

# THANKSGIVING

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1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

2 I have a dispatch here on the  
3 subject of Thanksgiving. The United  
4 Press reports that it has made an  
5 exhaustive research ~~among~~<sup>in</sup> official  
6 circles ~~in~~<sup>at</sup> Washington to discover what  
7 cause, ~~if any,~~ the heads of the  
8 government have for being thankful. Here  
9 are some of the results:-

10 President Hoover is thankful that  
11 he has a flock of turkeys, sent to him  
12 from all over the country, and 40 bushels  
13 of potatoes sent to him by ox-team from  
14 Maine. This insures the chief executive  
15 a nourishing if somewhat monotonous  
16 diet for some time to come.

17 Secretary-of-State Stimson is  
18 thankful that no anti-Fascist threw an  
19 over-ripe tomato at Dino Grandi while  
20 the Italian foreign minister was the  
21 government's guest at Washington.

22 ~~Secretary-of-Labor Doak is thankful~~  
23 ~~that there are still aliens to deport.~~

24 Chairman Stone of the Farm Board  
25 is thankful about practically nothing.

1 Yes, it must have taken a lot of  
2 very deep <sup>on the part of the United Press</sup> research <sup>all</sup> to discover that.  
3 But seriously, Thanksgiving Day has been  
4 celebrated all over the country with  
5 some exceedingly beneficial ceremonies.  
6 Reports have come in all day from one  
7 city after another telling of bountiful  
8 Thanksgiving ~~Day~~ dinners provided for  
9 people in need. Thousands <sup>upon</sup> ~~and~~ thousands  
10 of generous portions of food have been  
11 passed around. The spirit seems to have  
12 been, not only to be thankful, but also  
13 to give to the folks something to be  
14 thankful about. And that <sup>is indeed</sup> ~~is~~ the right  
15 spirit.  
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1 A number of Thanksgiving letters  
 2 have come along through the mail,  
 3 suggesting things ~~that I should say~~ *to be said*  
 4 on the occasion of the Grateful Feast.

5 A bit of verse comes from a  
 6 North Carolina poet, Anne Windsor,  
 7 of the pleasant old town of Carthage.  
 8 Here are four Thanksgiving lines which  
 9 she gives us:

10 I send "Good-Will" to "thee and  
 11 thine"

12 And ask the same for "me and mine",  
 13 For, after all, HUMANITY

14 Means one Big Human Family?

15 And then another bit of  
 16 Thanksgiving comes from the town of  
 17 San Antonio, <sup>not Texas, but</sup> Florida. It's from the  
 18 Rev. Father Bernard Weigl, who gives  
 19 thanks because; *as he puts it:-*

20 "In spite of hardships and  
 21 hard times, our community lives in  
 22 peace and the people enjoy good health;  
 23 the only worries we seem to have are  
 24 financial worries;-----we should be  
 25 thankful that our troubles are no worse."

*Yes, the Reverend Father has given  
 us a piece of hard sense.*

1 Father Weigl tells of a unique  
2 bit of Thanksgiving Day celebration  
3 they're having at San Antonio, Florida.

4 It seems to be rather a tall  
5 story event. At any rate, the  
6 Clergyman invites all the members of the  
7 Tall Story Club down that way to be  
8 present.

9 *He says* They are giving a performance *on the*  
10 *subject of* ~~called~~ the Prince of ~~Liars~~ *Prevaricators*, and  
11 that does seem something like picking  
12 a champion tall story teller.

# MANCHURIA

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And in the news tonight here's something for somebody to be thankful for.

1 ~~The most important news for~~  
2 ~~today~~ <sup>It</sup> is an announcement by Japan.

3 The Mikado's government agrees  
4 to withdraw its soldiers from Manchuria.  
5 This statement was made today to the  
6 Council of the League of Nations by  
7 the Japanese delegate.

8 The Associated Press adds that  
9 Japan also agrees to the creation of a  
10 committee of inquiry to look into the  
11 dispute between China and Japan.

12 Well, all ~~xx~~ this is  
13 appropriate <sup>for</sup> Thanksgiving Day. ~~news.~~

14 China and Japan and the League of  
15 Nations have been wrangling over that  
16 question of withdrawing the Japanese  
17 troops from the disputed parts of

18 Manchuria, <sup>for some time now.</sup> Japan has been holding out  
19 against the proposal, but now she has  
20 accepted, and that seems the longest  
21 step toward peace that has been taken  
22 thus far. And it is also a ~~great~~ <sup>real</sup>  
23 cause for Thanksgiving.

24 <sup>From</sup> ~~the~~ the great Chinese city of  
25 Tientsin, where there have been various

1 disturbances between the Chinese and  
2 Japanese, word comes that for the first  
3 time European soldiers have been  
4 involved in the trouble.

5 The International News Service  
6 cables that today there was an exchange  
7 of shots between Chinese rioters and the  
8 soldiers in the Japanese ~~diplomatic~~ *legation*  
9 quarters. And the Chinese rioters  
10 then opened fire on the Italian  
11 legation. Italian troops on guard  
12 responded by blazing away with their  
13 machine guns. It is supposed that  
14 the rioters were members of a bandit  
15 army.

# REPARATIONS

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1 In the French Chamber of Deputies  
2 Premier Laval of France spoke some strong  
3 words on the subject of reparations <sup>today.</sup> The  
4 Premier declared that France had agreed  
5 to go easy with Germany only for the  
6 duration of the present world economic  
7 crisis.

8 France will agree to a reduction of  
9 reparations only in proportion to the  
10 amount by which her war debts are  
11 reduced. France will not agree that  
12 Germany's private debts should be paid  
13 before the debt of reparation. And  
14 France will insist absolutely upon the  
15 payment of that proportion of the  
16 reparations money which is called  
17 "unconditional."

18 These, says the United Press, are  
19 the rigorous statements made by the  
20 Premier of France today. And his  
21 ~~statements~~ <sup>remarks</sup> were received with wild  
22 cheers from the assembled deputies.

1 (Somewhat melodramatic revelations  
2 took place in Germany today.

3 The government of the State of  
4 Hesse made public a set of documents  
5 which were recently seized by the police.  
6 The German gendarmes have been making  
7 raids on the headquarters of Adolf Hitler's  
8 Fascist party. The documents are  
9 supposed to reveal a plan by which  
10 Handsome Adolf and his Teutonic Black  
11 Shirts have planned to take control of  
12 the German Government.)

13 The Berlin correspondent of the  
14 International News Service had an  
15 interview with the Attorney General  
16 of the German Government. The Attorney  
17 General declares that the German  
18 Supreme Court is investigating charges  
19 of high treason against Handsome Adolf  
20 and his Fascists. He states that the  
21 charges of high treason have not been  
22 proven. ~~P~~ As for the documents that have  
23 been seized, they reveal a program  
24 which the Fascists intend to follow  
25 if they obtain power in Germany. It



1 is said to be quite a militant program  
2 too, full of drastic doings and fire  
3 and fury.

4 But the Attorney General admits  
5 that the documents merely show the  
6 Fascists<sup>r</sup> plan in case they do take  
7 over the government, and not any  
8 conspiracy on their part to overthrow  
9 the existing regime.

10 All of this hinges around the  
11 question of whether or not the documents  
12 seized are genuine.

13 The Governor of the State of  
14 Hesse, which is socialistic, vows up  
15 and down that they are entirely valid,  
16 and not forgeries or fakes, or anything  
17 like that.

18 The part of the whole business  
19 that comes under the heading of old  
20 time blood and thunder melodrama is  
21 the fact that the documents were  
22 discovered by a former socialist leader.  
23 Recently this socialist leader made a  
24 right about face and joined the  
25 Fascists, or <sup>Nazis</sup> Nazis, as they are called.

1 He seemed to be a convert from  
2 socialism to Fascism, and Hitler's men  
3 took him to their bosom with: "a hearty  
4 welcome to our city."

5 It is suspected now that this  
6 socialist leader's conversion to Fascism  
7 was all a pretense, and that he seemed  
8 to join sides merely for the purpose of  
9 acting as a spy, with the plan of  
10 getting into the confidence of the  
11 ~~xxxxxxx~~ Fascists, learning their  
12 plans, and then exposing them.

13 The Nazis have now expelled the  
14 former socialist leader from their  
15 ranks, and he was brought to Berlin  
16 today under heavy guard. There was fear  
17 that the enraged Black Shirts might  
18 try to kill him.

19 They say that political  
20 excitement in Germany has been brought  
21 to <sup>the</sup> boiling point by the new revelations.  
22 The Fascists are denouncing the  
23 documents as clumsy forgeries. And  
24 Adolf himself is said to be on his way  
25 to Berlin to make a loud protest.

1           Tonight, way down under, Australia~~x~~  
2 is without a Cabinet Government. It  
3 is also without a parliament. The  
4 Labor Ministry was beaten in a  
5 parliamentary vote, and today the  
6 Governor General of the Dominion  
7 dissolved the law-making assembly, and  
8 ordered an election to be held to  
9 pick a new one.

10           The Labor Government in Australia  
11 was beaten on a vote concerning the  
12 unemployment fund. Australia has a  
13 dole, something like that in England.  
14 And we are reminded that the recent  
15 Labor Government in England went to  
16 pieces largely because of questions  
17 concerning the dole.

18           On the stock exchange at Camberra,  
19 the Australian capital, prices took a  
20 quick jump. This was caused by the  
21 news of the downfall of the Labor  
22 Government, and by the expectation  
23 that at the forthcoming election ~~x~~ the  
24 Labor Party will be defeated. The  
25 supposition is, at least among the  
traders in the stock exchange, that  
Australia, like England, will go  
conservative.

1 *Wed,* The battle is on again, <sup>I mean the one</sup> between  
2 the President and the Navy League.

3 *civilian body, the* They say that the big idea ~~the~~  
4 Navy League has in mind is to keep the  
5 controversy open until Congress meets,  
6 and then force a congressional  
7 investigation.

8 Thanksgiving Day was the time  
9 chosen for the latest blast. The  
10 Navy League came out with a pamphlet  
11 today making a new attack on President  
12 Hoover, and denouncing the investigation  
13 made by the ~~Committee~~ the President  
14 appointed. That Committee supported  
15 Mr. Hoover, and denounced the Navy  
16 League.

17 The International News Service  
18 quotes the organization advocating ~~the~~ a  
19 powerful American fleet, <sup>as</sup> ~~and~~ declaring  
20 that the President in his campaign  
21 pledges, promised to keep Uncle Sam's  
22 fighting force<sup>s</sup> on the sea<sup>s</sup> up to the  
23 full strength permitted by the treaties.

24 And so, according to the  
25 Navy League, the President's present

1 policy of naval economy is a violation  
2 of his campaign promises.

3 And this new blast is only a  
4 beginner. The Navy League issues  
5 this pamphlet with the explanation  
6 that this is only <sup>a little bit</sup> ~~a beginning~~ of what  
7 it has to say, and promises to come  
8 out with a long and ample statement  
9 later on. *And then perhaps we will*  
10 *hear from the President again.*

## SHIPS

There was a bad collision between ships in the Bay of Fundy last night. And today, after a check-up, it is believed that nine fisherman from Gloucester, Massachusetts, have lost their lives.

Their ship, the fishing schooner with a double name the Edith and Eleanor, had a collision with the Nova Scotian steamer Gypsum Prince.

The International News Service reports that the collision occurred in a fog, and the fishing schooner sank swiftly in the icy waters of the turbulent Bay of Fundy.

1           Tonight rescuers are fighting their  
2 way to a thousand or more Indians of the  
3 Navajo and Zuni tribes who are marooned  
4 by a blizzard on the top of a high mesa  
5 in New Mexico. The Indians are scantily  
6 clothed and have little food with them.  
7 They are in serious danger.

8           The United Press explains that this  
9 is the time of ~~the~~ year when the Indians  
10 go hunting for pinion nuts. These are  
11 a delicious type of nut which are found  
12 in the cone<sup>s</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the pinion</sup> pine tree. The  
13 Navajos and the Zunis started out and  
14 tramped and climbed to a high table-  
15 land 70 miles out of the town of Gallup.  
16 Pinion nuts are plentiful in those parts.

17           Then they were caught by the hand  
18 of winter, which has been lying heavy and  
19 frosty on the West. A violent blizzard  
20 caught the braves and squaws. Heavy  
21 snow-drifts piled up among the barren  
22 craggy hills. They were snow-bound on  
23 the top of a mesa.

24           And it was on the eve of Thanks-  
25 giving when several of the nut-pickers

1 who had been able to fight their way  
2 through the snow storm, arrived at a  
3 town and told the tale of their fellow  
4 tribesmen, marooned by storm and snow.

5       Rescue parties were immediately  
6 sent out. They found several Indians  
7 frozen to death. Some of the nut-pickers  
8 had been able to fight their way home,  
9 but hundreds still remained on the high  
10 plateau. Fifty horsemen rode out of the  
11 town of Gallup today to battle their way  
12 through the snow, with supplies of  
13 food and clothing for the Indians.



## HOW TO BE LITTLE MOTHERS

Now comes what seems to be a new idea in the way of education for girls.

At the Dalton Schools in New York girls of high-school age are to be given, not dolls to play with, but real live babies to take care of.

Four healthy infants of a month old are to be selected by medical authorities from among children whose mothers are employed during the day. The babies will be kept at the school during the daytime hours, when the mothers are at work. And the girl pupils will get a practical course of training in the care of children and the profession of motherhood.

In other words, the pupils, as a part of their regular school work, will act the role of little mothers.

The idea was devised by Miss Helen Parkhurst, head of the Schools, who says the plan is to discover the kind of training a girl should have during the four years before she goes to college.

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Miss Parkhurst adds that she has known of cases where mothers were actually afraid to pick up their first-born babies -- a woman scared by the sight of an infant.

"We hope," she declares "to familiarize the girls with the routine of baby care, so that motherhood will come quite naturally to them."

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Here are a few scattered football scores to digest with your turkey:-

Chicago 7 -- Iowa 0          Indiana 0 -- Illinois 0

Cornell defeated Pennsylvania 7 to 0; New York University squeezed out a victory over Carnegie Tech. 7 to 6.

That traditional game between Holy Cross and Boston College came out the same 7 to 6, in favor of Holy Cross.

Colgate won over Brown 13 to 7; Tennessee 6, Kentucky 6; Alabama trounced Vanderbilt 14 to 6.

Most of the games were close today. But here's one that wasn't:- Nebraska fell before Pittsburg 40 to 0.

Your favorite newspaper will have the complete list of scores tomorrow morning,

1 Now, Ordinarily I believe a man  
 2 should take a joke. At the same time  
 3 I can't blame this chap for calling  
 4 the police. It was entirely too nerve-  
 5 wracking.

6 *Trahy's* An undertaker went to Frank  
 7 Tragno's house in Jersey City. He said  
 8 he'd been sent to embalm him. Then a  
 9 florist delivered a funeral wreath.  
 10 Next a fellow called with ten gallons  
 11 of ice cream and five boxes of candy  
 12 for Frank - C.O.D.

13 Frank, <sup>remarks</sup> ~~says~~ the New York Sun,  
 14 was so badly puzzled, <sup>that</sup> he called in the  
 15 police, and the detectives decided that  
 16 some practical joker was at work,  
 17 ~~although I don't see that it took~~ <sup>surely it didn't take</sup> any  
 18 Sherlock Holmes to figure that out.

19 Nor does it take any Sherlocks Holmes  
 20 to figure that the time has arrived for me to  
 21 express the hope that you have had a pleasant  
 22 Thanksgiving Day - and to say  
 23 So long until tomorrow!  
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