

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 Tomorrow morning a bit of news will
2 flash to the world, and that bit of news
3 may be of the utmost importance. It may
4 tell of a turning point in ~~current~~ contemporary
5 history.

6 Today, cables the United Press, the
7 Japanese issued an ultimatum to the
8 Chinese. The authorities of the Mikado
9 give the Chinese in Shanghai until 6
10 o'clock tomorrow evening to comply with
11 Japanese demands, and give full
12 satisfaction.

13 Well, 6 o'clock tomorrow evening in
14 the Far East will be sometime tomorrow
15 morning in these longitudes. And the
16 answer which the Chinese give to the
17 Japanese may start a series of important
18 and sensational events.

19 The Japanese are threatening to
20 seize Shanghai if the Chinese don't meet
21 their demands, and that possibility is
22 causing considerable agitation in the
23 capitals of the nations of the world tonight.
24 The Associated Press ^{tells how} ~~cables that~~ in London
25 the British government is closely

1 watching the course of events. Q
2 Conversation has been held between
3 Secretary-of-State Stimson and the
4 British ambassador in Washington, ^{and} the ^{topic}
5 ~~talked about~~ ^{was} that threatening situation
6 at Shanghai.

7 The United Press declares it has
8 word that the State Department has been
9 ■ considering three possible alternatives.
10 The first is a warning to Japan to avoid
11 military or naval action at Shanghai.

12 The second is a formal invocation
13 of the 9-Power Pact. This Pact is a
14 treaty which the principal nations made
15 in guaranteeing the integrity of China.
16 They say that if the ■■■■■ 9-Power Pact
17 were invoked it would probably mean that
18 an international conference would be held.

19 The third possibility is that the
20 principal neutral powers might in the
21 last extreme take naval action, if Japan
22 should use force in trying to settle that
23 quarrel about Shanghai.

24 Well, in any case the Japanese have
25 issued an ultimatum, and the Chinese have

1 until 6 o'clock tomorrow evening to
 2 answer -- that is, tomorrow morning, ^{our time.}
 3 ~~according to our time.~~

4 ~~Well~~, What is really at the
 5 bottom of that flare-up centering at
 6 Shanghai? ^{Well} It happens that tomorrow
 7 morning the new Literary Digest comes out,
 8 ^{and it answers our question.} The Digest has a way of ~~coming to bat at~~
 9 ~~timely moments~~ -- [^] hitting in the pinches,
 10 as they call it in baseball.

11 The thing that irks ^{the} Japan ^{see} the most
 12 is the Chinese boycott. ~~Japan has~~
 13 ~~other grievances at Shanghai, for one of~~
 14 ~~the things that they demand is that China~~
 15 ~~shall call off the boycott.~~ They want
 16 the Chinese officials to suppress
 17 organizations that are calling upon the
 18 people ^{of China} not to buy Japanese merchandise.

19 ~~Yes,~~ That ~~Chinese~~ boycott ~~seems to~~
 20 ~~be~~ [^] at the root of the trouble. And on
 21 pages 16 and 17 of the new Literary
 22 Digest is a ^{timely} ~~an~~ article which tells us
 23 some startling things about that
 24 concerted movement of millions of Chinese
 25 who refuse to buy any Japanese goods.

1 ~~I'll just mention a few of the more~~
 2 ~~eloquent and striking facts.~~

3 The Literary Digest quotes the
 4 China Critic, a ^{Chinese} ~~Chinese~~ newspaper printed
 5 at Shanghai, as giving figures which tell
 6 that during 1931 Japan's exports to
 7 China decreased by 143 million dollars.
 8 And that ^{was} ~~is~~ a result of the boycott.

9 During the last three months of
 10 1931 the boycott caused dozens of
 11 Japanese ships engaged in the China
 12 trade to lie idle and useless. Nine
 13 hundred thousand tons of Japanese
 14 shipping, ^{were} ~~in fact,~~ was tied up, and that
 15 caused the Mikado's empire a loss of 64
 16 million dollars. The Literary Digest
 17 goes on to quote the Chinese newspaper
 18 as declaring that the boycott has caused
 19 a dangerous financial condition in Japan,
 20 that a vast number of people are facing
 21 starvation, and that it may end by
 22 causing a financial collapse. ~~The~~
 23 ~~article goes on with a series of other~~
 24 ~~facts about the Chinese boycott, and it~~
 25 ~~all makes clear~~ ^{we will understand} the sharp financial

1 sting which has caused Japan to issue
2 the ultimatum that expires tomorrow
3 morning. ~~that~~

4 Already the great city of Shanghai
5 is taking on a warlike look. The Chinese
6 are preparing to resist ^{any} ~~the~~ Japanese
7 attack on the city.

8 Today the American Consul General
9 and the British Consul General issued
10 a warning to their countrymen and
11 are bidding them to remain inside of
12 the International settlement when the
13 trouble starts.

14 The International Settlement
15 is distinct from the Chinese city.
16 It's a sort of foreign ~~xx~~ quarter, under
17 the rule of the Consuls of the different
18 nations. It's the Chinese city that
19 the Japanese are threatening to capture.
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SUBMARINE

1 Tonight on the dark choppy
2 waters of the English Channel ships
3 are working. They've been working all
4 day, hunting at the bottom of the sea,
5 searching with drag lines, sending
6 divers down to look around. They are
7 ~~looking~~^{hunting} for the British submarine,
8 the M-2.

9 The United Press relates that the
10 undersea craft went out for a dive
11 yesterday, off the harbor of Portland.
12 She put her nose down and plunged
13 beneath the waters of the English Channel.
14 She has not been seen since. Something
15 must have gone wrong. The M-2 must
16 have encountered some mishap.

17 First there was surprise that she
18 didn't return. Then there was worry.
19 And finally frantic alarm. A busy and
20 determined search was started, and while
21 it went on, hope became brighter and
22 then grew faint by turns. A ship with
23 a grappling line caught hold of something
24 at the bottom. They thought it might
25 be the missing submarine, but found it

1 was only a wreck of some bygone time.
 2 Another boat had the same experience.
 3 Divers sighted hulks at the bottom
 4 of the Channel, but they were only
 5 wrecks of former days. The floor of
 6 the Channel at that point is strewn
 7 with scores of ~~foundered~~ ^{ill-fated} vessels,
 8 because the sea off Portland comes
 9 under the heading of dangerous waters.
 10 For two thousand years ships have gone
 11 down off that coast, and, yes, the
 12 hulks of more than one submarine are
 13 down there too. ~~That place~~ ^{was also a} ~~was a~~
 14 graveyard of German U-boats during the
 15 war. The Channel was heavily guarded
 16 by the ^{famous} ~~British~~ ^{Dover Patrol} against undersea raiders,
 17 and many a German submarine came to
 18 its end there in the Channel.

19 And so it ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{been} a case ~~all day~~ of
 20 tantalizing hope turning into bleak
 21 dismay for the searchers who are seeking
 22 the M-2. Toward nightfall a strong
 23 tide was running. The English Channel
 24 is famous for its swift ~~running~~ tides.
 25 And a strong breeze ^{blew} ~~grew~~ up, and the

English 1 surface of the water grew rough ^{with the coming of night.} That old
2 Channel is famous for its ugly, choppy
3 seas, ~~too~~

4 Some of the ships drew off and
5 returned to harbor as darkness descended.
6 The others stayed grimly at their task,
7 cruising around with their drag lines
8 out, ^{probing around on} ~~investigating everything they find~~
9 ~~at~~ the bottom.

10 Yes, those boats are hunting
11 with a desperate British persistency
12 tonight, hoping to find the M-2 which
13 went out so ^{gaily} ~~bravely~~ for an undersea
14 jaunt yesterday, and ~~has~~ failed to
15 return.

1 I have a couple of figures here
2 that have to be expressed with decimals
3 they are so close to each other. They
4 tell ~~that~~ ^{how} Gar Wood today broke the ^{world's} speed
5 record for motor boats. He just shaved
6 a couple of decimal points off the
7 record made by Kaye Don of England.

8 The Associated Press wires how
9 near a Miami Beach Gar Wood went zipping
10 along the placid waters of Indian Creek.
11 And you can bet the spray flew high, ~~xxx~~
12 wide and handsome as ^{picturesque} Gar Wood drove
13 that swift boat of his through the water.

14 He made a little over 110.7 miles
15 an hour. Kaye Don's previous record was
16 a hundred ten and a little more than
17 two tenths miles an hour. If you want the
18 figures with official exactness, Gar Wood's
19 speed was 110.785 miles an hour.

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~~than~~ ten years ago, I was in a strange
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~~was presented to~~
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in exile.

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any favor he could grant me. I told him
yes - I should like to have his
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rivers, track them down and find their
sources.

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and warlike tribes, and no Westerner who
might venture into those parts would
come back alive, *said the King of the Afghans.*

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RETAKE

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1 Orinoco, one of the greatest rivers of
2 South America, and of the whole world.
3 Its source was unknown for centuries.
4 In fact, it has just been discovered.

5 On two occasions within the
6 last month or so I've heard Dr. Herbert
7 Spencer Dickey introduced to audiences.
8 On one occasion the speaker described
9 him as the discoverer of the Orinoco
10 River. And the other time he was
11 described as the man who discovered the
12 mouth of the Orinoco. I'll try to get
13 it right and say we have with us tonight
14 (that's the way a speaker should be
15 introduced, isn't it Doctor?) We have
16 with us tonight and we are now going to
17 hear a few well chosen words from none
18 other than Dr. Herbert Spencer Dickey,
19 discoverer of the source of the Orinoco
20 River.

21 Here Doc, take the Mike.
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1 Well, Lowell, it is rather
2 curious about my being called the
3 discoverer of the Orinoco, and the
4 discoverer of the mouth of the Orinoco.
5 I'm not the man. It was another fellow.
6 It was Christopher Columbus.

7 It was on his third voyage to
8 America in 1498, that the great navigator
9 Cristoforo Colombo neared the South
10 American coast and found fresh water in
11 the sea. He guessed that it came from
12 a gigantic river. He was right. Columbus
13 was in fact near the mouth of the
14 Orinoco. But he was a long, long way
15 from its source--1700 miles away in
16 fact. And it was 433 years later that
17 the source of the Orinoco was at last
18 discovered.

19 I was fortunate enough to
20 head the party that forced its way
21 week after week up the river,
22 through rugged mountains and tangled
23 jungle. We encountered more than
24 one hundred rapids. We were
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1 able to push our way through some of
2 these cataracts. We had to go around
3 others.

4 Finally we got to a place
5 where our maps were no longer of any
6 use. The Parima Mountains were not
7 where they were supposed to be. They
8 were farther ^{inland} ~~away~~ than the maps
9 indicated.

10 Guesses had been made as to
11 where the Orinoco had its source. These
12 guesses were wrong. They were sixty
13 miles wrong.

14 Well, we pushed our way up
15 the river until it was no longer
16 navigable even for the smallest canoe.
17 Nearby was a high mountain. We climbed
18 it, and from its dizzy peak we looked
19 over a huge expanse of land, and there
20 we could see the Orinoco, now a puny
21 little stream. We could see it in the
22 process of formation. Scores of brooks
23 rushed down the mountainside, tumbling
24 little rills of water that flashed into ~~the~~ the
25 light. They wandered here and there

1 until finally they came together at
2 the bottom of the valley. ~~and~~ There they
3 formed a larger stream, the beginning
4 of the giant river, the Orinoco.

5 The day was July 14, 1932, and
6 as we stood on the tip of that
7 mountain looking down, we knew we were
8 beholding what civilized man had sought
9 for centuries to find. Immediately
10 my Spanish speaking companions gave
11 the ~~sight~~^{site} a name. They called it, -----
12 translating ~~directly from the Spanish,~~^{ed means} which,
13 the birthplace of the Orinoco.

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1 Well, Doctor, let's come down from that mountain.
2 You're through with your speech, so light up your pipe -- no, I
3 mean your orchards. Put some electric lights in the trees.
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5 Down there in Australia they have a crittur called
6 the flying fox. The Associated Press explains that the flying
7 fox is really a giant bat. Its habits are strictly nocturnal.
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9 In New South Wales flocks of these giant bats have been
10 stripping the farmers' orchards. The farmers tried shotguns,
11 but they couldn't kill enough bats in the darkness to do any
12 good. They tried poison gas, but that didn't seem to work.
13 And now they are using electric lights. They are putting lights
14 in the trees. The bats hate light and they won't go near
15 orchards that gleam brilliantly in the dark night.
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1 Well, it's been x windy today
2 in these parts. A high gale has been
3 blowing. ~~all day.~~ And that brings us
4 to one of those ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ incidents
5 that are funny because they might have
6 been tragic.

7 In New York, at 42 49th Street
8 and Madison Avenue, one of the busiest
9 parts of the metropolis, an advertising
10 sign 75 feet long and 40 feet wide,
11 was blown loose from the top of a
12 forty story building, and it came crashing
13 down into the street. It was made of tin
14 and wood, and struck the sidewalk with
15 a terrific impact. The street was
16 crowded with traffic at the time. It is
17 a miracle that nobody was killed. Ten
18 people were injured, but not seriously.
19 They were hit by splinters which flew
20 left and right when the big sign hit
21 the sidewalk.

22 On its way down the sign did
23 quite a bit of damage. It came hurtling
24 along, turning somersaults along the
25 side of the building. And it broke a

1 whole lot of windows. It knocked out window panes all the
2 way down on its fall of forty stories. But it made such a
3 hullabaloo that the folks down below had time to see it coming.
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5 And -- when they saw that sign seventy-five feet long --
6 and forty feet high -- coming, they uttered my nightly refrain,
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8 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.