

Good Evening, Everybody:

Our old friend Mars, ^{— or enemy I should say —} again ~~take~~ a prominent place on the front pages of the newspapers ^{tonight.} ~~today.~~ As you probably ~~guessed, it's~~ ^{Yes,} in Asia, ~~once more.~~ A correspondent of the New York World Telegram cables ~~with~~ that (a terrific battle is being waged along the ~~gr~~ Great Wall of China. The Japanese forces opened a strong thrust at a mountain pass ~~which was~~ intended ~~ed~~ to cut off the rich province of Reyho -- spelled J-e-h-o-l -- ^{the rest of} from China. The idea is, as military observers have predicted, to add this rich piece of China's territory to the newly erected State of Manchukuo. ^{go})

The Japanese airplanes ^{swooped down on the Chinese} ~~began operations with bombing~~ infantry ~~raiding them with bombs and machine gun fire. But~~ ~~raids on the Chinese troops.~~ ^{But,} adds the report, ~~according~~

^{word is that} the late ~~advice~~ ^{the} Chinese lines are still holding. There

is fierce hand to hand fighting ^{all up and down one section of the Great Wall.} ~~along the wide front. The~~

Chinese are concentrating in ^{the} ~~passes~~ ^{— the gaps} along the Great Wall.

This new drive ~~begin~~ began immediately after the Japanese had refused British offers of mediation.

The Great Wall of China has seen many an invader, but ~~this~~ Japan is writing a new chapter in the long, long book of Chinese history.

HOUSE

President-elect Roosevelt held ^{another} a conference today. ~~to~~
~~which both~~ Politicians and statesmen are attaching considerable
importance ^{to it.} It was a conference with no less a celebrity than
Colonel House, who took luncheon with the President-elect at
his house in New York. ~~A report in~~ The New York Evening Post
emphasizes the fact that this followed closely on Mr. Roosevelt's
long conversation yesterday with Secretary of State Stimson.
Consequently Colonel House's visit is considered extremely
significant. The inference is that Mr. Roosevelt is beginning
active work outlining the foreign policy of his administration.

This is considered all the more probable because another
guest at luncheon was Sumner Wells, former Chief of the Latin
American affairs Division of the State Department. Moreover,
the Honorable Jimmie Gerard who was President Wilson's ambassador
to Germany, conferred with the President-elect later in the day.

HOOVER

President Hoover sent a significant message to Congress *this*
afternoon. ~~today~~ It concerned the trade in implements of war. He asked
the Congress either to ~~ratify the~~ Geneva Convention -- a convention
which would ~~suppress~~ *limit* traffic in arms. The alternative Mr. Hoover
suggested was that Congress pass a special law giving the
President power to limit or forbid the shipment of arms for
military purposes.

Correspondents were commenting on the fact that
Mr. Hoover did not mention any specific conflict, either the
war between China and Japan or the Paraguay-Bolivia affair in
the Chaco.

DEBTS

We've had quite a recess from news about those foreign debts for a few days, but here they are again. Monsieur Pierre Laval, former Prime Minister of France, came forward today to demolish the charges made by certain hostile Congressmen against President Hoover. Monsieur ^{with}~~the~~ Laval told a correspondent of the Newark News that Secretary of State Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury Mills were correct when they said the question of revising or annulling these debts did not come up ~~in the~~ ^{this refers to the} ~~the~~ [^]

in the conversations that Monsieur Laval had with President Hoover. That

was when ^{Mr. Laval,} ~~on the occasion of his visit~~ ^{paid his visit} as Prime Minister [^] to the United States.

HUEY

As Washington correspondents prophesied, Senator Huey Long, the ^{from} rambunctious kingfish ~~of~~ Louisiana, is adding considerably to the entertainment value of the United States Senate. The kingfish's latest stunt is to buy out of his own pocket a couple of Bibles. These he is going to read to the Senate, whether the Senators like it or not, in order to convert them to his views. He's going to use them in his arguments against the bank reform bill of the distinguished Senator Carter Glass of Virginia.

Says Huey Long: "I'm going to read to the Senate from my Bibles. They've been starting off for years here with a prayer. The Chap^alin prays and that's the last we hear of the Scriptures. What this Senate ought to do is pay attention to those prayers or get a new Chap^alin, someone from J. P. Morgan and Company."

Well, there's one thing sure, a good course of reading from the Bible ought to improve the ^{language} ~~diction~~ of the learned Senators.

JOHNSON

And by the way, ~~that~~ passage of words between Senator Johnson ~~and~~
of California and Senator Borah of Idaho ~~has set tongues~~
~~wagging~~ ~~of talk~~ in Washington, ~~D.C.~~ ~~yesterday made a lot~~

Correspondents are recalling
that these two pachyderms of politics, as they are ~~called~~ ^{described} in the
capital, are ^{ancient} ~~mutual~~ enemies. As a matter of fact, for more
than twelve years they've cherished for each other the affection
of a couple of angry tomcats. Whenever word goes around
that Johnson and Borah are sparring, the galleries are filled up,
the cloak rooms are emptied, even Senators ~~visit the~~ ~~return to the floor~~
~~of the~~ Senate in order not to miss any of the fun.

The correspondent of the ~~Newark News~~ ^{Tenney Journal} reports that
once or twice ~~yesterday~~ it looked as though they would come
actually to blows. ~~They snarled and growled and xxx stepped~~
~~toward each other until the xxx it almost looked as though the~~
~~Senate chamber would become a prize ring. In fact, several~~
~~senators moved towards them as though to prevent the exchange~~
~~of actual blows.~~

The amusing part of it is that once upon a time
Hiram Johnson and William E. ^{Gar} Borah fought shoulder to shoulder
for their hero, Theodore Roosevelt. Since then, however,
there have been no keener enemies ^{- in Washington} than these two Westerners.

GUNS

9

New York's Italian newspaper, ^{see} Il Progresso, has an interesting dispatch today showing how news gets twisted for International propaganda. There have been cables from Europe to the effect that big shipments of rifles and machine guns have been sent from Italy to Hungary across Austrian territory. Reports from Vienna had it that this shipment was large enough to equip an entire army corps. The truth of the matter is this:

~~That~~ In the battle of Vittorio Veneto^a in 1918 the Italian Army captured a lot of Austrian machine guns. More recently the ~~XXXX~~ Italian War Department being thrifty-minded decided to use these machine guns, but they needed repairs. Therefore, the Italian Government asked ~~the~~ ~~XXXX~~ consent of the Austrian government to send these guns to a munitions factory in Austria to be mended. ^{The Viennese Govt. consented. Hence} ~~This was~~ ~~the actual origin of~~ the hostile rumor.

STUTTERING

Do any of your friends, associates, or kinsmen
stammer? ^{A - A - A -}
A story from Minneapolis shows you ~~xx~~ how that ~~was~~ *has been*
cured in ~~an~~ interesting fashion.

The * patient was a student who had recently won a
~~Gold~~ Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. He was cured
by learning to become a left hander. Previously he had been
like most of us - right handed.

The explanation of the doctor who cured him is that
in right handers the left side of the brain is the language
center. And vica-versa. Consequently when people stammer, they
can be cured by the simple device of shifting the language center.
Just shift gears - that's all.

SPEECHES

A new benefactor of the human race has come to the front in Paris. A staff correspondent of the New York Sun informs his paper that a well known French writer has founded an anti-speech-making league. Says he: "Speeches are one of the greatest plagues of modern life." All orators to this writer are a pain in the neck. He says banquets and all other occasions ~~xx~~ that ought to be joyous affairs, are turned into the last word of boredom by endless oratory. *And he doesn't know how right he is!*

~~And~~ I am sure the only inhabitants of these United States who will quarrel with that statement are the orators themselves, *and all of those will agree about the other fellows.*

HOTEL

7

The story I am about to relate now sounds a little bit incredible. Women's bathing suits are going to be scantier ~~this~~ ^{next} summer than they were last. This was demonstrated at a rather unique sort of fashion show today. It was the first bathing suit style show ^{ever held. It took place} ~~and it was held~~ at the Hotel New Yorker ~~at 34th Street and Eighth Avenue in New York~~ this afternoon.

Some of my agents were out measuring the garments displayed, and they report to me that at least an inch has been snipped from ^{ladies} ~~the~~ swimming suits, all around.

One spectator observed that you won't need to go to the Island of Bali to see what the Bali women wear when they go

^{In fact} swimming. [^] One of the bathing suits shown was made on the ^{pattern - mostly a garland of flowers around the neck.} Bali ~~serone, which means not much~~. Then there was another suit

known as a porthole. This was a navy blue skeleton with the diaphragm as well as the back cut out. ~~I assume, of course~~

~~that as they grow scantier they grow more expensive.~~

All I can say to that is well, well.

LOBBY

6
Here's another ~~interesting~~ note for the ladies. The Pennsylvania legislature has turned thumbs down on beautiful lady lobbyists. A story in the Harrisburg Patriot relates that one Pennsylvania representative~~x~~ expressed his feelings on the subject as follows; ~~yesterday~~ Said he: "I am sick of feminine lobbyists. I want them to stay away from my chair and let me make up my own feeble mind." Then he added: "I notice that it takes far longer for a good looking woman to complete an interview than one who has only half the number of teeth she ought to have."

This ungallant representative had plenty of support. For today it's thumbs down on women lobbyists in the Pennsylvania legislature - beautiful or otherwise.

OWL'S HEAD

The folks in Owl's Head, New York, are much annoyed. Owl's Head is known as the coldest town ^{the ice box} ~~in New York~~

^{of the} State. And its inhabitants are upset because the winter is too mild. A correspondent of the New York Sun writes that only once this season has the temperature at Owl's Head been down to forty below, ~~zero~~, and in Owl's Head they call forty below just a nice brisk day. Any ^{day} ~~time~~ during the winter when you walk down to the Post Office in Owl's Head and ^{arrive} ~~get there~~ without icicles in your beard is considered a stuffy day. And the Owl's Headers are just burning up about it.

BARTER

5-

(Every day there is at least one item in the papers showing the tremendous spread of the bartering idea all over the U.S.A.)
For instance there is a story in the New York Sun tonight describing how the community of Inwood, almost at the extreme northern limits of New York City on the banks of the Hudson River is getting along with a minimum of cash. In fact, there are quite a number of people in Inwood, within the City limits, who do not use cash at all. The story goes on to say that ~~quite a number of~~ ^{many} dealers have agreed to use scrip. This scrip merely makes possible the simplest form of barter. You can buy groceries, shoes, ^{and} some articles of clothing for scrip; you can get medical attention, trained nurses, and even have your teeth plumbed, or letters written and your books kept on scrip. You can ride in an Independent Taxi using scrip for money and you can even get yourself the makings of illicit liquor in a couple of cordial shops.

The business manager of the Exchange which runs this system is an unemployed Presbyterian Minister, so probably you can get yourself a sermon preached ^{for the same} ~~using nothing but~~ scrip.

4

An interesting feature is that one of the first customers of this exchange system on the northern boundary of New York City was a Pennsylvania farmer. The system is going to spread to various other districts of Gotham.

An article in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reports that two suburbs in Chicago are stimulating business in the same way. (Scrip is ~~also~~ being used in Atlanta, Georgia, where some four thousand employees of the city had to take ~~scrip~~^{it} as a substitute for their salaries.)

TELLER

I found a tale in the New York Sun today as romantic as anything of Jack London or Rex Beach. Seven years ago there was a teller in a big Chicago bank by the name of Torgney Oberg. He was a pretty good bank teller, but bank telling forever was not his idea of - "this is the life." So after three years of bank telling, he chucked up his job and went into the Far East.

3 In spite of having led a city life, Oberg had contrived to become a first rate marksman. He drifted to the plains of Mongolia. And today that former bank teller is known throughout the Far East as the uncrowned king of Mongolia. And at that he's only twenty-six years old. He's celebrated throughout that country moreover as a man who can be trusted and respected, but a bad man to fool with. Today's he's managing a two thousand acre farm, of land that is wide open to the bitterly cold winds. There this ex-bank teller raises camels, horses, sheep and wheat. He lives with his Chinese servants in a Chinese house, surrounded by a wall of baked mud. And there he finds the satisfaction that he never got as a bank teller in Chicago.

SALARY

Here's something original in the line of Congressmen: —

a Congressman or rather a Congressman-elect, who declares that his

salary is too high. Such a man's name really deserves to be

In fact it should be written across the heavens by airplane,
spread far and wide. A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union

tells us this noblest Roman of them all
~~says it~~ is Congressman Terry Carpenter of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

is shouting from the housetops
This representative-elect ~~says~~ that Congressmen getting ten

thousand a year have so much ease and luxury that they can't

get a true picture of the needs of their constituents.

*Congressmen are overpaid says
Terry. And who is there to deny it —
except congressmen?*

SNOW

You can't beat Chicago enterprise. There's a ski Club out there which holds tournaments every year at Cary, Illinois.

You might suppose the absence of snow would disconcert the club. Nothing of the sort. They've sent to the northern part of Wisconsin and placed an order for six carloads of snow, so

that they can ski to their hearts' content. *They ought to go to Lake Placid where the skiing is usually superb.*

SCHOOL

Out in California they have something unusual in the way of schools. It ^{'s} ~~is~~ a school for grown-ups. I am sure all the youngsters will agree that such a thing should have existed a long time ago, *and I'm inclined to think so myself.*

(1) A dispatch to the Baltimore Sun ~~p~~ says that this school opened the other day at Tulare, California. It ^{has} ~~been~~ in existence several years. ^{In fact} ~~It is~~ this establishment ~~which~~ made Tulare known as the town where everybody goes to school, *and many are still in the first grade.*

~~Special arrangements are made to entertain the children~~
The question is: - What do the children do when
~~while these parents are listening to teacher~~ *in school*
listening to teacher.

BICYCLES

In the huge milling crowds at

the Auto Show today I met Carl Getz, the well-known advertising man who has long been intimately associated with some of our great automobile manufacturing concerns. ~~He~~ Carl Getz, also writes an interesting newspaper column that appears all over the country and one of his hobbies is collecting odd items about New York. Here's one ~~that~~ he told me at the Auto Show ^{which astonished} ~~that startled~~ me:-

There are still 40,000 bicycles in New York, and 400 shops where you can buy bicycles. ~~And now I'm~~ ^{And now I'm} ~~have~~ ^{going} to hop on my ^{bike} ~~bicycle~~ and do ~~xx~~ a bit of fast pedalling away from this ^{mile — and} ~~microphone so~~ solong until tomorrow.