

Good Afternoon, Everybody:-

There is no doubt about what was the most startling bit of news ~~the~~ past week. I suppose most of us haven't yet got ^{ten} over the shocked wonderment that came upon us when we heard of the attempt to assassinate ^{the} President-elect. ~~Roosevelt~~

You would think that a Democratic country, a Republic, would be comparatively free from political assassination. Yet during the past century we have had three Presidents killed, and that other historic Republic, France, has had several of its presidents ^{die by the} assassinated ^{'s hand}. *And here's*
the odd thing; in the principal monarchies and despotic governments the casualty lists are not so high.

What's the answer? Well, it must be simply this. That in Democratic Republics the head of the State

moves around more freely and openly and is not ~~hedged around~~ ^{shielded} with so many precautions.

The latest word from Florida is that Mayor Cermak is ~~recovering nicely~~ ^{coming along fine}. There is still some danger of pneumonia, but the doctors say ~~that~~ it isn't so much. ^{However the} ~~The~~ [^] ~~crisis, is due to come Tuesday~~ ^{that is the pneumonia crisis will not be passed until Tuesday.}

(So far as Zangara, the would-be assassin, is concerned, alienists have examined him. [#] Is he sane, or is he insane? The report of the examining physicians declares that he is a ~~ex~~ psychopathic personality:- ~~He is~~ Intelligent and fairly well educated, But ^{a crank,} ~~the doctors declare he is~~ a crank. "whose pet schemes and morbid emotions run in conflict with the established order of society.") These are ^{exact} the [^] words of the medical report. As to whether he is sane or insane in the legal sense, there is doubt. That ^{'s} ~~is~~ for the courts to decide.

POLITICAL SHOW

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PROHIBITION

The week in Congress was concerned largely with
as shall we say that tiresome bore:-
our familiar old friend, [^] the prohibition question. After
the Senate passed ^{its} ~~the~~ bill to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment
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the whole matter was thrown back to the House of Representatives.
And it looks as if the House is going to pass that repeal bill.

The New York Times declares today that the
Republican wets in the House have voted to support the Repeal
Resolution. The wet Republican votes come to 110.

In various State Legislatures the week brought
to organize for those state conventions
forth movements [^] to ratify the repeal of the Eighteenth
That is the State Legislatures are already acting on
Amendment. -- ~~in the~~ [^] supposition that ~~it~~ will be promptly
repeal
passed by the House.

MANOEUVERS

On the Pacific Ocean last week it was a case of war and battle and conflict of giant warships. Tonight San Francisco is thronged with tired sailors, a whole bunch of gobs just played out by the work and activity of those war games.

Uncle Sam's fleet, ^{as we all know} staged these big manoeuvres ^{this year} in the Pacific. The question ^{for decision was: could} ~~to be decided was the~~ ~~feasibility of~~ an enemy fleet sending airplanes to bomb ~~the~~ ^{our} Pacific coast.

The New York Times tells us of several things that ~~the~~ ^{war manoeuvres proved! - first,} ~~were learned. One thing is~~ ^{- ships -} that airplane carriers, protected only by cruisers are ^{highly} ~~too~~ vulnerable. ^{In these war games of} ~~the past week~~ ^{an} attacking air armada of one hundred and seventy-five planes flew over San Francisco and San Pedro, dropped their bombs and inflicted terrific damage, all theoretical, of course.

On the other hand the ships that convoyed the planes *took*
~~got~~ a terrible beating ~~up~~ from the defending fleet. All of
which leaves in a state of doubt the practicability of an

enemy bombing the Pacific coast. *The enemy ships could
bring planes. The planes could bomb our cities.
But our fleet and planes would sink the enemy
ships and that would be the end of the enemy
planes also.*

SPORTS

The week's news in the world of sports centers around the passing of two men. The boxing game was badly shaken when young Ernie Schaaf died in the hospital, after he had been knocked out by the Italian giant, Carnera. There still ~~is~~ seems to be some doubt about just what caused Schaaf's death. Dr. Charles Norris, New York medical examiner, attributed it to a growth in the brain, which had no connection with injuries during the fight. Other physicians ^{declare} ~~say~~ to the contrary. ^{They say} ~~that~~ Schaaf died because of the pounding that Carnera gave him around the head. Some experts count as many as two hundred and fifty punches taken by Schaaf from the ponderous ~~ex~~ fists of Carnera.

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And then ~~Ex~~ Jim Corbett has passed away. Gentleman Jim, ~~the~~ conqueror of the mighty John L. Sullivan. Boxing writers have been commenting upon those great days when Corbett was a flashing figure, ^{the} ~~x~~ debonair Gentleman Jim, the resplendantly dressed, suave-mannered man about town -- and the graceful, illusive, swift-stepping boxer when he was in the ring. *Truly one of the greatest fighters that ever lived.*

→ DENVER In fact the creator of modern boxing. He lived a long, eventful life. I knew him, and he never seemed old.

Denver

The kidnapping sensation in the West takes a melodramatic turn with the killing of a gang and bootleg leader named Roma in Denver. The police claim that this assassination is directly connected with the kidnapping of Charles Boetcher, son of a wealthy Colorado family.

The rumor is that Roma was opposed to the kidnapping, and that he had offered to help in recovering the kidnapped man.

Meanwhile young Charles Boetcher is still missing.

This is a weird affair and an exceedingly sensational story to follow in your local newspapers.

HERO

Here is what to my mind is the most thrilling and also the funniest story of the week. It is about saving children from drowning; and the fifty-seven year old cop ~~who~~ rescued the kids couldn't swim.

Patrolman Thomas Fitzpatrick of the Kingsbridge police station, New York, earned a reputation some twenty-five years ago as a cop ~~who~~ couldn't swim. And he got a Carnegie medal for that. In full ~~patrolman's~~ ^{, 25 years ago,} harness he jumped into the East River to save a drowning man. A deckhand on a river boat had to haul both the drowning man and the patrolman out of the water with a boat hook. Officer Fitzpatrick remembers vividly how the deckhand cussed him out and also how the boat hook ripped his uniform and took the skin off his back as he was being hauled to safety.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Fitzpatrick, fifty-seven years old and still unable to swim, was passing the lake at Van Courtland Park. The ice was soft and mushy. He saw a small boy climbing down a railroad embankment to the dangerous ice. Officer Fitzpatrick had not the slightest desire to

go near the ice and bitterly chilly water, but there was nothing for him to do but go to the rescue. When he got around to the railroad embankment his worst fears were realized. There was no sign of the boy -- only a hole in the ice. With a groan and an ~~in~~ inward anguish of spirit the brave policeman stepped in. He broke through the ice and waded out. The water was up to his armpits. When he got to the hole he saw the dim form of the boy beneath the ice. He pulled the lad out and dragged him back to shore.

The boy hadn't been in the water long enough to lose consciousness. He was just plain scared. No sooner had the cop put him on the bank than the kid started to run. He scrambled as fast as he could up the embankment that led to the railroad track. Officer Fitzpatrick, dripping wet, went puffing up the embankment at a considerably more leisurely pace. At fifty-seven his wind isn't as good as it used to be.

When he got to the top he saw something that made him gasp. The boy was sitting down, pulling off his stockings and wringing them out. He was sitting on that wooden strip over the third rail. The unhappy policeman was afraid to shout a warning for fear that the startled boy might touch the ^{high tension} deadly third rail.

With his wet shoes squishing at every step, he sneaked up behind the boy, grabbed him by the collar and yanked him to safety. The lad ^{- bellowed.} ~~howled~~ He thought he was going to get a licking.

^{Next} Officer Fitzpatrick nearly fainted when he heard a splash. He looked around and saw two other boys breaking through the ice of the lake. The lads had seen the rescue from some distance away and with the intelligence of ~~boyhood~~ had come skating across the ice, ^{and down they had gone.}

So once more the portly fifty-seven year old policeman went dashing as fast as his tired legs ~~could~~ would carry him down the railroad embankment. Once more, breaking

through the ice, he waded out into the lake, and fished
the two lads ~~out~~ *to safety.*

That exploit of the cop who couldn't swim was
brave, slightly funny, and altogether cheery, but along with
it goes another episode, marvelously brave but pathetically
sad. It ~~is~~ about a boy who saved his little sister's life -
and himself was killed.

The New York Herald-Tribune tells how John
Pellicone and his sister Mary were returning from the movies
in New York. They had seen "Little Orphan Annie." An
automobile collided with a truck and dashed up onto the
sidewalk straight toward the two children. John Pellicone
saw it coming and with all the strength of his eight years
he gave his sister Mary a push that sent her spinning.
He threw her clear of the oncoming car, but himself was
hit and killed. That's the sort of thing that is the bravest
deed of all.

SOUTH AMERICA

News from South America during the week was mostly about that row over Leticia. The Republics of Colombia and

Peru are still scrapping ^{over that Amazon} ~~about that~~ town with the lady-like

name. ^{TP} The latest is that Colombia is appealing to the

League of Nations. ^{Well, that has a familiar sound too.} ~~It seems we've heard something like that~~

~~before.~~

JAPAN

The week in Asia was dominated by that same old rumpus between Japan and China. The Mikado's government is drawing nearer and nearer to a final break with the League of Nations. ~~One of the week's developments in Tokio came, in the form of outright statements from high officials, that from the way things were going, Japan would feel itself compelled to withdraw from the League.~~

One significant thing is a New York Times dispatch from London which declares that ^{during the week} Lloyds, the great insurance center, ^{decided to raise} ~~has announced that~~ war rates ~~will be raised~~ on cargoes in Far Eastern waters. This means that Lloyds is afraid ~~that~~ there may be a ^{definite and formal} declaration of war between China and Japan, ~~and so has raised insurance rates on all shipping that may get into trouble if Japan and China extend their hostilities to the wave swept spaces of the sea.~~

The latest dispatches from the Far East declare that the government of the Japanese-controlled state of Manchukuo has sent an ultimatum to China demanding a

withdrawal of Chinese troops from the province of Jehol,
where the latest fighting has been going on. The Chinese
announce that they will ^{battle}~~fight~~ to the end.

TURKEY

And in our week's ramble around the world with the news here's another yarn from Asia.

They are wearing short skirts in Turkey -- not the women but the Mullhas and the Muezzins, the Mohammedan priests. The government of Angora has issued a decree that the skirts of the long gowns worn by Moslem priests shall be six inches from the ground. Hitherto those skirts were of the floor-sweeping dust-gathering variety.

"We must wear our skirts six inches from the ground," chants the pious Mullha, "we are not allowed to carry large ~~in~~ bundles, baskets or water cans. Nevertheless, Allahu Akbar -- Allah is great."

AUSTRIA

Now for Europe: —

One of the sensations of the week in Austria was the revelation that the government of Vienna had received a protest from France and England. This protest was received on February eleventh, but was kept a secret until it was printed yesterday by a newspaper at Rome ^{that} ~~which came out and~~ spilled the beans.

The dispute arises over a shipment of arms and amunition from Italy [—] and intended for Hungary [—] by way of Austria. The French and British governments demand that the Austrian government shall seize the shipment of rifles and amunition and send it back to Italy. It is believed that Vienna will yield to the demand.

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The New York Herald Tribune has a cable which states that the incident has caused a crisis in the Austrian government. The newspapers in Vienna are on a rampage. They point out that the consignment of munitions was shipped by a private firm in Italy -- also that while Austria is forbidden by the peace treaties to possess armament, there is nothing that forbids the shipment of arms and amunition through the ^{country.} _^

HUNGARY

And They are hungry in Hungary. That is, the girls are. They are dieting.

The New York Times explains that the cult of thinness has become an obsession among the ^{*hungry Hungarian*} school girls.

~~The~~ Doctors are warning that the starvation fad is injuring the girls' health. Parents are trying to get the young ladies to eat something substantial, but the girls say no, they are going to be thin no matter what happens. They are determined to remain hungry in Hungary, *and that sounds like one of Ed Wynn's puns.*

WOLVES

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From Rumania comes the old terrifying story of wolves, packs of famished wolves attacking people. The weather has been bitterly cold in the Balkans during the past week, and the wolves have been driven to boldness and desperation.

One story as related in the New York Times, tells how a Rumanian peasant was attacked in the forest by three of the savage beasts. He fought back with his stick and a pen knife ^{and} killed two wolves, and drove the third one off.

Near Queen Marie's castle at Balcik, a tragical episode occurred. A peasant and his 13-year-old son were chased by a pack of wolves and ~~climbed into~~ ^{the} a tree. The wolves waited below. When night came the peasant tied the boy to a limb of the tree with his belt so ~~that~~ the lad might not fall from exhaustion. The man then tried to tie himself safely, but ~~he~~ fell. People the next day found only a heap of bones at the foot of the tree, and up above the boy still strapped safely in place.

FRANCE

There was a good deal of agitation during the week among the employees of the French government, and now a one-hour strike has been declared to take place tomorrow.

(1) This, ^{explains} ~~explains~~ the New York Herald Tribune, is in protest against a tax decree which puts a ten per cent surtax on all salaries amounting to more than \$780. a year. This affects most of the government employees and they are going ~~going~~ to knock off work for an hour tomorrow as a dramatic protest. It looks ^{as if} ~~like~~ it might be the big news tomorrow.

ALGEBRA

The week's news brought forth a novel idea,
a terrifying idea I ~~would~~ call it. A French professor
says in the future we are going to talk Algebra. He declares
that ~~is~~ an international language will have to be developed.

And ^{he} predicts it will be something like Algebra. And so a
fellow will ^{not} say to a girl, ^{not}: -- "You are the clam in my
~~chowder.~~ ^{Instead he will ~~touch her~~ ~~clasp~~ her in his arms and murmur:}
"A Square plus B Square equals C Square."

Which leads me to the only Algebra
I know: - "S-O + L-O-N-G, or in
other words so long until tomorrow.