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Good Evening, Everybody:

(Well, that second conference between the President and the President-elect of the U. S. A. ~~today~~ was quite fruitful of news, ^{today.} After Mr. Roosevelt left the White House President Hoover announced that they had arrived at an agreement, an important agreement. It concerns the policy to be followed during the ^{final} ~~last~~ six weeks of the Republican Administration ^{— the policy regarding} ~~on~~ the troublesome foreign debt problem.)

The New York Evening Post reports that Mr. Hoover has accepted Mr. Roosevelt's views upon the method of discussing the debts. No actual conversation ~~with any~~ ~~foreign government~~ will take place between Uncle Sam and any foreign government until after March 4th.) Meanwhile, however, the present administration will make arrangements for ^{further negotiations} ~~a discussion~~ between the United States and Great Britain early in March. Not merely the debts but the economic problems of the world

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at large will then ~~be~~~~for~~~~consideration~~ be considered.

~~This~~~~news~~ The information about this agreement was received with cheers in London. English newspapers, and statesmen as well, declared that it was the best news that's been heard in many weeks.

In addition to Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt, the conference included Secretary Stimson and Secretary Mills, *who were with the president,* while Professor Raymond Moley and Norman Davis accompanied the President-elect.

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ROOSEVELT

After his conference with the President, Mr. Roosevelt received various Democratic leaders, including Senator Robinson — also the Republican leader, Chairman McNary of the House of Arkansas. After the meeting Mr. Robinson told the reporters that the President-elect is particularly anxious that the Farm Relief bill and the new Bankruptcy bill should be passed by the present Congress as soon as possible. Leaders of the American Federation of Labor also called on Mr. Roosevelt. After lunch ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ ^{the Pres-elect} left Washington for Muscle Shoals, Alabama. There he will inspect Uncle Sam's largest white elephant, -- The Muscle Shoals Power and Nitrate Plant. Six Senators, four representatives and the vice-~~chair~~ chairman of the power commission accompanied Mr. Roosevelt, as well as Norman H. Davis and the chairman of the New York Port Authority. The party will be joined on the way by the governors of Tennessee and Alabama.

committee on Agriculture

STORM

A dramatic tale of peril on the ^{High} sea comes from ~~the~~ mid-Atlantic today. Sixteen hundred miles east of Ambrose Lightship, ~~says~~ the New York Evening Post, ^{tells us that} a tense tragedy of ships ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~slowly played out today.~~ ^{being enacted.}

The little British freighter, Exeter City, was on her way from England to Portland, Maine. ~~When she got about~~ Seven hundred miles east of Cape Race, a storm ^{overtook her.} ~~overtook her.~~ ~~Before~~ ~~long the seas had battered her to such an extent that the~~

The Number Two hatch ^{gave way first} ~~was stove in,~~ the bridge ^{was smashed} ~~damaged~~ and the lifeboats ^{carried away.} ~~gone.~~ Her captain reported ^{all} this by radio ~~to New York~~ early this morning. Soon after sending ^{that message} ~~in this call~~ the Captain himself was swept off the bridge by a gigantic comber.

~~But that was not all the trouble facing the little~~ British freighter. With her ^{skipper} ~~Captain~~ gone, ~~the next thing was that~~ her steering gear was put out of commission. ~~The officers and~~ crew had to carry on with an emergency gear. ~~The next thing she~~ ~~then~~ ^{know} the third officer ~~was swept away,~~ following his captain. ~~He~~ ^{was} swept overboard.

~~Eventually,~~ ^{and all} The bridge, and chart room, the front part of the bridge-

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deck, and all the saloon accommodations were swept away, ~~In the~~
~~wreckage disappeared~~ ^{carrying with them} an apprentice and a seaman.

The first ~~signal~~ ^{call for help} / ~~that~~ was received by the U. S.

liner "American Merchant", ~~Incidentally her~~ ^{whose} master is Captain
 Giles Steadman, ~~the same Giles Steadman~~ who was first officer of
 the President Roosevelt, piloted the lifeboat which rescued the
 crew of ~~the~~ ^{Antonia} sinking Italian freighter in ^(the terrific gale of) October 1925.

Captain Steadman immediately turned his ship about
 and with full speed ahead, plowed through ~~the terrific waves toward~~ ^{the mountainous seas}

^{straight} the Exeter City. The storm was so ferocious that it took the
 American Merchant three hours to make ^{the} fifteen miles to the side
 of the disabled Britisher.

~~Captain Steadman got there in time to prevent any more~~
~~calamities. But the Exeter City will finally make port without~~
~~her master, her third officer, and two of her crew.~~

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The latest from the distressed vessel is that she is sinking in the middle of the North Atlantic ~~while~~^{with} Captain Steadman and the American Merchant ~~are~~ standing by. Captain Steadman reports that ~~the~~ in those raging seas he has been unable to launch any boats to bring off the ~~crew~~^{rest of the} of the Exeter City. ~~So the American skipper is trying~~^{But he is doing his best} to get a life line aboard the sinking craft with a gun. There seems to be no hope for the poor little Exeter City.

Clayton

FOLLOW STORM

From other parts of the country came reports of vessels in distress both on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Meanwhile the weather was playing some curious tricks. In New York the flowers that bloom in the spring tra-la, or I should say that the flowers that are supposed to bloom in the Spring, tra-la, spoke out of turn and poked their heads out in mid-winter. On Long Island pansies are blooming and in Central Park, New York, the ^hCerry trees are blossoming.

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On the other hand, as the New York Evening Post reports, snow drifts are piled six feet high in Idaho and other western states. In fact, snow even fell in parts of Southern California. ^{Put there} The gale was so high that two battle ships and a destroyer put out to sea rather than ride out the storm in the harbor. In other parts of Southern California floods are reported.

Winter temperatures are ^{registered in} ~~reported from~~ Minnesota and North ^{on} New York. ^{And} ~~The~~ gales ^{are} ~~were~~ whipping up ~~huge~~ ^{huge} tempestuous ^{seas on} ~~waves on~~ ~~three of~~ the Great Lakes.

JAPAN

News from the Far East again has ~~a more~~^{an} ominous sound.

A cable to the New York Sun brings the information that Japan is doubling her army in Manchuria. The Mikado's War Department announced today that it is sending most of its 1933 class of conscripts to help in the invasion of the Chinese province of Reinho. ~~immediately.~~

~~Incidentally some six hundred thousand boys reach the draft age in Japan every year. Of these one hundred thousand are called to the colors. So this news means that a formidable army is to be rushed overseas to help in the seizure of one of China's richest provinces. It has been estimated that the present Japanese force in that province is about forty thousand.~~

A cable from Peiping reports that the Chinese are expecting a heavy attack from the Japs about the date of the Chinese New Year which is close at hand. They will pick that date because they expect John Chinaman to be off his guard ~~at his~~^{shooting}

~~holiday time.~~ off firecrackers instead of guns.

Still another report from Tokio points out that all

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this rattling of the saber in the Far East is piling up a large bill. This information comes just at a time when the Japanese parliament is about to begin a new session. The deficit in Nippon is growing ⁵fa~~r~~t, says the report, and the new budget is the largest ever heard of in the history of Japan. The deficit incidentally amounts to the equivalent of one hundred ^{and} seventy-nine million dollars. The anti-militarist party -- and there is a strong anti-militarist party in Japan -- is preclaiming loudly that the army Jingos are running the country into debt at the rate of one billion yen a year.

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IRELAND

Touches of humor crop out even in the bitterness of the political difficulties in Ireland. One of former President Cosgrave's supporters was talking about the tariff war between Ireland and Great Britain. He called it a "Kathleen Mavourneen" war.

"Why do you call it that?" asked an inquisitive listener.

And Mr. Cosgrave's spokesman replied: "Because it may be for years or it may be forever."

FRANCE

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~~The~~/fiery speech against France was delivered in the Senate today. The speaker was another Senator Robinson -- Mr. Robinson of Indiana, a Republican. A dispatch to the Jersey Journal relates that Mr. Robinson called LaBelle France an ingrate and all sorts of other harsh things. ~~Among all other unkind remarks Mr. Robinson said: "The Republic of France is entitled to no consideration from the United States. If she could think more of peace and less of war and cut down her enormous armaments, she could pay her honest obligations to the American people." Senator Robinson of Indiana also spoke caustically about France's withdrawal of gold in the U. S. A.~~

At the same time comes news from Paris that France is ready to negotiate about the debt she owes to Uncle Sam.

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FIRE

Fire was discovered today aboard another French liner. The steamship in question was on her way from Singapore to Saigon in Inda-China. There were no casualties, but part of the cargo of the vessel was destroyed before the flames could be extinguished.

WHEAT

The Soviet Government is supposed to be negotiating for twenty million bushels of Canadian wheat. This information comes in a telegram from Winnipeg ~~to~~ the Toronto Star. The story quotes an official as saying that it will be a godsend for Canada if Russia takes this big batch of grain. But other officials ~~say~~^{insist} that if the sale goes through it will have to be for cash. The wheat in question is controlled by the Canadian Government.

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GENEVA

From Geneva comes the news that financial experts there are exceedingly anxious that action shall be taken as soon as possible for the restoration of the gold standard all over the world. Incidentally, Dave Lawrence writes in the New York Sun that this is becoming the most important of all questions in the realm of international affairs. It is even more important, says Lawrence, than ~~the~~ inter-governmental debts.

One effect of foreign countries going off the gold standard has been that Uncle Sam's tariff is virtually no use to him at all. Since so many foreign currencies have depreciated, foreign made goods are flowing over the present tariff wall just as though it didn't exist. On the other hand American export trade has suffered severely from the same cause.

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NAMES

An interesting wedding took place in Havana, ~~yesterday~~.

The bride's name is Rosa ~~de~~ Cannavaçolo. The bridegroom goes

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MOTOR BOAT SHOW

If you had been walking the streets of New York near the Grand Central Palace last night ^{and this morning,} you would have been struck by the spectacle of enormous crates, some of them half as large as a small city block, being transported through New York streets. These crates contained motorboats of all sizes and all degrees of luxury for the annual motorboat show which begins at the Grand Central Palace tonight.

The motorboat show is probably one of the greatest spectacles of luxury that even ^{luxurious} New York has to offer.

^{Swarms} ~~lots~~ of people go there to see the boats even ^{if} ~~though~~ they have ^{it} ~~only the remotest hopes of~~ ^{enough money to buy an car.} ~~being able to buy the sumptuous~~ ~~craft that are on exhibition there every year.~~

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WRIGHT

Newspaper men all over the country are poking unmerciful fun at Mr. Denver M. Wright. Mr. Denver M. Wright is the St. Louis boy scout manufacturer who's trying to organize another synthetic lion hunt. One newspaper writer making a ~~para~~ parody on Frank Buck's nickname "Bring 'em Back Alive," has been rude enough to call the St. Louis lion hunter "Bring 'Em Back Dead" Wright. Correspondents who are following this exciting event have grown quite attached to the lions who are about to be shot. They call the beasts Pat and Jake. Pat and Jake are nice lions, say the reporters, but they're not happy. They complain that Bring 'Em Back Dead, Wright is not feeding them enough. Mr. Wright is anxious that the lions shall give as much sport as possible.

The most serious casualty of the hunt was that the correspondent of the Toronto Star lost his spats wading through the mud. Then too, it's been raining out in Missouri and it's

been discovered that the expedition's tents are full of holes.

On top of that the lions got loose and the hunt turned into a hunt for trees. All the hunters took to the nearest tree.

The latest news is that Wolf Island in the middle

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of the Mississippi River has been chosen by Mr. Wright as the scene for this dangerous lion hunt. There seems to be some dispute as to ~~in~~ whether Wolf Island belongs to Kentucky or Missouri. A Kentucky sheriff says it belongs to Kentucky and there ain't going to be no lion hunt so far as he's concerned. On the other hand, a Missouri sheriff says that Wolf Island belongs to Missouri and the boy scout manufacturer can have as many lion hunts as he wants. Meanwhile residents of the island are objecting that if the lions are turned loose their livestock may suffer.

At any rate, it all adds to the gaiety of nations,
and tonight the lions are loose & the hunters
are still treed.

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TAIL LIGHTS FOR PEDESTRIANS

The other night I mentioned a movement on foot in New Jersey regarding headlights or tail-lights for pedestrians. Clare Wockwitz, public stenographer at the Waldorf-Astoria, writes me that they have found another way of solving the problem on the Island of Porto Rico. She says the Porto Ricans all wear white linen coats when they walk along the roads at night. This makes it easier for motorists to see them. She suggests the same plan for all of us, compulsory white coats at night.

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The Brooklyn Times Union tonight, and the Brooklyn Eagle, call for a salute for Boy Scout John Craven, fifteen-years old, of Troop 332. He saw a robber attack an old lady. In fact he was strangling her and took her purse. John, the Boy Scout, didn't hesitate or stop to cry for help. He jumped on the robber, slammed him against a wall, and though John weighed fifty pounds less, he punched the man right and left until the thief dropped the old lady's purse. The bandit escaped. But John saved the old lady and her purse -- and in that purse were three thousand dollars that she had just withdrawn from the savings bank. Stout work, John!

DUMB

Is there any truth or justice in the phrase, beautiful and ~~is~~ dumb? By that is meant -- are ~~beaut~~ beautiful people as a rule deficient above the ears? *dead from the neck up?*

Albert ^{Edward}~~Andrew~~ Wiggam asks this question in the Youngstown Daily Vindicator. Dr. Wiggam also answers it, *as my friend Dr. Wiggam always does.*

He states that in his experience on the average the opposite is true. He has made inquiries among the heads of numerous girls' schools and other places of education. From them he learns that on the whole the prettier the girls are the brighter ^{*she is*} ~~they are.~~

Then again, Dr. Wiggam took the pictures of thirty of the most eminent women in America. Analyzing their portraits he and Mrs. Wiggam discovered that three-quarters of them were above the average in personal pulchritude. So bang goes another illusion.

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LANDLORD

Here's a story of the perfect landlord. His name is Michael Sypniewski, and he owns property on Staten Island. One of Mr. Michael Sypniewski's tenants came on hard times and was obliged to apply to the Commissioner of Public welfare, because he owed Mr. Sypniewski several months arrears of rent. The Public Welfare Commissioner sent Mr. Sypniewski a check for his tenant's rent. Mr. Sypniewski appeared at the Home Relief Office with the check in his hand and said:

"This family has lived in my house so many years they have practically paid for it. I see no reason why I should not carry them in bad times no matter how long they last."

So saying he handed back the check. ^{So here's} ~~and I'll say~~

three cheers for Michael Sypniewski.

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ENDING

The Sackville Tribune of Sackville, New Brunswick, tells about a cameraman working for the Educational Department of a film company. One day the cameraman met an old farmer in town and said to him:

"I have just been taking some moving pictures of life on your farm."

"Did you ~~xxxx~~ catch any of my men in motion?" asked the old farmer.

"Sure, I did," replied the cameraman.

Whereupon the farmer shook his head doubtfully and said: "Science is a wonderful thing." And that's the cue for me to set myself in motion and say -- s - l - u - t - m.