANTIC LIFE IS IN THE STUDIO TONIGHT.  
HE IS STAYING IN AMERICA FOR A FEW WEEKS BEFORE RETURNING  
TO HIS HOME IN THE SOUTH SEAS. HE IS A MASTER PEARL DIVER.  
IN FACT HE HAS SOUGHT FOR PEARLS, ALMOST ALL HIS LIFE,  
ON THE FLOOR OF THE SEA, IN THE PERSIAN GULF, NEAR ZANZIBAR,  
IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA,  
IN THE CARIBBEAN NEAR VENEZUELA, AND NOW IN THE SOUTH SEAS.  
ONCE A YEAR HE JOURNIES AROUND THE WORLD, TAKES  
HIS PEARLS TO PARIS AND SELLS THEM THERE, AND THEN STOPS  
OFF IN AMERICA. HIS NAME IS VICTOR BERGE. HE HAS HAD A  
LIFE AS THRILLING AS ANY MAN I KNOW. THERE ISN'T TIME FOR HIM  
TO TELL OF HIS FIGHTS WITH SHARKS, AND THE DIABOLICAL OCTOPUS,  
BUT

RIOT

There was fighting in Washington, D. C. today between ~~agitators~~ ~~Communists~~ and the police. The organization known as the International Labor Defense ~~had~~ announced that it would make a demonstration ~~outside~~ the Supreme Court today in behalf of seven negro boys who were sentenced to death in Scottsboro, Alabama. This sentence ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> up for review by the Supreme Court.

A dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press relates that the police had forbidden the demonstration. Nevertheless the International Labor Defense committee tried to carry out their picketing of the Supreme Court and had to be dispersed forcibly. 4 policemen were injured and twelve persons were arrested.

Incidentally (the Supreme Court today ordered new trials for the seven negro boys. The Supreme Court's ~~decision~~ opinion caustically criticised the conduct of the trial at Scottsboro, Ala. and also the decision of the Alabama Supreme Court upholding that trial.)

## MURDER

A sensational murder took place in Newark today. Two years ago, says the story in the Newark News, a squad of Uncle Sam's prohibition agents raided an alleged brewery in Elizabeth, New Jersey, But no sooner had they captured the place, than they were themselves held up by gangsters who set eight prisoners free and murdered one of the prohibition agents. For two years a New Jersey politician racketeer has been under indictment charged with this murder. It so happened that there was an eye witness to the crime, an engineer employed in this alleged brewery. He was the state's most important witness.

Though he was accompanied wherever he went by a police guard, a gang of four killers swooped down today on the place where this witness was employed, filled him full of bullets, and for good measure shot the policeman assigned to protect him.

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THERE ARE MANY HUMAN INTEREST STORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION TOMORROW. OR PERHAPS MANY IS PUTTING IT MILDLY. FOR INSTANCE ONE LISTENER-IN WRITES ME STATING THAT WILLIAM HARRISON, RUNNING FOR CONGRESS IN NEW JERSEY, FOR MANY YEARS WAS A PAGE BOY AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON. I UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY ONE PAGE HAS EVER SERVED IN THE HALLS CONGRESS OF ~~CONGRESS~~, AS A LEGISLATOR, SENATOR ~~ARTHUR~~ GORMAN OF MARYLAND.

R. F. C.

One body of men who will be particularly happy when the election and the frenzy of the campaign are over is the directorate of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. For the last three months pressure of politics has been the bane of the existence of those directors. As Chairman Atlee Pomerene points out, "They have been holding guns to our heads and daring us to refuse loans". A dispatch to the Cleveland Press reports that, for instance, representatives of a large Chicago bank called on the directors of the R.F.C. and told them that if they refused a loan, it would be used as campaign material in Illinois. That, says the dispatch, is just one instance of the ~~the~~ attempts at intimidation.

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## TRIAL

There was an interesting decision today by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. A story in the Trenton Times relates that several months ago seventeen men and women were walking up and down the streets of Bergenfield, New Jersey, distributing religious literature. They were <sup>drawing</sup> ~~examining~~ quite a crowd, and the police arrested them. In the Lower Court they were fined ten dollars each under an old law passed in 1799. Under this <sup>hundred</sup> ~~and thirty~~ year old law they were convicted of "wandering ~~abroad~~ abroad in the open air and failing to give a good account of themselves."

Well, the case was taken to the Supreme Court which reversed the decision, pointing out that if that law were interpreted as the Lower Court had done, any citizen taking a walk and refusing to answer unnecessary questions from an inquisitive policeman, would be liable to prosecution.

Many an interesting chapter might be written on some of our curious old laws.



DISARMAMENT

Here are  
/ ~~Here~~ some curious details about the new plan which the French government has worked out for disarmament. For one thing, it entails a single military dictator or rather an international commander for armed forces under the authority of the League of Nations. The plan doesn't provide for any international General Staff. It is based on two types of armies for Europe. One a short term, conscript national army; the other a small professional army theoretically at the disposal of the League of Nations, but actually maintained and trained by each individual country. One of the astonishing details of the French plan is that Germany may have a larger conscript army than France. As was reported before, the French plan specifically accords equality to Germany, basing the size of armies to be allowed on the population and length of frontier.

SANTA CLAUS

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Now for a little Santa Claus item. A dispatch from Madrid says that the poor children in the Spanish capital this Christmas will receive presents of toys with which the children of the former Royal family used to play in the great palace of the Spanish kings.

The property that used to belong to the Crown is being administered by a special board. This board voted ~~today~~ - and voted unanimously - to give the royal toys to the city council for distribution to the ~~poor~~ poor at Christmas. ~~What used to be King Alphonso's palace is now a state museum.~~

FOOTBALL

Each succeeding Saturday provides a new sensation for football fans. Old Bill McGeehan in the New York Herald Tribune declares that the defeat of the California boys from St. Mary's by the Fordham rams indicates that the Christian brothers - as he calls the St. Mary's team, have softened up. This has shattered one of Bill's boyhood illusions. Years ago when he lived in California he thought the Christian brothers were the toughest guys in the world and invincible in any form of combat. Grantland Rice in the <sup>N.Y.</sup> Sun remarks that it is about time the east set up a barricade. For years the boys on the Pacific Coast have been making sawdust of eastern teams. Last Saturday's game between Fordham and St. Mary's was the first important victory in all this <sup>period.</sup> ~~time.~~ P On the other hand Jack Kofoed in the Philadelphia Public Ledger plays up the victory of Pittsburgh over the University of Pennsylvania as one of the thrills of a lifetime. <sup>It was a</sup> ~~The~~ failure <sup>for</sup> of Penn, says Jack, ~~was~~ but the <sup>failure</sup> finest ~~one~~ he's ever seen. The <sup>very</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> ~~minutes~~ <sup>last</sup> play, he called as gallant an effort as a football team ever made in the dying minutes of a game.

And by the way, here's a touching football item from Kansas City, Mo. A 15-year old boy was carrying the ball, all hot for a touchdown. A flying tackle brought him down so hard that it fractured his shoulder. He scrambled to his feet, instead of calling for a doctor, and without thinking of his injuries, he dashed on to the touchdown. And I'm going to dash <sup>to</sup> off the country now and get ready to vote, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.