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4 Good Evening, Everybody:

5 (They had it hot and heavy today
6 again in the Seabury-Walker show. The
7 most dramatic moment occurred when the N.Y.
8 Mayor burst out:

9 "I am supposed to be a witness
10 here at an inquiry, but it looks as if
11 somebody wants my life.")

12 His voice was high-pitched and
13 tense, ~~relates a story in~~^{so} the New York
14 World-Telegram *tells us.*

15 "I agree with you," exclaimed
16 one of the Democratic assemblymen, at
17 which there was laughter and applause,
18 with more bangings of the Chairman's
19 gavel. The Chairman repeatedly
20 threatened to clear the room of all
21 spectators except newspaper men, but
22 he never made good x ~~in~~ his threat.

23 (The Mayor fought like a man
24 with his back to the wall, or rather
25 like a wildcat struggling to escape the

^{threatening} meshes of a net. ^{That's the way} ~~so writes~~, Ed Hill ^{describes}
in the New York Sun.) ~~The room was~~
~~clamorous with defensive oratory.~~
~~Supporting him like a chorus was the~~
~~Democratic minority of the committee.~~

"I am going to cooperate"
continued the Mayor, but there's no
doubt in my mind that this is nothing
but an examination before trial. This
is preliminary to preferring charges
to the Governor for my removal. No
one is fooled by that fact."

"I agree with you again",
exclaimed the Democratic assemblyman,
to which Mr. Seabury rejoined:

~~Oh,~~ "This is nothing but a simple
stumped speech, ^{you're making.}"

~~Then the Mayor retorted: "Will~~
~~you permit me to reply without being~~
~~disrespectful to the committee?"~~

~~Then the Chairman interrupted,~~
~~and~~ another Democratic assemblyman
chimed in: "The committee wants your
testimony, Mr. Mayor, but Judge Seabury
for some reason ^{or other not only} ~~or other not only is~~

1 ~~hostile to you~~ and wants your political
2 life, but considers us, on this committee
3 as mere puppets."

4 "All ~~xxxxxx~~ these statements are
5 untrue", retorted Mr. Seabury.

6 ~~"If there's any removal from~~
7 ~~the office of Mayor, the people of this~~
8 ~~city will reelect him by the greatest~~
9 ~~vote he ever got", said the Democratic~~
10 ~~committeeman.~~

11 ~~"That's not a good way to get it"~~
12 ~~exclaimed Jimmie.~~

13 ~~There was another sharp encounter~~
14 ~~when still a third Democratic assemblyman~~
15 ~~made a long speech, to which Mr. Seabury~~
16 ~~replied:xxxx~~

17 ~~"That statement is unqualifiedly~~
18 ~~false, and I believe the assemblyman~~
19 ~~knew it was false when he uttered it."~~

20 (As for the \$246,000 which the
21 Mayor received as the result of an
22 account in a stock broker's office which
23 he shared with Paul Block, the Mayor
24 admitted that he had not put up a cent
25 of margin. The transaction, he explained

1 was simply a question of the kindness
2 of Mr. Block who is a rich and notoriously
3 good-natured newspaper publisher.)

4 ~~XXX~~ A story in the New York
5 Evening Post relates that Mr. Block
6 prefers to wait until he is called
7 before the Committee to explain the
8 matter. If he is not called, he will
9 issue a statement to the papers. A
10 person in position to speak with
11 authority about Mr. Block's personal
12 affairs, said the publisher had not
13 received so much as even a police card
14 from the Mayor in return for his gift.

15 (But another thing which Mr.
16 Seabury brought out today was that the
17 Mayor had also benefitted to the
18 extent of \$26,500 by a transaction in
19 which a broker cut him in on the profits
20 of a pool in oil stock.) A significant
21 circumstance ^{is} ~~in connection with this is~~
22 that ~~this~~ particular broker was
23 interested in getting a franchise for
24 ^a ~~the~~ taxicab company.) ~~and~~ Mr. Walker
25 maintained that the \$26,500. that he

1 had received had nothing to do with
2 the taxicab business.

3 Another fact brought out was
4 that the mysterious Russell Sherwood,
5 who made Mayor Walker's bank deposits
6 for him, was not the Mayor's financial
7 agent, ~~xxxxxxx~~ He was, said ^{Timmie} ~~Mr. Walker,~~
8 a business handy man for Mrs. Walker.

9 Late in the afternoon it was revealed
10 that Sherwood had banked a total of
11 over \$700,000 in a period of four
12 years. ~~Incidentally, the Mayor admitted~~
13 ~~that he had benefitted to the extent~~
14 ~~of more than \$300,000. in stock exchange~~
15 ~~transfers~~ ^{actions} ~~for which he had not put up~~
16 ~~any money at all.~~

17 The Mayor seemed noticeably
18 less self-assured when he faced the
19 Hofstadter committee today. He was
20 restrained in voice and gesture by
21 contrast to his jaunty air of yesterday.
22 But as the morning wore on he became
23 jumpy and irritable. The crowd was
24 ~~just as large as the day before, and~~
25 ~~just as violent in its partisanship.~~

1 It was noticeable that those hostile
2 to the Mayor were mostly women. He
3 was wildly cheered by a crowd of 2,000
4 when he arrived at the Court House
5 in the morning. ~~There were eighty~~
6 ~~police men on the scene, and maybe you~~
7 ~~think they didn't have their hands full.~~

8 When Mr. Seabury was talking,
9 the Mayor kept up a running commentary
10 of muttered remarks such as: "Hooeey
11 Beloney, and That's all tripe," ^{and soon,} These
12 sentiments didn't go into the record,
13 and were audible only to Judge Seabury
14 and those near him. At the same time
15 he frequently complained of Judge
16 Seabury's discourtesy, as he called it.

17 At the end of the day's proceedings
18 the Mayor was excused. This indicates,
19 ~~of course,~~ that his testimony is ended. *The*
20 *show is over.*

1 There'll be a tax of only
2 three per cent on motor cars. ~~thus~~ ^{thus} the
3 Senate voted today, turning down the
4 rate of four per cent proposed by the
5 committee. On the other hand, there'll
6 be a tax of 10% on motor boats and
7 yachts.

8 Our wise men in Washington
9 are scratching their heads and looking
10 everywhere for things to tax. They're
11 even looking in the kitchen. The
12 chances are that your mechanical
13 refrigerator will carry a tax, matches,
14 furs, jewelry, and soft drinks. So
15 reports Harold Brayman to the New York
16 Evening Post. Sporting goods and
17 cameras will have to pay an impost,
18 and fire arms too.

1 The Bonus army - 400 war veterans
2 marching on the ~~X~~ capital to demand a
3 cash bonus - left Washington, Indiana,
4 for Cincinnati, ^{today}. Evidently all the
5 authorities in the line of march are
6 anxious to keep the boys moving. To
7 prevent any threatened disorder, the
8 Governor of Indiana supplied them with
9 29 National Guard trucks for their trek.
10 When it comes to disorder, I must say
11 that the ^{lads} ~~boys~~ are far more orderly than,
12 ~~let us say,~~ ^{for instance, than those} deputies in the Prussian
13 Diet, ^{the boys who were throwing inkwells and} ~~desks yesterday.~~

14 One of the principal problems
15 is tobacco, so one of the veterans has
16 been assigned to collect all cigaret
17 butts an inch ~~x~~ and a half or longer,
18 and ration them out to the army.

19 In Caseyville, Illinois, a poet
20 was added to the ranks. By profession
21 he's a wandering printer who makes his
22 livelihood selling his own verses from
23 town to town, village to village, and
24 house to house.

25 The news from Washington, D. C.

1 is not very encouraging to the boys.
2 What is described as a campaign of
3 cold discouragement is being planned
4 for them.

5 The ~~Washington, D. C.~~ ^{District of Columbia} police
6 have been holding conferences on the
7 question of what's to be done with the
8 ~~boys~~ ^{veterans} when they arrive. The Superintendent
9 decided that the marchers will be housed
10 and fed there for only 48 hours at the
11 most. Confidential information
12 indicates that in addition to the band
13 now marching on Cincinnati 3,000 or
14 more former soldiers will descend upon
15 the capital within the next two weeks.
16 There will be a mass demonstration on
17 June 8th. The Superintendent of ~~the~~
18 police is warning the boys that they
19 are in danger of being very hungry if
20 they assemble ~~there~~ ^{in Washington} in any ^{great} numbers. Local
21 ^{D.C.} relief funds are already almost exhausted.
22 And all the welfare agencies are
23 overtaxed to care for the needy already
24 in the ~~city~~ ^{nations capital}.

25 A cheering word for the Bonus

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1 expedition came today from an
2 interesting and historic figure. No
3 less than General ~~Qx~~ Jacob Coxey
4 himself. You've all heard of Coxey's
5 army. Well, this is the ~~Mr.~~^{Gen.} Coxey
6 who led two ~~very~~ famous marches -
7 ~~in 1894 and 1914~~ of unemployed on the
8 capital. General Coxey is now Mayor
9 of Massillon, Ohio. He has promised
10 the boys ample facilities when they
11 reach his town. If they ~~last~~ stop ~~is~~ at
12 Massillon, the 78 year old General
13 will make every effort to get them
14 trucks to take them on as far as
15 Pittsburgh. He thinks the march is a
16 good thing for the country.

17 "It keeps those fellows at
18 Washington awake", he declares, "and
19 arouses general public interest in
20 national affairs.
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1 This fight over beer in Congress
2 isn't stirring up all the hard feelings
3 one might be led to imagine from the ~~xxx~~
4 bitter outbursts on the floor.

5 For instance, Senator Sheppard,
6 Democrat^{of} Texas, author of the 18th
7 Amendment, and Senator Bingham,
8 Republican, Connecticut, one of the more
9 aggressive of the Wets, have a little
10 joke all to themselves.

11 "Hello there, four per cent," is
12 Sheppard's regular greeting when the two
13 meet in Senate elevators or corridors.

14 Bingham's original proposal for
15 4 per cent beer has been modified to a
16 beverage of only 2.75 per cent, ~~alcoholic~~
17 ~~content~~ so that *nickname* will have to
18 *be revised.*

1 These are troublesome times for
2 forest rangers. It's the season of the
3 year when they have to watch like hawks
4 for the first sign of a fire. Millions
5 of dollars ^{worth} of lumber are destroyed
6 throughout the United States ^{and Canada} at this time
7 of the year, owing largely to carelessness.

8 The Government ^{of} ~~in~~ New York ^{for instance,} ~~State~~
9 has been obliged to close the ~~New York's~~ ^{state}
10 forests officially. The proclamation
11 was issued yesterday by the Lieutenant
12 Governor and the rule will be strictly
13 enforced. All New York forests will be
14 kept clear of visitors especially during
15 the Memorial Day holiday. ~~A United Press~~
16 ~~story in the Albany evening news tell how a~~
17 ~~strong North east~~ wind is fanning
18 some fires already started. They are on
19 their way towards the ^{Canadian} border and
20 threatening some of the finest white pine
21 timber in Canada. ~~The fire started~~
22 ~~Tuesday from unknown causes, according~~
23 ~~to a United Press Dispatch in the~~
24 ~~Albany~~

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24 Frank Chamberlain, feature writer for
25 the famous Toronto Star is with me
here in the studio tonight & I hope that
fire doesn't burn ^{any of} Frank's timber lands.

1 "There is too much specialization
2 in the medical profession. And the public
3 is drifting too far away from the good
4 old family doctor." This statement was
5 made today at ^{the big} ~~A~~ Medical ~~xxxxxxx~~ Convention
6 by Doctor Hanley, a noted surgeon of
7 Buffalo, New York, ~~according to a United~~
8 ~~Press dispatch in the Boston~~ ^{by the U.P. in the Boston Traveller} ~~-----~~.
9 Doctor Hanley, ~~is~~ ^{as} quoted ~~as~~ criticizing
10 the present-day methods of teaching both
11 the specialist and the general
12 practitioner. But he was most emphatic
13 in deploring our neglect of the family
14 physician.

15 "The specialist's work is to help
16 the family physician, not to take his
17 place," he says. "For it was the family
18 doctor at one time who knew the history
19 of the patient, his parents, the
20 conditions of his life, his weaknesses and
21 strength. The specialist should only
22 be called in when the family doctor
23 advises it".
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1 "Let Uncle Sam use the Digest
2 poll method to ascertain public opinion."

3 This suggestion comes from
4 Professor Wilcox, of Cornell University.
5 He's the author of important works. He
6 has been president of the American
7 Statistical Association, and has all
8 sorts of other honors.

9 This proposal, which is set forth
10 in an article in the new issue of the
11 Literary Digest out today, is particularly
12 interesting, coming from an obviously
13 disinterested source.

14 The Digest Prohibition Poll has
15 been attacked on ^{vague}~~grave~~ charges of
16 inaccuracy. ~~but~~ Professor Wilcox, ~~the~~
17 admittedly ^{the} leading authority on
18 statistics in the United States, scoffs
19 at such ^{immendoes}~~charges~~. The Digest quotes Dr.
20 Wilcox as stating ~~in his statement~~ that
21 the main advantage of these Literary
22 Digest polls is that they are both
23 cheaper and simpler than an election.
24 The method is also better, he continues,
25 because it separates one question from

1 all others.

2 Speaking of the ^{Lit. Dig.} presidential
3 polls, Professor Wilcox shows that ~~xx~~.
4 their results, while sometimes surprising,
5 ~~were~~ ^{have been} quickly checked by the nomination
6 or election which followed. In this way
7 they were proved to ^{have} furnished a trustworthy
8 mirror of public opinion.

9 "An election," he adds, is a
10 process of gathering figures. As someone
11 has said, "It is counting heads so that
12 we may not have to break them." In other
13 fields we are using these sampling
14 methods like the Digest polls, more and
15 more; why not use them also in our
16 political life?" *suggests the learned doctor.*

back- Here's an animal story with a ^{curious} ~~very~~
~~ground that's going the rounds of all the newspapers in the country~~
~~unusual background.~~ It's about MIKE, the
pet cat at the Charlestown, Massachusetts,
State Prison.

A life-term prisoner there wrote a
story about Mike and submitted it in a
short story contest conducted by a
publication called "Our Dumb Animals."
This is published by the Massachusetts
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals.

And the prisoner's story won second
prize. ~~But even stranger than the award~~
~~is the change that seven years behind~~
~~prison walls seem to have effected in the~~
~~writer.~~

This man ~~who won the prize was at one~~
~~time,~~ according to the United Press story
in the ^{St. Louis Star} ~~Hartford Times~~, ^{was at one time} known as "The Lone
Wolf." He got this name because he was
one of the most ferocious criminals in
the underworld. He was a burglar by
trade and upon occasion would behave
savagely to women. ~~And here's what he~~
~~writes about Mike, the prison cat:~~

This once ferocious burglar now spends
all his spare time writing about the birds and
flowers and the busy bee.

1 Today we have a new member to
2 propose for the Tall Story Club. He
3 comes from Gary, West Virginia, and
4 his name as he signs it, is K. O.
5 (Knock Out) Thompson.

6 Brother Thompson knows a
7 particularly beautiful woman. ^{She's a tall beautiful woman.} But one
8 of her special characteristics is that
9 she has extraordinarily large feet. She
10 is 7½ feet tall and when she walks down
11 the street she looks like a perambulating
12 telephone pole.

13 Here's where the tall story comes
14 in. Last year she got her feet wet in
15 February and didn't get a sore throat
16 until June.

17 ~~All right, Knock-Out Thompson,~~
18 ~~you're elected.~~

19 And I'll have not only a sore throat
20 but a sore dome if I don't quit talking
21 and make way for a large and powerful
22 gentleman who is standing by waiting
23 for me to say s-l-u-t-m,
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