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JAPAN

( A historic and dramatic scene took place today in Geneva. The assembly of the League of Nations took up the report of its Committee of Nineteen, that report which condemns the action of Japan in Manchuria ) and recommends that Japan withdraw her troops from the so-called State of Manchukuo and give it back to China.

( The report was adopted by a vote of forty-two to one, Japan's being the only voice that said - no. ) The Belgian delegate who presided thereupon declared the report adopted unanimously, as the vote of an interested nation does not count.

Reports describe that scene as an impressive sight. There you had representatives of almost every nation on earth. ( When the adoption of the report was announced from the chair, the Japanese delegation headed by its grim looking chief Yosuké ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Matsuoka, rose to their feet and walked out of the hall while the nations of the earth looked on in silence. ) As he made his exit Mr. Matsuoka shouted: "Manchuria is ours!" <sup>crowd in the</sup> The galleries seemed to be divided. Some hissed, others applauded.

This does not yet mean that Japan has formally withdrawn from the League. But it is undoubtedly a preliminary. It is expected that the formal withdrawal will be announced shortly. Any

member ~~is~~<sup>^</sup> nation of the League has to give two years' notice, so for another twenty-four months Japan must still maintain her obligations in this direction.

While this scene was going on the Japanese were sweeping through the Province of Reyho. They have captured three towns in that province. Even the Chinese now admit the loss of the cities of Nanling and Peipiao. The columns of the Mikado are converging on Reyho City, ~~formerly the~~ summer capital of China in the days when the Manchu emperors held sway.

## CUBA

In the fair island of Cuba the population is suffering from a severe case of the jitters. Everybody has been ~~xxx~~ sitting around waiting for that revolution which was rumored as about to start on March 4th. The general anxiety was in no way soothed this morning when eight bombs exploded in the beautiful city of Havana. They were let off two hours after midnight just as the 38th anniversary of Cuba's independence began.

In parts of Havana the noise of these bombs created a panic. People rushed out of dance halls and hotels and other places on to the streets, asking each other what was going on. Everybody was on the look-out for news expecting to hear that the revolution had broken out in other parts of the island. As a matter of fact, nothing happened except the explosion of these bombs. But what had made them so significant was that reports cabled from Mexico City indicated that bombings in Havana would coincide with a movement of revolutionists from the mainland to Cuba.

BERLIN

Chancellor Hitler of Germany continues his policy of clamping the gag on his adversaries. The Prussian police today closed the headquarters of the Communist party in Berlin, also its printing shop.

FELL

A report from Uncle Sam's <sup>Consul</sup> ~~Committee~~ in Java carried the information that the death of John R. Fell of Philadelphia in a hotel in Solo, Java, was accidental. Dispatches yesterday indicated that it was suicide. Philadelphia papers this afternoon commenting on the Consul's report declared openly that <sup>this</sup> ~~is~~ makes the affair even more mysterious.

The suicide report arose from the fact that another guest in the hotel who entered the room just as Mr. Fell was gasping out his last words, heard him say: "It's my fault. I did it." Mr. Fell's relatives in Philadelphia -- he's a nephew of Anthony J. Drexel -- received the suicide story ~~skeptically~~ skeptically. In the first place, they said the polo player was not the sort of man to commit suicide. In the second place letters recently received indicated that Fell was very happy with his third wife who used to be Martha Ederton of the Ziegfield Follies. The reports from Java relate almost no details of the affair.

The town of Solo, which is also called Surakarta, is in the interior of Java. It is a beautiful little town of

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<sup>one</sup>  
some hundred and thirty thousand people, and has a completely  
modern hotel. It is ruled by a Dutch resident called The Elder  
Brother, although there is a Javanese Rajah who goes through the  
motions of governing the province.

ROOSEVELT

President-elect Roosevelt had a new experience today. He went to Albany *yesterday* to spend the night with Governor Lehman, his friend and successor, at the executive mansion where he himself lived so long. When Mr. Roosevelt lived there it was always comparatively peaceful. But when he awoke this morning in the bedroom that he had occupied so long, the grounds to which he had become so accustomed looked like the headquarters of an army. A heavy guard of policemen marched up and down the grounds. Still more coppers were protecting the front gate. Police ~~XXXX~~ cars were riding slowly around and around the block equipped with machine guns.

One purpose of Mr. Roosevelt's visit to Albany was to attend the annual dinner and show of the correspondents who cover the Albany Legislature. This event is even older than the famous annual dinner of the gridiron club in Washington. Those dates are always chosen as an opportunity for newspaper men to get even with the statesmen they have had to associate with throughout the rest of the year. Both the President-elect and

Al Smith, who was also present, took plenty of kidding and took it goodnaturedly.

One feature of the entertainment was a skit between two characters, one of them supposed to be Roosevelt, and the other supposed to be Al Smith. The supposed Roosevelt asked the question: "Al, what do you think my administration will need most?" And Smith's reply was: "A four-leaf clover."

Mr. Roosevelt returned today to his country house at Hyde Park. There he met Chairman Jim Farley and took up again the arduous task of handing out jobs.

David Lawrence, the Veteran Washington correspondent, says in his article today that Washington is awakening to the fact that seven out of the ten members in the Roosevelt cabinet are men who supported him in his fight before the Convention. The other three at least had no connection with the opposition, two of them being Republicans anyway. Not a single member of the Democratic faction that ~~was~~ opposed Mr. Roosevelt at Chicago is in the Cabinet, and it <sup>is</sup> now believed at Washington that most if not



all of the rich ~~plums~~ in the Federal patronage will *fall in the laps of*  
people who helped the President-elect or at any rate who did not  
try to defeat him.

Former Governor George Dern of Utah, who is to be  
the new Secretary of War, left Salt Lake City today with Mrs.  
Dern. Mr. Dern is the first Utahian to receive a Cabinet  
appointment.

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FARM BOARD

One of the changes which Washington observers predict when Mr. Roosevelt becomes President is the abolition of the Farm Board. Mr. Roosevelt's advisors on agricultural affairs have recommended that the work now being done by this board ~~will~~ be handed over to some other ~~x~~ agency of the government.

CERMAK

I'm sorry to have unfavorable news to convey about Mayor Cermak of Chicago. Today's reports from the Miami hospital tell us that Mayor Tony's condition has taken a turn for the worse. The physicians are anticipating pneumonia. Oxygen tanks have already been moved into his room, and the physicians are taking all the measures~~x~~ in their power to save his life. The news this afternoon was that his chances~~x~~ of surviving is about one in ten.

WALSH

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A cable from Havana this afternoon confirms the rumor that Senator Tom Walsh of Montana, probably the next Attorney General of the United States, will marry a Cuban lady. The wedding will take place at the American Embassy in Havana. The bride who is the widow of a rich Cuban business man, is Senora Nieves Perez Chaumont de Truffin. She will be no newcomer in Washington. She is already quite well known and popular in the capital's fashionable society. In fact, Senora de Truffin entertained President and Mrs. Hoover at Washington during the social season of 1930. The groom is seventy-three years old. He has been a widower since 1917.

## AIR MURDER

A tragedy in Texas is being investigated which may turn out to be the first murder and suicide that ever took place in the air. An airplane crashed near San Benito. When the wreckage was examined, a thirty-three year old flying instructor was found dead and the student who was with him in the plane died shortly afterward.

The official theory is that the student shot his instructor and then shot himself. At the same time those who saw them take off observed they seemed to be as friendly as ever. The investigation of the tragedy is not yet complete.

MRS. ROOSEVELT

( Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt gave out a significant statement today. She told reporters that when she becomes First Lady of the Land she will drop politics altogether. In her own words: "I won't do anything in Washington that will be interpreted as meddling with Congress. Of course, I have my opinions and have expressed them. I shall cease to take any part in politics, but, of course, ~~want~~ one can't cease being a person. So I'll just have to keep my opinions to myself."

Mrs. Roosevelt will give her last radio talk tonight. )

FASHION NOTE:

Here is something for the ladies. Mrs. Roosevelt today had her last fitting of the gown she will wear March 4th.

~~Mrs. Roosevelt~~ <sup>Her</sup> hat, wrap and purse are of a color that has been christened "Anna Blue" in honor of her daughter, Anna Roosevelt Dall. It is a dark blue a trifle lighter than navy.

The gown is of Eleanor blue and the material is crystelle velvet. It is a one piece gown with, a what I am told, a peplum skirt and a rolled neckline. There is a narrow insert of white <sup>mousseline de soie</sup> mousseline de soie. It has a "V" neckline, rather high. The sleeves are puffed from the elbow to the wrist and the skirt is ten inches from the floor.

The wrap is three-quarter length of Anna Blue and the hat is of Anna Blue, <sup>design,</sup> Watteau <sup>of</sup> crystal straw. There are other details but they are beyond me. Those who want to know had better read them in their favorite newspaper.

COUNTERFEIT

Uncle Sam's Secret Service sleuths pulled a fast  
*All the papers are telling about it, both morning & evening*  
one today. <sup>^</sup> They have unearthed a conspiracy to flood the United  
States ~~xx~~ with fake hundred dollar bills made in Russia. Several  
of these bills were successfully circulated. They were so  
well made that they fooled even bank tellers in Chicago.  
Engraving ~~experts~~ declare they are the best counterfeits ever made.  
It may ~~or~~ not be generally known, ~~that~~ Uncle Sam's currency is the  
hardest to counterfeit of any in the world. Not only is the  
engraving finer and more elaborate than that of the notes of any  
other country, but the making of the paper, the ink and everything  
is exceedingly difficult to reproduce. In spite of that the  
counterfeit <sup>era</sup> ~~is~~ still <sup>keep trying.</sup> ~~being~~

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The news of this attempted hundred dollar bill  
conspiracy came to light when Uncle Sam's men arrested a Doctor  
formerly an assistant physician on the staff of a big New York  
hospital, and charged him with being implicated in this conspiracy.  
The operatives are investigating a rumor that this doctor is an



agent of the Soviet Government.

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Incidentally, my friend, Mike Fiaschetti, former head of the Italian Squad in New York, told me an interesting fact. Mike arrested a Brooklyn gentleman the other day on a charge of defrauding insurance companies. This fellow, said Mike, has for years made this line his profession and earned a handsome income by it. He and his wife have successfully pulled off a long list of such frauds in insurance companies and collected thousands by it. In fact, says Mike, nobody knows how many times he has done it. He pulled off three in one city alone. And Mike tells me it's safe to estimate he has ~~well over a hundred thousand dollars in this fashion.~~ <sup>taken in</sup> but he won't collect any more for quite a while to come because he is now resting safely in the calaboose.

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What interested me in this bit of information is that a man could for such a long time successfully follow such a curious occupation.

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SPANKING

The controversy about spanking-the-young still rages. A couple of days ago I read to you a letter containing the pronouncement of a London Doctor that the spanking of children was not **only** an ancient but scientifically **a** sane custom. Tonight we have a different side of the case: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A letter which reads as follows:-

"If you want to do me a favor you can tell that Doctor who says ~~that~~ spanking is good for kids that I ~~think he's meany. It's so lucky that my mom and pop were not~~ <sup>an old low life, good for nothing and so on.</sup> think he's meany. ~~It's so lucky that my mom and pop were not~~ listening or I would never speak to you again. Signed - Bessie."

Well, Bessie if that's the case I am glad too that your mom and pop were not listening that night, I'd hate to lose you. But, <sup>there's</sup> ~~really~~ something in your letter <sup>Bessie that</sup> ~~assures~~ <sup>me</sup> ~~that~~ you are one <sup>kid who never needs a</sup> ~~of the kids that doesn't need~~ spanking <sup>anyhow.</sup>

SCOTCHMEN

We haven't had any news from Scotland in quite a while, so here's something I found in <sup>an English paper,</sup> ~~the current issue of the Literary Digest.~~ It concerns a man of whom you may have heard, Lord Dewar, the distiller. If a man makes enough whiskey in England they make him a peer. If he does it in the U. S. A., they make him a convict. However, the point is that Lord Dewar is one of the most popular <sup>wits and</sup> speakers in Great Britain. He is ~~also~~ almost as famous for his stories as he is for the stuff that he makes.

Somebody the other day repeated in his hearing the old saying that whenever a Scot got to London ~~he~~ never went back home -- except to fetch his brother. But that ~~notion~~ is out of date, ~~and~~ Lord Dewar <sup>replied.</sup> Said he: "There aren't nearly so many Scots traveling down to London as there used to be. They get born in London nowadays to save the fare."

After that one I think I'd better say

SO LONG UNTIL SUNDAY.