

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 Down in Cuba political affairs
2 are in a state of greater tension than
3 ever this evening. President Machado
4 has suspended constitutional guarantees
5 in all the provinces of the Island.
6 That means that the military authorities
7 are in full control, ^{just} as in the time of
8 war.

9 The Associated Press reports a
10 fight between the Government forces
11 and the Revolutionaries at the town of
12 Guanabacoa, in which nine of the rebels
13 and one rural guard officer were killed.
14 Another battle is expected in that same
15 section.

16 The soldiers are said to have
17 surrounded a band of insurgents and
18 are getting ready to attack them. ~~Many~~
19 ~~Reports~~ ^{tought} are ~~being circulated about~~ that
20 the Cuban Navy is inclined to turn
21 against President Machado. Several ships
22 are described as having declared for
23 revolution, but the Government denies
24 this and ^{insists} ~~declares~~ that the ships are
25 going about their usual duties.

1 The State Department at Washington
2 today gave out an official verification
3 of the plan ~~arrived at~~ ^{reached} by the committee
4 of experts who have been meeting in
5 London; ~~and~~ ^{I mean the gentlemen who have been} working out the details of the
6 Hoover plan. The United Press cables
7 that ~~the~~ papers were signed in London
8 today which embody the whole ^{Hoover} scheme, ~~and~~
9 ~~put it into effect.~~ ^{details and all.}

10 Of course we all know about the
11 moratorium of international debts
12 according to which the nations don't
13 have to pay each other anything for a
14 year, ^{now,} But what's going to happen when
15 that year's over? A lot of us have been
16 asking the question. And those experts
17 in London have been dopping out the answer.
18 The payments which are being held up for
19 a year will be put off until July 1st, ~~of~~
20 1933. Then they will have to be paid
21 off a little at a time for ten years.
22 The interest rate is named by the
23 International News Service as 3 per cent.

24 In other words, the nations that
25 are relieved of paying money this year

1 will have to ^{pay up} ~~kick in with that amount~~
2 during the course of the next ten
3 years. Some people are inclined to
4 think that this announcement was the
5 cause of a rise in the New York stock
6 market this afternoon. Anyway, prices
7 went up for no apparent reason at all --
8 unless the reason was that agreement
9 arrived at by the experts in London.
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BIBLE CONTEST

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1 In Kansas City a man has ^{just} won ~~in~~
2 a Bible-Reading match. Yes, it was a
3 case of reading the Bible, although the
4 man is blind. Of course the obvious
5 answer is that he must do his Bible-reading
6 with the aid of his fingers. No, that
7 isn't so, because the man in question
8 has no hands.

9 William MacPherson was mixed up
10 in a dynamite explosion way back in
11 1906. He lost his eyes and his hands.

12 Well, how did he win that
13 Bible-reading event? Why, he reads the
14 Bible with his tongue--passes his tongue
15 along raised letters.

16 The news comes to light in an
17 Associated Press dispatch, which relates
18 that MacPherson has just won a \$2,000
19 prize in a Bible-reading contest at
20 Kansas City.

1 This next bit of information won't
2 be of much use to us in these parts.
3 It's a murky, cloudy evening. But
4 tomorrow night will do just as well. And
5 maybe the sky will be bright by then, with
6 the stars shining and the Milky Way flung
7 gorgeously overhead. Anyway, there are
8 plenty of parts of the country where the
9 sky is not cloudy tonight and where the
10 folks can go out and have a good look at
11 the shooting stars.

12 This week's Literary Digest gives
13 us a couple of dates, August 11th and
14 12th -- that is, tonight and tomorrow
15 night. ~~These are the times when the~~
16 ~~annual August swarm of shooting stars~~
17 ~~put on their big show. You may see~~
18 ~~shooting stars at various times during~~
19 ~~the year, but August 11th and 12th are~~
20 ~~the big nights for those streaking points~~
21 ~~of light that make the heavens a~~
22 ~~scintillating display of fireworks.~~

23 The Literary Digest tells us that
24 this year is an especially good one to
25 observe the glory of the August meteor

1 swarm. A brightly shining moon is liable
2 to put the kibosh on ~~the~~ shooting stars,
3 but new moon takes place on the 13th,
4 that is day after tomorrow. And so
5 there will be almost the least possible
6 interference by the glow of moonlight.

7 Doctor James Stokley of the
8 Franklin Institute,^w_^ Philadelphia, writes
9 in Science Service concerning the
10 shooting stars, and the Literary Digest
11 quotes from the article ~~has~~ reminding us
12 that the meteors are nothing more or
13 less than millions and billions of small
14 bodies traveling around the sun. They
15 are just a kind of astral debris. And
16 every year that stream of small bodies
17 cuts through the earth's atmosphere.
18 The friction sets them afire and they
19 appear as shooting stars and sometimes
20 drop to the earth as meteorites.

21 ~~Many of them are no larger than a~~
22 ~~grain of sand. They just make a flash~~
23 ~~of light. They are completely burned~~
24 ~~and never reach the ground.~~

25 ~~They will seem to appear in one~~

Anyway, the scientists are still studying the matter, and in fact they're asking the rest of us to help them. The Associated Press passes along a call issued by Alfred H. Joy, astronomer of the Mount Wilson Observatory. We are requested to look for shooting stars tonight and tomorrow night and count as many as we can. The astronomers are particularly keen to get data on especially bright meteors.

Well, the August meteor swarm is a glorious sight to see. I hope there are a lot of you folks who are having bright skies so you can take a look at the shooting stars tonight and have a grandstand seat at the big celestial show of the year.

AVIATION

The rescue of a group of aviators at sea was announced this afternoon. The Honduran flyers who started out secretly from New York on a flight to their native country were picked up by the American steamer Biboco in southern waters. The wireless message from the ship doesn't give any more details.

Those sky adventurers were missing for quite a while. They took off without word or permission, and it was believed that they had met the fate of so many venturesome flyers who have gone winging their way over wide expanses of water. Apparently the Hondurans were forced down at sea, but they were lucky. At any rate, the International News Service gives out the word that they were picked up by an American steamer. And Bert Acosta is not a member of the party as was reported yesterday.

But no word of rescue comes in the case of Parker Cramer, and his companion Oliver Pacquette of Detroit, ~~we~~ who were flying the North Atlantic, bound for Denmark. Their flight to chart an air-mail route across the North Atlantic seems to have come to a sad end. Shorty Cramer and Pacquette have vanished.

The Associated Press reminds us that Scandinavian

airplanes and ships have been scouting for them, but no trace has been found.

Herndon and Pangobrn, seem to be in real difficulty in Japan. They are charged with having photographed Japanese fortifications from the air and the International News Service reports that they have been ordered to jail.

AIRPLANES

When Lindbergh has a forced landing -- yes that's news. Today, the Colonel and the Mrs. had to make their first non-scheduled stop in the course of that journey of theirs from the United States to Japan. They had a forced landing on the remote coast of Seward Peninsula.

They started out from Point Barrow for a non-stop flight across Alaska to Nome. When they failed to arrive at Nome on schedule there was a bit of worry. Then a wireless message came from the Lindbergh plane, from Mrs. Lindy no doubt, stating that the weather was so bad, the fog so thick, that they had been forced to land. The Colonel brought his plane down near the rocky coast of Seward Peninsula on the waters of Kotzebue Sound, an arm of Bering Sea.

Seward Peninsula, is a barren, desolate land, treeless, covered ~~ix~~ with tundra. So they landed right in the heart of the reindeer and Eskimo country.

Carl Lomen and his brothers have their herds on Seward Peninsula. So Slim and Anne may have dined on reindeer steak today. And there is nothing more delicious.

Sometime ago I told a story of a remarkable reindeer drive right across the top of North America. The Lomen brothers, the reindeer kings of the Far North, are marching a herd of several thousand reindeer from ~~Seward~~ Seward Peninsula, where the Lindberghs are, across the Arctic edge of the continent, to Canada, so the Canadian Government can use the deer for starting a new industry among their Eskimo tribes. The herd has not reached Canada yet and may not for another year.

Reindeer meat from Seward Peninsula is being shipped regularly in cold storage to all parts of this country right from Kotzebue Sound where the Colonel and his lady are held up by fog. Late this afternoon they flew on to Nome where they are spending the night.

Next comes word from tropical waters of a minor airplane mishap, minor for the people, but major for the plane. A big Pan American airways machine has sunk in the Harbor of Ponce and aboard it was Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, the wife of young Teddy, the Governor of Porto Rico. The big bus went up and took a company of passengers, including Mrs. Roosevelt for a spin through the sky.

The International News Service accounts for the accident by saying that the pilot made a perfect landing ~~ix~~ in the harbor and was taxi-ing for shore when the pontoons hit a sunken rock. The passengers were taken off quickly and safely, but the plane sank to the bottom of the harbor.

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PARACHUTE

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1 Now let's see, here we have the
2 chicken and the egg. Now, not which
3 came first--^{but} which came down first.

4 Well, as a matter of fact, they
5 came down together, the chicken and the
6 eggs. They came down in a parachute
7 and the chicken clucked vigorously and
8 and not an egg was broken.

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10 parachute over in Russia. The Associated
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19 from ~~aeroplanes~~^{air} planes.

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21 much more slowly than the ~~ordinary~~ ^{one now in use}
22 ~~parachute~~. They made an experiment and
23 dropped a chicken and a basket full of
24 eggs in one of these new contraptions.
25 There was a long and gentle glide to the

1 earth and the landing was so easy that
2 even the chicken's feelings were not hurt.
3 Not an egg had the slightest suggestion
4 of a crack.

5 This new parachute is as yet very
6 small. A large type such as would be
7 useful for human beings has not been
8 developed. But the Soviet engineers
9 say they are going right ahead and turn
10 out a full-fledged parachute which will
11 enable a 200-pound man to jump out of
12 an airplane at 100,000 feet and ~~get~~ not have
13 even an ounce of breath knocked out of him
14 when he ~~lands~~ hits terra firma.

1 I have been learning a thing or
2 two about people who are alone, just
3 lonesome, in this populous country of
4 ours. I have been getting a number of
5 letters from lonely people.

6 A couple of weeks ago I told how
7 I had ~~got a stack of a hundred crossword~~
8 ~~puzzle books~~, ^{something interesting} to send to people who find
9 time hanging heavy on their hands. And *many*
10 folks have been writing in, ~~for their~~
11 ~~share of those 100 crossword puzzle books.~~

12 There's one woman who tells me of
13 the loneliness of the farm. She's a
14 semi-invalid and can't get out very much
15 and all day her husband is ~~out~~ in the
16 fields. He has mighty little time to
17 spare from the labor that the growing
18 crops require. I guess we all know or
19 have heard what farming means in the way
20 of work.

21 And then there's a woman who
22 writes in the language of the Quakers.
23 "A short time back", she begins, "I heard
24 thee say". Yes, it's the old Quaker
25 "thee" and "thou", which is still spoken

1 in Pennsylvania. ^{And, by the way,} ~~I heard that~~ General
 2 Smedley D. Butler, ^{the fiery Marine,} who is of Quaker
 3 stock, always talks with the Quaker
 4 "thee" and "thou", when he is at home.

5 Well, anyway, this Quaker lady tells
 6 me that she gives some of her time to ^{the}
 7 charitable kindness of paying visits
 8 to invalids and she knows ~~xxxx~~ they
 9 ease the dragging hours by working
 10 crossword puzzles. She points out the
 11 great loneliness that so often besets
 12 folks who are sick and shut-in.

13 And then there are mothers whose
 14 children have grown up and drifted away.
 15 I spoke about them before. Their letters
 16 keep coming in and they certainly do
 17 give a touching picture of the woman who
 18 for years has been absorbed in the
 19 companionship of her children and then
 20 one by one they marry and form families
 21 of their own and she is left alone.

22 One particularly eloquent and
 23 pathetic ~~letter~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ comes from a woman
 24 quite young, too, who says that her
 25 children have left her. Yes, they went

away to a distant place but she expects to re-join them soon. She says she is ill, and that it won't be long before she meets her children in the "land beyond the clouds".

Well, I have known, myself, what it is to be lonesome -- no, not in some distant wilderness. If you are in a remote desolate region you'll nearly always find some Arab or Malay or some other kind of tribesman who is an interesting and amusing companion. One can often be the most lonesome in the middle of a laughing, chattering crowd.

1 And now ^{here} ~~along~~ comes another
 2 secret of a long life, ^{a Bulgarian secret.} It's just another
 3 way of how to live to be a hundred -- or
 4 rather 152. Slavea Natova, who lives
 5 near the city of Varna in Bulgaria, is
 6 152. And now she tells us the secret of
 7 how she has managed to keep alive and
 8 healthy for that length of time. The
 9 International News Service reveals to
 10 the world the remarkable way in which you
 11 can live to be 152, ^{at least in Bulgaria.}

12 Here's how you do it:- You go to
 13 bed with a potato. Yes, every night you
 14 should sleep with a common, raw, garden
 15 variety spud. ^{Or maybe its a Bulgarian potato}
 16 ^{you should adopt as a sleeping companion.}

17 Slavea Natova explains the
 18 scientific reasons. She says that a raw
 19 potato ^{extracts} ~~draws~~ the rheumatism out of the
 20 joints. She declares that if you sleep
 21 every night with a ^{Bulgarian} potato, why it draws
 22 all the rheumatism right out of you and
 23 also other maladies, and in consequence
 24 you go on living indefinitely, ^{at any rate in}

25 The old lady seems to be in ^{Bulgarian} excellent health. She milks the ^{Bulgarian} cows

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1 and takes care of her ^{Bulgarian} great-great-great-
2 grandchild■■■. She also plays the ^{Bulgarian}
3 accordian. In fact, she has taught
4 each one of her dozens of descendants
5 to play Bulgarian melodies on the
6 Bulgarian accordian.

7 Well, it's time for me to be going
8 now. I'll steer my way homeward, but
9 I'm not going to play on any accordian,
10 Bulgarian or otherwise. And I'm not
11 going to sleep with a ~~potato~~ potato. That's
12 that, and

13 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.
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