

Good Evening, Everybody:

The news in the United States is <sup>decidedly</sup> ~~quite~~ interesting today. (The returns are practically ~~all~~ in from the election in Maine. And ~~the~~ news is - ~~the State of~~ Maine has gone Democratic. This ~~happens~~ for the first time since 1914, ~~the~~ ~~year~~ when Woodrow Wilson was first elected president.

Most people know the saying - As ~~the State of~~ Maine goes so goes the nation. Of course, this may be ~~considered~~ largely a superstition, but in point of historic fact it has almost invariably worked out that way. Maine is known as a rock-ribbed Republican state, <sup>- normally,</sup> So the inference is that if ~~even~~ Republican Maine goes Democratic, <sup>well, figure</sup> ~~it looks bad~~ ~~for poor old~~ ~~Maine~~ <sup>it out for yourself.</sup>

A dispatch to the Newark News reports that not only <sup>of Maine</sup> the Democratic candidate for governor <sup>has</sup> been elected, but <sup>two out</sup> ~~two~~ of three Democratic candidates <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ the House of Representatives, <sup>have also won out.</sup>

All the <sup>se victorious Maine Democrats</sup> ~~Democratic candidates~~ are wet, <sup>as the press dispatches say.</sup>

An interesting interpretation of this <sup>Maine surprise</sup> ~~election~~ is

furnished by George Van Slyke, political editor of the New York

Sun. In the words of Van Slyke: "The Democratic victory in

Maine is a political revolution which has stunned the Republican managers and candidates."

The council in charge of President Hoover's campaign 20

<sup>For has</sup> ~~does not even attempt to make~~ <sup>offered</sup> an alibi, <sup>adds the N.Y. Sun. &</sup> ~~for the election. So they~~  
<sup>has gone out from Republican headquarters at</sup> ~~have issued a statement from headquarters saying that the~~  
<sup>the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that saying that</sup> ~~the~~ upheaval in Maine may alarm the nation and save it from what they

call the disaster of electing Franklin Roosevelt and Jack Garner.

~~as president and vice-president~~

In point of fact this statement is <sup>considered</sup> a veiled admission

that President Hoover and the Republican ticket are in danger.

At any rate, there seems to be no doubt that for

the first time in eighteen years Maine is Democratic.

## FLIERS

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little girls. The <sup>amphibian</sup>~~plane~~ was a wreck. We came upon it after searching through the ice floes almost thirty-six hours, ever since Sunday afternoon."

Then Captain Watson continues: "We had arrived at ~~the~~ fishing grounds off Angmasalik about half past three Sunday afternoon. At that time we picked up an S O S from the Hutchinson airplane by way of the radio at Angmasalik<sup>2</sup>. This message gave the position of the plane as not far south of Angmasalik<sup>2</sup>."

"We steamed there under full pressure", ~~says~~ <sup>adds</sup> Capt. ~~Solomon~~ Watson, "but failed to locate them. We continued <sup>look</sup>~~search~~ing after dark with our searchlights. The seas were full of icebergs which made our work terrifically difficult. Hour after hour we plodded back and forth over the ice-studded <sup>waters.</sup>~~seas~~ Darkness had just fallen Monday evening when we sighted a flare astern. We made for it at full speed working our searchlight for all it was worth. The first thing we encountered

was an iceberg, so we had to ~~go~~ <sup>up.</sup> slow <sup>a.m.</sup> At one ~~o'clock~~ <sup>^</sup> we finally located the plane. We launched a boat immediately, the mate commanding a crew of five. But the boat returned in an hour bringing word that the mate and ~~Colonel~~ Hutchinson decided

there was too much swell to permit a rescue in the dark." ~~Then the~~  
~~£~~

~~The~~ Hutchinsons were finally rescued at daybreak, <sup>and</sup> landed on the Greenland Coast.

Dangerous undertakings, these transatlantic flights, <sup>and</sup> not suitable for small children.  
~~but they certainly make the newspapers interesting~~



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Right on top of this another spectacular ~~flight~~ <sup>hop</sup>  
across the Atlantic <sup>got under way</sup> ~~was started~~ this morning. ~~This expedition,~~  
~~which~~ <sup>It</sup> headed for Rome, <sup>On board are</sup> ~~consists of~~ two men and a woman. The  
lady is ~~named~~ Miss Edna Newcomer <sup>of Philadelphia.</sup> She's an undergraduate nurse,  
and will also function as assistant pilot. The rest of the  
crew consists of the pilot and a New York physician.

When the plane arrives over Florence, Italy, Miss  
Newcomer proposes <sup>tumble out</sup> ~~to hop off~~ in a parachute. The plane in which  
they are flying is called The American Nurse.

Dispatches from Massachusetts report that it was  
sighted passing over the tip of Cape Cod about eight hundred  
feet up, at ten o'clock this morning.

CHILE

There's ~~some~~ <sup>for a change.</sup> news from South America ~~once more.~~ Chile is getting hot again. No sooner had acting president Carlos Davila reorganized his cabinet, ~~then~~ a revolution ~~was~~ threatened. A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post reports that the threat came from the air force of the Chileno army. The army air pilots entrenched themselves on the aviation field near Santiago de Chile, and refused to turn over command to the government. They made a threatening flight over Santiago, but committed no openly hostile acts.

9 The air men issued a manifesto which charged that the Davila government has not established a true socialist regime. They complain that the cabinet has reverted to the practices of former governments and curtailed the liberties of Chileno citizens.

An unexpected climax to the upheaval occurred later ~~in the~~ <sup>to</sup> day. President Davila ~~resigned~~ <sup>- quit</sup> without a ~~struggle.~~ <sup>fight Thereupon his</sup> His job was offered to General Blanche, Minister of the Interior, <sup>Blanchay</sup>



in the re-organized Cabinet. But the General declined, so  
at present the government of Chile is practically without a head.

Major A.  
Hamilton Gibbs.

Novelist.

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INTRO TO MAJOR GIBBS

When Announcer Jimmy Wallington put me on the air tonight, he mentioned that today was General Pershing's birthday. Well, General Pershing is in Paris today, reminiscing with some of his friends. And in a way I am doing the same. You've all heard of the famous Gibbs family -- the three gifted brothers:- Sir Philip Gibbs, Major A. Hamilton Gibbs, and the third, who uses the name of Cosmo Hamilton.

Major A. Hamilton Gibbs is here with me tonight -- the first time we have met for fourteen years -- since the War. And now he, like his brothers, is one of the best known novelists of the day. His latest is that absorbing best seller UNDERTOW. Well, Major, I wonder if I can't get you to pinch-hit here at the mike for me, for a moment? Would you?



STALIN

A sensational bulletin arrived ~~today~~ <sup>this afternoon</sup> from London.

(6) It contained a rumor of a plot to assassinate Josef Stalin, dictator of the Soviet government of Russia. According to this bulletin one hundred and twenty persons were arrested, including several officers of the army. It goes on to say that General Voroshiloff, the ~~Minister of~~ <sup>Commissar for</sup> War, <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ implicated in the conspiracy. Stalin was out of the capital when the plot was discovered. As soon as it came to light he hurried back to Moscow.

It should be added that the reports of this plot were characterized by officials of the Russian Foreign Office as nonsense. It should also be added that officials of the Russian Foreign Office are addicted to describing ~~as nonsense~~ any news they don't like <sup>as nonsense.</sup> ~~to see made public, whether it is true or not.~~

## LEGION

( Things are popping in Portland, Oregon, where the American Legion is in convention. President Hoover's Attorney General, trying to apologize for the President's action in calling out the troops to evict the bonus army from Washington, has stirred up a kettle of fish that promises to be too hot for consumption. )

Attorney General Mitchell, in his apology for his chief, had charged that one thousand and sixty-nine of the Bonus Expeditionary Force were men with criminal records. At first reading the Attorney General's figures were not analyzed. To-day, people look <sup>ed</sup> at them a little bit closer. ~~Today~~ It turned out that of these thousand and sixty-nine, two hundred and twenty had been tried and acquitted. Of the others, the crime committed by a hundred and seven was vagrancy, but not all of them were convicted. A considerable proportion of the others, it <sup>develops</sup> ~~turns out~~, had been charged with military offenses such as A.W.O.L. Then another group were charged with

infractions of the liquor law. Consequently, the legionnaires in Portland are extremely indignant that for such offenses the Bonus Expeditionary Force in Washington should have been stigmatized <sup>as criminals.</sup> ~~with the charge of criminology.~~

But that isn't all. Attorney-General Mitchell was practically given the lie direct by no less an official than Brigadier-General Glassford, Superintendent of Police of Washington, D.C. General Glassford denies emphatically that there was a large proportion of criminals in the B.E.F. The actual number of crooks he says were twelve, which is a long way from the thousand and sixty-nine mentioned by Mr. Hoover's Attorney General. <sup>— and here are the general's words:</sup> He reports that on the contrary, "according to police records, there was less crime in the District of Columbia during either June or July than during August, after the veterans had been evicted." General Glassford further points out that of the three hundred and sixty-two bonus marchers arrested, only twelve were pinched ~~ixxix~~ on serious charges. <sup>He</sup> ~~General Glassford~~ also denies the charge of President



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Hoover's Attorney General that the B. E. F. was rampant with crime and communism. The Washington ~~Superintendent of~~ Police records show that there were many demonstrations of patriotism and discipline.

All this of course makes things mighty tough for the Republican administration among the legionnaires in convention in Portland. ~~It is a symptom of the desperate~~  
~~straits of the G.O.P. that Pat Hurley, the popular Secretary~~  
~~of War, himself a legionnaire, is pledged in favor of the~~  
~~immediate cash payment of the bonus.~~

SMITH

An important bit of news about the <sup>immediate cash payment of the</sup> Bonus is the

announcement that former Governor Al Smith has come out flatly against it. His article published in the Saturday Evening Post, ~~which is out~~ today, contains the assertion that this is one of the most significant issues in the forthcoming national election. Governor Al uses these words:

"The American people have a right to know where the candidates stand on this question. Let us have plain talk. The American people are entitled to hear it." Then Mr. Smith writes further: "I desire to have myself clearly and fairly on ~~the~~ record. I believe that unfair, unjust payments to veterans who are not deserving, operate against the veterans who are deserving."

## COLLEGE

I happened to be in Philadelphia this morning and learned something that seemed to me to be not only interesting but exceedingly unusual in the college world. Can you imagine a college, a good college too, which pays its own way? A college self-supporting <sup>almost</sup> without ~~any~~ endowment, <sup>and with no</sup> ~~or~~ subsidy from the state?

This is Grove City College of Grove City, Pennsylvania. An unusual feature is that although Grove City College is self-supporting, a man can go through there paying all his expenses, tuition, living and everything, for \$450. a year. That in these days, is not only astonishing, but exceedingly valuable.

(2) This might not mean so much if Grove City College also didn't have another uncommon characteristic. <sup>For instance if you</sup> ~~The college~~ specializes in engineering, <sup>and</sup> ~~But the man who~~ graduates from there, <sup>you do</sup> ~~does~~ not emerge as an engineer and nothing else. <sup>You</sup> ~~He~~ comes out a cultivated all-round man, with a good grounding in ~~the~~ Liberal Arts and in such practical knowledge as Commercial Law.



## BEEES

I have an item here which may interest people addicted to rheumatism. It comes from Oklahoma City in a dispatch to the Louisville Times.

There's a farmer named Harvey Lakey near Oklahoma City. He keeps four <sup>colonies</sup> ~~collieries~~, as they call them, of bees. They produce fourteen hundred pounds of honey a year. Well, it isn't because of the volume of the honey that he keeps so many bees. He keeps them for the sake of their stings. That may sound like keeping hedgehogs for the sake of ~~their quills~~ their quills.

But the real reason is this. Four years ago, farmer Lakey suffered with rheumatism. Somebody told him the adage that a bee sting a day keeps the doctor away. He tried all the remedies ~~him~~ for rheumatism and they failed, so he submitted himself to being stung by his bees. The cure worked, - so Mr. Lakey says. Whenever he feels a tinge of rheumatism to-day he goes out into the orchard and annoys the bees. The bees do their stuff and Mr. Lakey is cured. So there's a prescription for you. — Just get stung again.

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## RACKET

A new sort of racket came to light in New York today.

The gag is this: They're taking inferior watches and putting on them dials resembling those of the best known good watches. These synthetic arrangements are then sold at something under the normal price of the genuine ~~good watch~~ <sup>thing.</sup>

The New York police today arrested five men and seized fifty thousand dollars worth of counterfeit dials. According to the Inspector in charge of the squad, this racket is going on all over the United States.

Well, I'm going to look at my watch and see if it's phoney. Whether it's phoney or not it tells me it's time to say s-l-u-t-m.