

Good Evening, Everybody:

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A story broke today which suggests the <sup>plot</sup>~~scheme~~ of a romantic detective mystery rather than a news item of fact. For weeks there has been a nation wide plot to destroy public confidence in the banks of America. This was announced today <sup>by</sup> ~~to~~ Melvin A. Traylor, President of <sup>a great</sup>~~the~~ Chicago Bank. Mr. Traylor, you may recall, was <sup>Chicago's favorite son-</sup>~~one of the~~ candidates for the Democratic nomination for the presidency last month.

A dispatch to the New York World Telegram ~~announced~~ quotes Mr. Traylor as saying he <sup>5</sup>~~had~~ received reports from practically every large city in the country <sup>confirming the information</sup>~~which corroborate the fact~~ that unfounded rumors have been spread against the big banks of the United States, and that this was a concerted, organized movement.

Meanwhile, a gentleman named George Rowland, alias George Salzman, is being sought by the Michigan State Police in connection with this Communist plot.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., brings to light the news that government officials have ~~also~~ been aware that this sort of thing <sup>has been</sup>~~was~~ going on. Uncle Sam's Secret Service men



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have also been at work on the case.

The Michigan State Police raided George Rowland's rooms in a hotel at Pontiac, Michigan. There they found letters and telegrams which substantiate Mr. Traylor's charge. Some of the papers seized were reports to Rowland from his agents telling what progress had been made in causing runs on banks in Cleveland and Chicago. Captain Marmon, of the Michigan police, declares that Rowland left Pontiac Saturday to meet William Z. Foster, the Communist Candidate for president of the United States. The Michigan police announced that they have evidence that Rowland has been working under orders from Communist central headquarters in New York.

"There's not the slightest doubt", ~~said~~ says Mr. Traylor, "that persons seeking the overthrow of the American banking system have carried on their attacks in all parts of the country." He added that they have worked by means of anonymous letters, anonymous telephone calls, and various other ways. But the



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principal implement used was the telephone. These fellows ~~would~~<sup>would</sup> called from pay stations so that the calls could not be traced. They telephoned thus to hundreds of depositors in the bank on which they were trying to start a run.

New York bankers admit that there was an organized telephone campaign against individual banks in New York city in the later<sup>t</sup> part of 1931, and the early part of this year. It was a whispering campaign of a kind ~~very~~ difficult to run down.

~~Isn't that~~ <sup>that,</sup> a romantic story<sub>1</sub> to find in your evening paper.



## PROSPERITY

Today again we have ~~a story~~<sup>an item</sup> that should give us some encouragement. A dispatch to the Automotive Daily News from St. Louis reports that the general situation in that territory, meaning Missouri, is better than it has been for some time past. Farmers have been getting increased prices for several varieties of ~~their~~<sup>their</sup> produce. This has been immediately reflected in general business. Retail stores have been both selling and buying more. The dispatch says also that there is ~~a considerably~~ better feeling among dealers in the automotive industry. They believe that if the prices for farm produce can maintain their present levels there will be more buying to replace automobile equipment.

The same newspaper has a dispatch from San Francisco to ~~the same~~<sup>a similar</sup> effect. "There is no question," ~~says the story~~<sup>it states</sup>, "that general business conditions in California have improved during the past few weeks. Farm products on the Pacific coast have reached higher price levels and there has been definite improvement in the oil business. And retail business generally has felt the effect."

Then the American Road Builders Association is confident that the unemployment situation will be considerably relieved by



road construction. The President of the Association <sup># thinks</sup> ~~believes~~  
~~that~~ road building will be the first work undertaken in the  
Government's relief program.



## OTTAWA

One of the ideas suggested at the British Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa is a world trade club. And just to give you an idea of the colorful nature of this <sup>Ottawa</sup> conference, ~~what~~ do you suppose was the <sup>sponsor</sup> ~~source~~ of this idea? A delegate from India.

Among the delegates now to be found in Ottawa, says a dispatch ~~to~~ the Toronto Star, are bankers and financiers from all over the wide-flung British Empire. And with them are members of the Council of India.

The article in the Toronto Star points out that India will probably be the crux of the whole currency problem. India wants to monetize silver again and to establish a fixed relationship between a grain of gold and a grain of silver. But the establishment of an Empire Bank is not taken seriously. Financiers are pointing out that such a bank already exists in the Bank of England.

"What we want to do", say some of the delegates, "is to form a world-trade-club with ourselves as the original members, and have the other nations join with us."



## GRONAU

The joyous city of Montreal put on its frock coat and its best smile today for Captain Wolfgang von Gronau.

The German aviator made a successful landing in the Canadian metropolis last night, and today they gave him a grand reception.

After a couple of days' rest in Montreal, the German aviators will go<sup>on</sup><sub>^</sub> to Chicago.

Apropos of which it is announced today from Paris that Jim Mattern and Bennett Griffin are planning a new round the world trip. This will be <sup>quite</sup> the most ambitious and hardy flight of all. Mattern and Griffin proposed to ~~try~~ flying around the world without stopping. They will take off from Chicago and, they hope, land in Chicago, after circling the globe. This they will try next summer. *If they try it, well, I hope they stay in the air.*



## BONUS

Here's Canada now threatened with a Bonus army. A dispatch from Ottawa to the Trenton Times reports that groups of unemployed men are on the move in many Canadian cities. The police are afraid they may be organizing a<sup>n</sup> On-to-Ottawa march in order to proclaim their grievances while the Imperial Economic Conference is<sup>still</sup> in session.

Police in all cities have been ordered to do their utmost to stop the groups that may be en route to the Canadian capital. And in Ottawa they are taking special measures to prevent any demonstrations at the parliament<sup>building where the delegates</sup> ~~when the conference~~ <sup>are conferring.</sup> ~~is in session.~~

In Canada the police have a way of enforcing laws and order that frequently excites American envy.



## GERMANY

Chancellor von Papen of Germany gave out an interview to American newspaper men today. And it is being published in several American and Canadian papers. Chancellor von Papen spoke with directness and force. Among the things he said were:

The speediest road to world recovery is to restore Germany's place in the sun. Germany, he added, must have a place among the nations as a political, moral and economic equal. The monstrous discriminations against Germany in the Treaty of Versailles must be rectified, as, for instance, the clause which <sup>can</sup> ~~impelled~~ Germany to accept the blame for the war. This clause in Germany is called the War Guilt Lie.

Chancellor von Papen said that Germany will battle relentlessly to wipe out such discriminations. As for a monarchy, Germany is too busy with her other important tasks to think of ~~restoring~~ <sup>said he.</sup> ~~receiving~~ royalty at present, <sup>^</sup> France, he points ~~s~~ out, has nothing to fear from Germany, in view of the Kellogg Treaty and the Pact of Locarno. Germany will fight Communism ~~relentless~~ <sup>relentless</sup> and is in a



position to deal with ~~that~~ *that* problem.

The world gold supply, he said, should be redistributed.

He also ~~said~~ <sup>*stated that*</sup> Germany is anxious to meet her private financial obligations, and will not attempt any one-sided revision of interest <sup>*charges.*</sup> <sub>^</sub>

The world at large, he ~~said further~~ <sup>*continued*</sup> <sub>^</sub>, should meet

President Hoover's suggestions for a reduction of ~~the~~ armies and navies. The nations should also remove the tariff barriers which have obstructed ~~the~~ world ~~to~~ commerce. So ~~spoke~~ *spoke* the present Dictator of Germany.



FOLLOW GERMANY

7 This interview with Chancellor von Papen came on top of an address made by General von Schleicher, the German Minister of Defense and dominant figure in the von Papen government.

General von Schleicher said some rather astonishing things. One of them was that he was an opponent of military dictatorship. He said the German government more than any other needs the support of the masses of the people. The government ~~will~~ would soon fail if based solely on bayonets. On the other hand, he <sup>added</sup> ~~says~~, Germany must have security, and there are only two ways for her to get it:- One way is for other nations to disarm to Germany's level; The other is for Germany to reconstruct and reorganize her army.



## RIOT

There was a miniature riot in Paris today in one of the court rooms. They <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ trying Dr. Gorgouloff, the <sup>Russian</sup> ~~man~~ who assassinated the late President Doumer.

The riot broke out over the seats reserved for ~~the~~ newspaper men. The American correspondents <sup>had</sup> a difficult time getting any accommodations ~~at~~ at all. French courts are not as obliging in this way as we are here.

During lunch hour a horde of lawyers and law students tried to grab the press ~~se~~ benches. A handful of American newspaper men stood them off, but finally they had to call ~~in~~ the gendarmes for help. The trial was resumed with the lawyers partially in possession of the press seats. There were frequent altercations between the lawyers and reporters during the trial.

→ At the end of the day the jury found Dr. Gorgouloff guilty of premeditated murder, ~~and~~ without extenuating circumstances. The jurors only deliberated thirty-five minutes. As they found no extenuating circumstances for the assassination, the court promptly ~~therefor~~ pronounced the death sentence. So the murderer of President Doumer will soon go to the guillotine. None of the family of the late president was in court. His ~~kin~~ did not join in the prosecution of the assassin.



## STYLES

Ladies listening in will be interested, I am sure, to learn that directoire styles are coming in again. There will be high waist lines and puffed sleeves.

Oh, by the way, I forgot to tell you that this won't happen until the winter. *For the present one piece bathing suits are the vogue,* But the fashion designers of Paris today gave their first show, the climax of months of work.

While this is principally interesting to ladies, it may mean a good deal also to the gentlemen who have to pay ~~the~~ *and pay and pay,*  
~~bills.~~

A dispatch from Paris to the Montreal Star says that few radical changes are indicated. Dressmakers seem to realize that under present conditions women cannot afford to splurge. Nevertheless, so many tons of velvet, fur, feathers, lace and brocade were shown that nobody looking on would have dreamed that there was such a thing as hard times.

In case you are interested in details, sport clothes remain fairly short, and little changed. There are few very



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*for the men to trip on.*  
formal gowns and no trains, And that's good news, for men.

Skirts will be floor length for evening wear, and what the reporter described as mid-calf for the daytime. The predominating colors are purple-blue, henna-brown, blood-red, ~~slate-grey~~ slate-grey, various greens and black and white combinations.

(4) Well, I'm no fashion expert, and having *tripped over that* ~~given you~~ *item* ~~that much of the news~~ let's go on to something else.



## OLYMPICS

There are ~~now~~ some 2,000 athletes from nearly 50 nations in Los Angeles <sup>today.</sup> Yes, for the Olympic games. And apropos of this the new issue of the Literary Digest has an interesting description of Olympic Village.

This is a village which southern California put up to contain its guests. It was built overnight and it was built in order that these 2,000 athletes should have not only cleanliness and comfort, but privacy. The Digest quotes an article in the Los Angeles Herald-Express to the effect that Olympic Village is a splendid example of a seething, swirling melting pot. It consists of palm-shaded, rose-covered cottages. The <sup>to build it</sup> money was raised here, <sup>^</sup> there and everywhere.

Oh, by the way, China's team to the Olympic games was added to the two thousand other athletes <sup>today.</sup> His three trainers came with him. ~~Oh~~

China's team is named Liu Chang-Chung. Mr. Lieu is the sole representative in athletics of four hundred million people. He's going to compete in the 100, 200, and 400 meter races, with his 3 trainers cheering for him in Chinese.



## STATISTICS

The cost of living in the United States was almost seven per cent less in June than it was in December. So Uncle Sam's Bureau of Labor ~~sa~~ Statistics announced. Since June last year the cost of living has gone down almost ten per cent. But during the last six months the decline has been especially rapid. It costs us now eighteen and a half per cent less to live than it did this time two years ago. And twenty per cent less than this time three years ago.

You may be interested to know that the price of food has dropped more rapidly than rent, fuel, light, or clothing.



## DYNAMITE

A dramatic and tragic story comes from Canyon City, Colorado. Two young men and their father were digging a well. When they got sixty feet down, they reached rock. One of them was lowered in a bucket to set a dynamite blast. He lit the fuse and gave the signal for his brother and <sup>his</sup> father to pull him up to the surface. A few feet from the top <sup>—</sup> the rope broke. ~~and~~ <sup>young</sup> The <sup>man</sup> plunged to the bottom of the well, his body falling right across the dynamite.

The dispatch to the Cincinnati Post, which tells the story, says that for a split second the two men at the mouth were completely paralyzed. Then the young man tied a second bucket to the rope and told his father to lower away. The father who was confronted with the problem of sending his second son down into the pit, did not hesitate. He lowered the bucket. When he was half way down the dynamite exploded. The second brother insisted upon being lowered all the way to the bottom. He picked up the body of his brother who was still alive, and together they were pulled to the surface. The man who did the rescuing was not injured, but



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his risk was in vain, because his brother died an hour later.



## HAIL

What would you think of hail stones as large as hens' eggs?

No, it isn't a Tall Story. It is vouched for by an enterprising newspaper called the Post-Star of Glens Falls, New York. It seems that the other day western Washington County in New York State was swept by the most destructive hail storm within the memories of the oldest residents. Hundreds of windows in farm houses and automobiles were broken. Tops of automobiles were smashed in and torn off. Fruit trees were stripped, not only of their fruit but their leaves. Garden produce and grains<sup>of</sup> all kinds were mowed to the ground.

The storm lasted only half an hour but in that time inflicted damage estimated at thousands of dollars.

As for the enormous hail stones, two gentlemen on their way back to Smith Basin from Schenectady picked up these hail stones and brought a number of them to the office of the Glens Falls Post-Star. And they were placed on exhibition in the newspaper's front office window. "One stone," says the story, "was seven inches in circumference."



ENDING

I have an interesting suggestion from a gentleman in Queens Village, L.I. He proposes that I change the ending to these little discussions, and, that instead of saying SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW I say SUNOCO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW. Well, okay --

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