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Good Evening, Everybody:

New York is excited today. New
York always enjoys a show and an very
unusual show is promised for tomorrow.

Mayor Walker will appear on the witness
stand before the Hofstadter Committee,
which is rattling a lot of political
skeletons in the New York administration.
The Commistee meets in the largest
courtroom in the County Court House,
But the recent to accommodate all those
who want to be present, the state would
have to hire Madison Square Garden.

The court room has ream for 300 people, and 10,000 applied for seats before noon today, and still more are applying at the rate of twelve a minute. It's bound to be a good show when Jimmie Walker faces Judge Samuel Seabury. Jimmie always give's a good lively account of himself, and expert as Mr. Seabury is in cross examination, he will meet as a parameter, when he faces for

the first time the slim, dapper 2 wise-cracking Mayor.

It is estimated by the New York 4 Sun that of the 300 spectators present s a hundred will be newspaper reporters, 6 photographers and artists. Among the 7 others who've applied for admission are 8 shining lights of society, of Wall Street, of business, and of politics. In fact, almost everybody of any importance in New York has tried to get a pass to see the battle of the Century between Socking Sam Seabury and Walloping Walker. But gate crashers will be out of luck. The corridor and entrance-way will be heavily guarded. Impulsive people who try to break through are apt to encounter what is politely known as the bum's rush. Judge Seabury's friends and associates promise they've got some real dynamite to explode. Mayor Walker's partisans scoff at the idea. 22

"They can't get anything on Jimmie", 24 his friends declare. "Jimmie always knows how to take care of himself."

Well, this will be a wow of 2 a story to follow in your local newspaper --3 whether you're a New Yorker or not.

Governor Moore of New Jersey today proclaimed a \$25,000 reward in the Lindbergh case. The reward will be paid for information which with result in the apprehension and conviction of the kidnappers of the baby.

At the same time Dr. Jaffsie
Condon issued a mysterious appeal to
a man he described as "the Scandinavian
called John"to come forward and
tell the true story of his part in the
crime. John is the man to whom Dr.
Condon tossed \$50,000 of Col. Lindbergh's
money over the wall of cemetery in the
Bronx.

Dr. Condon issued his message through the newspapers. It was worded in this way:

"John, the money I gave you is useless. You can't get rid of it.
Return to Col. Lindbergh in time. Get your \$25,000. reward. Signed Jafsie,"——
meaning of course that reward announced by the governor of N. J. today.

In one respect the good old days are here again. So runs a story in the New York Evening Post tonight.

Hundreds of articles of merchandise now sell as cheaply as we used to buy them before 1914. The Post quotes one department store manager as saying:-

"There never was a time, in our day, when goods were so cheap, and also so good. Even babies are cheaper," declared the Post. "Maternity hospitals and baby specialists have brought their fees quite near the 1914 scale. So near that the average young couple can call their baby their own after half a dozen instalment payments."

Saxaphones as well as babies are reduced in price.

Well, which musical instrument would you prefer, a saxophone or
a baby?

Here's a curious state of affairs in Buffalo. It seems there aren't enough doctors to go around among the sick. Usually you hear doctors complaining that their profession is overcrowded. But many Buffalo patients are lacking sufficient attention.

This information was conveyed by Dr. Charles Heyd of New York City, president elect of the New York State Medical Society, which is in convention in Buffalo. The reason for this extraordinary state of affairs is that so many doctors' incomes have been reduced that they've had to give up their practice and take to driving taxicabs. The records show that at least 20% of the families formerly attended by physicians are now quite without doctor's care, but there are plenty of taxic cabe to take you to the doctor's house, where there is no doctor.

The Bonus Army had its way, even if it did have to give up the train that it captured. A United Press dispatch to the New York World-Telegram, informs us that they released the cars after the Sheriff at Caseyville, Illimois, had promised to provide them with trucks to carry them to Washington, Indiana. But before they did this no less than six companies of the State militia, armed with machine guns and gas, where ready to take action. They had manual captured the Baltimore & Ohio freight train by military strategy,

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The Bonus Army is commanded by a workers council of 25 men. It was with them that the sheriff dickered for the release of the train they had captured.

Incidentally, among the veterans is a man who used to be a millionaire.

Like many others, he was wiped out in the 1929 crash.

The army of 400 will be very much larger by the time it reaches Washington, D. C. The veterans were joined today

by thirty former service men from Salt Lake City. And their leader brought the information that 300 more are on the way from Utah to join them.

"Military control of the Hawaiian Islands is necessary to prevent American citizens of Japanese ancestry from plotting to blow up parts of our military establishment there in times of emergency."

So declared Representative Britten of Illinois today to the House Terratories Committee. He was pleading for his bill to put the islands under the rule of soldiers.

"I'm not trying to wave the red flag at Japan," he stated. "But I believe you can find today thousands of well-laid plans (in Japanese homes in the islands) whose purpose is to destroy our docks in the event of war."

But both the Navy and War departments declined to endorse Mr. Britten's bill. Admiral Pratt, chief of naval operations, was asked whether he would recommend its adoption.

"As it stands, NO," he replied, emphatically. He added that Hawaii could not be made a purely military outpost.

"There are too many big outside interests," he explained.

General McArthur, chief of staff of

the Army, was also against the Britten

bill.

There's one new idea nowadays that seems particularly sensible. It is one of those things so simple that you wonder why it wasn't thought of before. It's for blind men to carry white canes.

There's always the problem of the sightless person making his way through the streets. Everybody wants to help. You'll see folks eagerly stopping to help, and guide the man whose eyes are dark across the street.

It's one of the easiest kindliest services that we can do and it would help if the passerby ear instantly tell that the person is blind. That's where the carrying of a white cane comes in.

It is said the idea originated in Paris. And now the notion seems to be spreading somewhat.

So if you see a man carrying a snow-white cane you will know that the sight of the world around is denied him.

You may have heard of men so crooked that they'll steal the gold out of your false teeth. It looked as though this had happened in a Chicago jail, and to make the story better, the supposed victim was one of the best pickpockets in all Chicago, so the police declared.

He woke up one morning complaining loudly to the keeper:

"Thumbody picked my faith teeth right out of my mouth", he declar

This aroused quite a bit of excitement. Anybody who could rob the best pickpocket in Chicago they thought must be good. Well, it was true. A hunt through the jail found that somebody had robbed Chicago's best pickpocket, but he didn't get away with it, because they found the teeth in a refuse box.

"There's somebody in this jail", said the victim, "who's got me skinned a mile.

The Chinese yellow dragon is changing like a chameleon to the Red of Soviet Russia. So we learn from an enlightening article in the current issue of the Literary Digest. A contributor to an influential monthly published in Moscow is quoted as reporting that toward the spring of this year 200 out of 773 didistricts of Central and Southern China were under the control of the Soviet government of China.

The population of these 200 districts is estimated at no less than 60 million people. This writer adds that the Chinese Red army now numbers around 150,000. It seems to be so well organized that it was able successfully to fight off the recent campaign undertaken by the Nanking generals against the Chinese Soviet areas, The third campaign of its kind, incidentally.

reveal one humorous episode, says the editor of the Digest, in all the tragedies of raids by Chinese Communists.

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A missionary and his family had fled from their home in Changchow. But the cook remained behind on the job. When the looters began hammering on the door, the cook opened it, let them in and treated them to a feast of American delicacies. The Communists showed their appreciation of the cook's hospitality not only by leaving the contents of the house unlooted. They even made her a present of a pair of slippers which they had swiped from the house next door.

There was a riotous opening in Berlin today. The new Purssian Diet convened, and there was a follower of Hitler serving as temporary **Ehren** The disorder, as H. R. Knickerbocker cables to the New York Evening Post, was so loud that nothing could be done. After half an hour of yelling and fighting the meeting adjourned until tomorrow when officers will be elected.

The temporary chairman was General Litzmann. There was a strong guard of police to keep order, but in spite of this when the General wearing his imperial war decorations, took the chair, the Communists raised a yell of Down, Down. The General declined to make a speech, which aroused still more jeering from the Communists. Noise from the galleries contributed to the row.

It's going to be an important session, reports Knickerbocker. Prussia is the largest German state. In fact, it amounts to two-thirds of the whole

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Reich. Consequently the control of Prussia means a great deal to the government. It is bound to influence the position of Chancellor Bruening, and the future of Germany's foreign as well as domestic politics.

Outside of the jeering and squabbles between the Communists and the followers of Handsome Adolf, very little could be heard today in the Diet except the bim-bimming of the chairman's bell.

For being the first woman to make the solo flight across the Atlantic, Amelia Earhart Putnam today was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. At least virtually so, because the Senate passed without debate a resolution to that effect by a Senator Walcott of Connecticut.

And, of course, it will pass through the House of Representatives, just as quickly.

Amelia had another experience
that many other American girls have been
anxious to have. She had a conference
with the Prince of Wales. The Prince
received her in his own study in St.
James's Palace, where he had once
entertained Col. Charles Lindbergh. He
sent for Miss Earhart because he wanted
to hear the story of her flight first
hand.

After the interview was over Miss Earhart told reporters: "We just talked about airplanes."

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Sport fans will be interested to learn that a new world's record was made today. It was unofficial, to be sure, but nevertheless a record.

Kaye Don, the British race driver whose name will be familiar to all American fans, sent his boat Miss England the Third over the water at a speed of 131.78 miles an hour. This he did on Lake Gardone, in Italy.

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They are still having that sausage strike in Berlin. It seems that the men claim that making sausages for the wages they're getting is nothing but a skin game. A sausage strike is a new kind of strike to me, though I've heard of pretzel varnishers striking in the United States.

A few weeks ago they had a beer strike in Berlin, but that was soon settled. You can take beer away from Americans. It's almost as easy as taking candy from children. But that's one thing that Fritz won't stand for.

And I don't imagine the sausage strike will last long. A german city without sausages is like an American circus without peanuts, or a Bostonian without his beans.

They can't stand for that sort

of thing very long.

The very thought of a German City without sansages is breaking my heart - and all I can do is so

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