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HOOVER

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

This evening a party of men are leaving the White House and boarding a train for Norfolk, Virginia.

The principal figure of the party is President Hoover, who is setting out on a three thousand mile cruise through the West Indies. At Norfolk the President and his party will board the battleship ARIZONA.

Recently the Navy gave up control of the Virgin Islands and turned them over to civilian administrators. There is said to be some discontent with the new regime, and according to the United Press, the President is going there to try to smooth things over.

The President's cruise will be a swift one. It will last for just ten days. He will spend only three days ashore -- two at Porto Rico and one at the Virgin Islands.

On his return, he will plunge into the series of speaking dates which he has planned and which will take him on a wide swing across the country.

BORAH

Before leaving on his West Indian cruise President Hoover had a guest for lunch today at the White House. In fact this social event is the reigning sensation in Washington. According to the International News Service, the President's luncheon guest was Senator Borah, of Idaho. The President and the senator they say have not been particularly good friends of late -- that is, politically speaking.

Senator Borah has been a slashing leader in the constant attacks in Congress, the attacks been made on President Hoover and his policies. So political circles in Washington are inclined to see some deep significance in the fact that Mr. Hoover invited to lunch the man who is one of his principal opponents.

The reporters - Johnny-on-the-spot, are trying to find out what this peculiar bit of hospitality was all about. Senator Borah told them that he and the President had talked about European affairs, South American affairs, political affairs in general, also domestic affairs, and that makes it look like the Senator and the President talked about pretty nearly everything under the sun.

TREASURY

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah said today that the deficit which the United States Treasury is facing will be larger even than has been expected. Senator Smoot is the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate and he estimates that the deficit will be five hundred million dollars. Which sounds like beau coup sheckles to me.

According to the Associated Press, Senator Smoot added that he thought it would be possible to get along without an increase in taxes. He explained that instead of increasing taxes, the Government might pay off the public debt at a slower rate than had been planned.

WALKER

There was a loud explosion today. I mean a political cannon boomed out and fired a load of hot shoot at the Mayor of New York, dapper Jimmy Walker. That is to say, Governor Roosevelt made public the charges that have been filed with him by the City Affairs Committee of New York. And those charges are loud and emphatic. They state that Major Jimmy has failed.

The complaint goes on, getting hotter and hotter and according to the United Press, it ends with a terrific blast. Mayor Walker's conduct, it says, has been incompetent, inefficient, and futile - and has brought the city into disrepute.

Governor Roosevelt made the charges public without comment. He didn't say what he was going to do about them.

There are two things he can do -- he can either personally investigate Walker's administration as Mayor, or he can appoint a commissioner to do it.

Meanwhile, the merry Mayor, who is not in very good health, is out on the Pacific Coast basking in the well-known California Sunshine.

By the way, the International News Service informs us of a characteristic wisecrack by the wise-cracking mayor. Yesterday -- St. Patrick's Day -- the photographers got Jimmy out and posed him holding a green cactus flower resembling a four leaf clover.

"They call this a desert shamrock," said Jimmy, "but it has a lot of stickers and prickles on it, which makes it look like an investigating Committee to me."

But just the same, it looks as if it would take more than a few of those excellent and witty wise-cracks to pull Jimmy through the storm that his critics are brewing for him in New York City.

1 There was another savage riot
2 in the Illinois State Prison at Joliet
3 today -- ~~its~~ the third ^{within} ~~in~~ a week, and it
4 was the worst.

5 The whole thing must have been
6 carefully planned, because simultaneously
7 fire broke out in seven buildings. The
8 siren blew, the guards and a volunteer
9 convict fire brigade started to fight the
10 flames, but with the blowing of the siren
11 convicts swarmed out of the workshops and
12 started to beat up the guards and the
13 convicts who were fighting the ~~fire~~ flames.

14 From then on, the prison was
15 an inferno.

16 Seven buildings burned, includ-
17 ing the main mess hall. The flames shot
18 two hundred feet into the air; a thousand
19 convicts were in a mad riot. Machine guns
20 opened fire and, according to International
21 News Service, three convicts fell, one
22 dangerously wounded. ~~I suppose the~~
23 ~~machine guns didn't aim directly at the~~
24 ~~men, for the most part.~~

25 In one circular cell where

convicts were locked up, the men set their mattresses on fire and their yells added to the pandemonium.

For hours the wild carnival of flame and violence went on. Crowds gathered around the prison from all sides. Fifty thousand people milled around, trying to get near the prison. *They saw the flames and heard the sounds of volleys within the prison.* They were kept a quarter of a mile away and guards fought to hold them back.

This evening news is hard to get from the desperate precincts of the Joliet Prison. Newspaper men are not allowed inside the walls -- nobody is ^{even} allowed to come near the big jail.

1 The Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph
2 prints this story this afternoon:

3 Washington, Pennsylvania,
4 March 18 -- The entire student body of
5 Washington and Jefferson College went
6 on "strike" this morning, demanding the
7 removal of President Simon S. Baker.
8 The walkout occurred at chapel when Dr.
9 Baker arose to make his customary
10 announcements.

11 There was no indication of
12 the impending walkout when chapel
13 assembled. The students listened
14 attentively to a guest speaker from the
15 Western Theological Seminary at Pitts-
16 burgh, and at the close gave him the
17 customary "standing salute". After
18 the students resumed their seats, Dr.
19 Baker, for ten years head of the
20 institution, rose to speak. His opening
21 sentence was the signal for the walkout,
22 the students moving to the doors in
23 orderly manner.

24 The poor showing of Washington
25 and Jefferson in various branches of

1 athletics -- principally football -- seems
2 to be the principal reason for the demanded
3 removal of the President.

4 Students claim that not only
5 has Dr. Baker given football players no
6 special consideration, but has discriminated
7 against them and frequently has insisted
8 that they maintain higher scholastic
9 standards than students not engaged in
10 sports.

11 One whole wing of the vast
12 Hear House is devoted to a national
13 jewelry convention. Naturally, I've
14 overheard some interesting information
15 about the latest fashion in jewels -- I
16 just couldn't help but hear it. I'll
17 tell about a few of the things I've
18 learned -- something to cheer the husbands
19 a bit. Here goes! ---

19 The trend is toward ensembles.
20 That is, if you are a husband, or a
21 prospective husband, you are not supposed
22 to buy her a ring, or a bracelet; you
23 should buy her a whole set at one time:
24 a ring, ear rings, bracelet and necklace.
25 In other words, a jewelry ensemble.

1 Out here in Chicago, for
2 breakfast, lunch and dinner, I have been
3 ~~hearing people talking~~ ^{served} diamonds, sapphires,
4 rubies, aqua marines and emeralds. ^{I mean in the form of conversation} ~~★~~
5 thousand people, all talking about jewels!

6 Ever since my arrival in Chicago
7 I have had jewelers to the right of me and
8 jewelers to the left of me -- milling and
9 dazzling me with their sparklers.

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1 Did you hear that rumbling
2 sound just then? Well, that was a groan
3 going up from several million husbands,
4 including me!

5 Yes, and the girls are going
6 in for a variety of ensembles for special
7 occasions. You husbands will be glad to
8 know that your wives this year will need
9 a special Sunday night ensemble of
10 jewelry--and then a different one for each
11 night in the week. But we husbands can
12 slap ourselves on the back and laugh
13 heartily as we realize that there are
14 only seven days in the week! Yep, we win
15 -- we fooled them!

16 In the way of silver, the trend,
17 they tell me, is toward VIAND knives and
18 forks. And they are somewhat different
19 from the old bone handled implements we
20 used to have on the farm, the kind the
21 hired girl sharpened on a brick.

22 These VIAND weapons are mostly
23 ^{all} ~~the~~ handle. The knife and fork part is
24 very much abbreviated. In other words,
25 the pea-balancing area on the old knife

is reduced to the irreducible minimum -- which will be sad news

for a lot of the boys.

But what I started out to say was that since long before the days of the pharaohs, people have enjoyed telling about curious dreams they've had and wondering what they mean.

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One type is called the WISH FULFILLMENT DREAM. It is quite simple: You want something badly, and you dream you have it. A child dreams it has a toy; a grown-up dreams that he has that money red roadster.

1 Last night I had a funny dream. ~~Last~~
2 ~~night~~ One of the sort where you start
3 to fall, and you fall, and fall, and
4 fall---and then suddenly wake up to find
5 yourself sitting on the floor.

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snappy red roadster.

1 Then there is the ANXIETY
2 DREAM. You are anxious about something
3 you are doing. You are afraid you will
4 fail. So you dream a dream of failure.
5 Maybe you dream that you see yourself
6 missing a train. Or maybe you dream you
7 are climbing a mountain and can never
8 get to the top. All quite fantastic,
9 but the distressing experience of the
10 dream is nevertheless a symbol of the
11 possible failure which you are afraid
12 you may encounter.

13 Then there are three other
14 types of dreams. And all of them are
15 described in an article in the new
16 Literary Digest that comes out tomorrow.

17 So if you have a curious dream
18 tonight, why you just wait until you get
19 your copy of the Digest tomorrow and
20 then perhaps you will be able to classify
21 that strange, puzzling vision that has
22 disturbed your sleep.

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1 * A startling bit of political
2 news comes from England. Stories are
3 widespread in London that David Lloyd
4 George, head of the Liberal Party, will
5 join the Labor Party and become a
6 Cabinet Minister in the Labor Government.

7 According to the Associated
8 Press, the Liberal Party is badly split.
9 Under the leadership of Lloyd George it
10 has been supporting the Labor Government
11 but the other day on a very unimportant
12 point, the bulk of the Liberal members
13 of Parliament voted with the Conservatives
14 and won a minor fight against the Liberals

15 Lloyd George is said to be
16 angry about this repudiation of his
17 leadership and he may switch from the old
18 Liberal Party and join the ranks of the
19 Labor Party.

20 Sir John Simon, head of the
21 faction in the Liberal Party that is
22 opposed to Lloyd George, may make a jump,
23 too, but he will jump into the Conserva-
24 tive Party.

25 If things turn out the way the

1 rumors say they will, why then it looks
2 as if the old historic Liberal Party
3 will simply dissolve and be amalgamated
4 with the two larger parties -- the
5 Conservatives and the Laborites.

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who were involved in the unsuccessful
revolt of some weeks ago. Dozens of officers and
soldiers were court-martialed for treason.
Some were sentenced to prison, some were
degraded in rank, and others were
pardoned. Just one man was condemned to
be shot, and he is the one whose life
King Alfonso has spared.

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1 Over in Spain an army officer
2 was condemned to be shot, but King
3 Alphonso today reprieved him. According
4 to the Associated Press, ^{the King} ~~and~~ changed his els
5 sentence to a prison term.

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16 ~~King Alphonso now~~ ^{now been} has ¹ spared by King Alfonso.

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Well, this evening there is one more Sōviet republic in the world. No, that doesn't mean that a revolution has broken out in some country or other, and that the said "some-country-or-other" has been added to the force^s of communism. It merely means that a new Sōviet republic has been carved out of the present territories of Bolshevik Russia.

Russia, as you know, is organized as a federation of Soviet republics. There were six of them; now there are 7. The Chicago Daily News informs us that the new one is TADJIKISTAN. It lies in the deepest wilds of central Asia. It is a corner formed between the frontiers of Afganistan, India and Chinese Turkestan

Well, the X Soviet republics that constitute Soviet Russia have each a separate official language. Consequently, there were six official languages in the land of the Soviets--now there are 7. And the Bolshevik motto--WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE--will have to be printed not only in Russian, Ukranian, Georgian and Turcōtatar, but also in Farsid, which is

1 the language of the new Soviet republic
2 of Tadj^{is}istan.

3 I don't know what the profound
4 political significance of this new move
5 may be, but I do know that things like
6 that just make it harder for us fellows
7 who have to ~~enunciate~~^{shoot} all those wild
8 and wooly names into the "mike".

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10 SO LONG may be slang

11 But when used with a bang

12 Its a cheery old way

13 Of a sayin' good day

14 Maybe, a bit rakish to hear

15 But its full of good cheer

16 And it warms the heart

17 When good friends we must part

18 Solemn grandeur is wrong

19 And a snappy SO LONG

20 Is a much better stunt

21 For your Basso Profundo.

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23 Well, after these cheery lines

24 from John Kelley, I suppose I should reach

25 down as near to a BASSO PROFUNDO as I can.

Try my best--- here goes.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW

1 Well, its time to close now--
2 and I guess I'll do it in the same old
3 way -- which John J. Kelley of West
4 Pittston, Pennsylvania, assures me is
5 the right way. Good for you, John!
6 John writes a cheery letter concerning
7 my usual SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW. In
8 fact, he breaks into verse. Says John:

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I'll try my best----- here goes:
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW!