

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 There seems to be something of a
2 social sensation over in dear old London.
3 They say the Prince of Wales snubbed
4 Charlie Chaplin -- or in other words,
5 the Prince of Wales gave the Prince of
6 Comedians an exceedingly cold shoulder.

7 The New York Evening Post relates
8 that at an ice-carnival held by the
9 Northern Hospital Charlie was given a
10 seat next to the Prince. People who were
11 there claim that his Royal Highness
12 swung around in his chair, turned his
13 back on Charlie, and sat that way the
14 rest of the evening. And the usually
15 genial face of the heir-apparent to the
16 British throne is described as having
17 been dark with a scowl of displeasure.

18 The obviously embarrassing situation
19 caused considerable perturbation among
20 the dignitaries present, and London
21 society is gossiping fast and furiously.

22 I suppose that if the Prince did snub
23 Charlie, why it must have been on account
24 of a few sarcastic things Charlie had to
25 say several months ago when he refused to
play in a command performance for charity,
which was attended by his Majesty, the
King.

1 Now comes some severe and serious
2 words from none other than Mahatma Gandhi.
3 The little holy man from India went to a
4 reception last night at the home of Lady
5 Astor in London. Today he came out with
6 this statement:

7 The way the ladies were dressed
8 caused him to lower his eyes with shame.

9 Gandhi himself, with his famous
10 loin cloth, could not be called over-
11 dressed, but then he might reply to that
12 by pointing out that he is not a lady.

13 He declares that in India, where
14 the temperature often reaches 120° in the
15 shade, the women would never think of
16 appearing in public as they do in London.

17 The Associated Press quotes Gandhi
18 as follows: "Western women are mad with
19 their own vanity. They worship the god of
20 fashion. It is sacrilege for them to
21 allow beauty doctors to mar the faces God
22 has given them, to pluck their eyebrows
23 and distort their features

24 *That was what the Mahatma thought*
25 *about Lady Astor's party.*

1 There ^{has} ~~is~~ been a disastrous mine
2 explosion over in England, and it took
3 place in one of the most famous coal
4 mines in the world. ~~The~~ The Bentley
5 Colliery ^{is} one of the most modern and
6 best equipped in England.

7 There was a ^{leav} ~~dread~~ful explosion today.
8 Fire ^{swept through} ~~glutted~~ the mine. From the United
9 Press cable, ^{it appears that} 29 miners ~~seem to have~~ lost
10 their lives. A thousand others were
11 lucky enough to escape after the blast
12 of flame had turned the deep under-
13 ground pits into a living inferno.

1 Last night we had the news that
2 China and Japan had accepted a proposal
3 to declare an Armistice, stop fighting
4 and let a neutral commission appointed
5 by the League of Nations try to settle
6 the dispute in Manchuria.

7 Well, tonight we again have that same
8 bit of news.

9 Last night the League of Nations
10 gave out a statement but at the last
11 minute China backed out because Japan
12 would not agree to withdraw her troops
13 from the disputed province.

14 Today there was a dramatic session
15 of the League Council in Paris. The
16 members united in urging China to accept
17 the proposal and the International News
18 Service cables that Foreign Minister
19 Briand of France arose and addressed the
20 Chinese delegate, Dr. Alfred Sze. ~~and~~
21 Briand went into one of those oratorical
22 flights for which he is famous. He
23 ~~pleaded~~ ^{pleaded} with the Chinese delegate with
24 tears in his eyes.

25 The result of the Briand oratory

1 was such that Dr. Sze said "Yes". He
2 accepted the proposal subject to
3 approval by his Government.

4 And so as the matter stands everything
5 looks favorable for that plan of an
6 Armistice between China and Japan and
7 the appointment of a neutral commission
8 to settle the trouble.

9 Some observers are wondering about
10 the attitude of the Japanese military
11 ~~commission~~^{commanders} in Manchuria. The ~~civil~~
12 ~~government at Tokio seems to be in favor~~
13 ~~of the neutral commission but the~~
14 ~~Mikado's~~^{generals} ~~commission~~ on the fighting front
15 ~~was~~^{are} known to have no particular desire
16 to have a committee of foreigners come
17 snooping around, ~~and~~ watching their
18 ~~activities.~~

19 In Washington the United Press quotes
20 the Japanese Ambassador as informing
21 Secretary of State Stimson that Japan
22 is willing to have an international
23 commission investigate. He declared that
24 the Japanese intended ~~ed~~ to withdraw soon ~~xx~~
25 from the city of Tsi-Tsihar, which they

1 captured recently. ~~and~~^{He} added that ~~there~~^{there}
2 really couldn't be any Armistice because
3 there was no regular war. He explained
4 that the Japanese Military forces would
5 stay where they are and if the Chinese
6 did the same there wouldn't be any
7 more trouble.

8 Meanwhile in Manchuria there seems to
9 be a definite threat of more fighting.

10 One report has it that the Japanese
11 are getting ready for another advance.
12 ~~against the Chinese.~~

13 The Associated Press cables that
14 50,000 Chinese troops are concentrating
15 near the City of Chin-chow, which looks
16 as if the Chinese might intend to do
17 a little advancing themselves.

1 Now, what color is blood? Of course
2 we all know it's red. But it appears
3 that we might have had green blood --
4 and instead of poets singing of cheeks
5 red as a rose, they might write verses
6 about cheeks as green as spinach.

7 These singular ideas are to be
8 discovered in this week's Literary Digest,
9 which quotes an article by Doctor E.E.
10 Free in a publication called "The
11 Week's Science." It tells us that among
12 primitive organisms green blood has been
13 found, as well as red.

14 There's a queer kind of sea-worm that
15 has green blood.

16 If the paths of nature had been just
17 a little bit different, we might ~~have~~
18 talk of green-blooded men, and girls with
19 lovely cheeks of spinach.
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1 In the Northwest and middle west
2 old man Winter has made his appearance with
3 frost on his whiskers. Blizzards have
4 been raging in Montana, Idaho, Washington
5 and Oregon. Heavy snow-fall is reported
6 in many parts.

7 The weather bureau at Kansas City
8 reports winter as making a strong advance,
9 driving ~~the~~ Indian Summer away.

10 Along the Eastern coast there have
11 been heavy fogs. A British steamer went
12 aground in the fog near Providence, R.I.
13 and coast guard vessels gathered to pull
14 her off.

15 A particularly sad story ^{of the sea} comes ~~of~~
16 the case of the liner Pan-America, bound
17 from New York to Boston. She's been held
18 up in the fog and delayed for hours.
19 Aboard are 200 old grads of Harvard who
20 started out for a voyage to Boston to
21 attend the Yale-Harvard game today. Well,
22 they are listening to ~~the~~ game on the radio.
23 The Associated Press declares that the ship
24 has been delayed so long that there isn't
25 a possible chance that they will get to

1 the Harvard stadium in time to see a
2 single lineback, ^{off} ~~all~~-tackle play, or
3 forward pass.

4 Just paint a picture of those 200
5 old grads gathered around the loud speaker
6 this afternoon, and you have another
7 tragedy of the sea. Especially when
8 they got that final score of Yale 3 -
9 Harvard 0.

10 And did you hear about
11 Notre Dame losing today? 16 to 14 in favor
12 of the Trojans from Southern California.

13 Michigan came out on the long end
14 against Minnesota, 6 to 0.
15 Geo. Tech waltzed thru Florida,
16 23 to 0., and Tulane swamped Sewanee 40-0.

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18 But I guess I'd better not
19 go any farther with this list of football
20 scores or it will take me a half an
21 hour.

1 Now comes a story with an end that
2 doesn't seem to fit right. The tale seems
3 to have the wrong kind of conclusion.

4 At Detroit a man who had served a
5 term in prison has been sent back to jail.
6 Why? Well, because he went to see a girl.
7 It was a girl he had never seen before.
8 He had never laid eyes on her.

9 The United Press relates the story
10 of a curious romance. Walter White served
11 a term in jail. During the long hours in
12 his cell, he struck up an acquaintance
13 with a girl of 19, who was in prison on
14 a charge of robbery. No, they never saw
15 each other. There were on different floors
16 and talked to each other by way of a air-
17 shaft. Every day they had a chat, each one
18 speaking into the airshaft.

19 They were attracted to each other
20 by nothing more than the sound of their
21 voices. They promised to meet when they
22 were released.

23 Well, in the course of time they
24 were released on probation. One of the
25 terms of Walter White's ^{release} ~~probation~~ was that

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1 he must not associate with any former
2 prisoner who was out on probation.

3 But ~~white~~^{he} went to call on the girl.
4 He couldn't forget those talks by way of
5 the airshaft during the long days in
6 prison. He went to the girl's house, and
7 was arrested. They decided he had broken
8 the terms of his probation and now he has
9 been sent back to jail to serve from two
10 to six years.

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That's a strange tale, but heard
one still stranger.

~~I don't think I have ever come
across a stranger story than this next
one.~~ It's an Associated Press dispatch
which relates that at Anderson, Indiana,
two men, brothers, have filed a petition
asking for a Court Decision declaring
that they are ~~not women but~~ men.

In their petition they testify
that their mother had reared them from
infancy as girls and not boys.

It appears that Mrs. Armstrong
had six sons. She longed for a daughter.
So she put girls' dresses on two of the
boys. She gave them girls' names. One
she called Nola and the other Geneva.
She kept up the fiction that they were
girls until they were grown men.

And now Nola and Geneva Armstrong
want to be publicly declared men by a
legal decision, and they ask the Court
to allow them to change their names to
the masculine form of Noel and Gene.

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TALL STORY

And now for still another strange tale. I have been deluged with letters asking -- "What the dickens was wrong? Why was the champion tall story cut off?" And -- "Tell us the rest of the whopper about the rubber snake."

Well, here are the inside facts about the big Tall Story Jamboree last Tuesday night. A couple of the boys got hold of some pages of notes that I was supposed to read, and ~~they~~ they read those pages intended for me.

Everything went along swimmingly, each man telling his tall one, until it was the turn of Wilfred Funk, the poet. He reeled off his whopper in fine style, and then I blinked my eyes in wonder when I heard him go ahead and continue with some of the remarks I had written down for myself.

1 A chap behind him realized this and
2 gave him a nudge, meaning STOP. But
3 ~~Wilfred Funk~~, the poet, thought it
4 meant GO FASTER, and so he started going
5 faster. Another nudge, and he went
6 still faster. After a few more digs in
7 the ribs, he ^{didn't know quite what to do,} ~~became so bewildered that~~
8 ~~he stopped. That was the awkward pause~~
9 ~~in the middle of the tall proceedings.~~

10 The next speaker got through all
11 right, and then Kermit Roosevelt told
12 his tall one. He told it with gusto.
13 And then once more I was ^{startled} ~~appalled~~ when
14 Kermit Roosevelt went right ahead and
15 with equal gusto started reading a tall
16 one I had reserved for myself. It was
17 then that I realized how badly the
18 duplicate copy of the notes had been
19 shuffled around.

20 The Climax was reached when it
21 became apparent that Mr. Roosevelt also
22 had the notes I had prepared for
23 introducing the tall-story champion.

24 He went right along in fine style,
25 but the difficulty was that this was the

1 part of the broadcast that I had
2 reserved for the purpose of elasticity.
3 By going fast or slow, or by dropping
4 out some of the material, I could keep
5 the proceedings within the time limit
6 of half an hour. You know how rigid
7 radio time limits are.

8 Things had been slowed up by the
9 outbursts of laughter. The tall
10 meeting was thrown into^a hilarious mood
11 by the whoppers, and the boys roared
12 their heads off. ~~Some of the speakers~~
13 ~~had to repeat a line or two because of~~
14 ~~the gales of laughter.~~

15 ~~Hermit~~ Roosevelt spoke that fairly
16 long section^{intended for me} in a deliberate, tranquil
17 way. ~~Of course, he didn't know that it~~
18 ~~was intended to go fast or slow, or to~~
19 ~~be long or short, according to the way~~
20 ~~the time was passing.~~ If I had read it
21 I would have made it fast and short. I
22 had my watch before me and was keeping
23 an eye on the time.

24 As it was, the champion tall-story
25 teller followed ~~Mr.~~^{Hermit} Roosevelt and began

the tale of the rubber snake. He was just about half through with it when the zero hour came -- the deadly tick of the clock that meant: time's up -- and off the air we went. But we didn't know it and the proceedings continued into a disconnected microphone.

But now about that tall one concerning the rubber snake, the one that was cut off the air the one about which people have been writing and phoning and telegraphing me.

Champion Tall Story Teller Arthur P. Brady, of

1 Bristol, Pennsylvania, was telling how
2 Mr. and Mrs. Tatwall have a pet rubber
3 snake which stretches itself between
4 two posts and allows itself to be used
5 as a washline. Mr. Brady had got just
6 about that far when ^{out the air we went.} ~~silence was imposed~~
7 ~~upon him.~~ The remainder of the story
8 tells how one damp day the family wash
9 was slow in drying. However, Mrs.
10 Tatwall happened to turn on the radio,
11 and a lot of jazz music came through.
12 The rubber snake, acting as a washline,
13 started to dance to the rollicking
14 strains. That is, the faithful reptile
15 kept on the job as a washline and
16 merely swung and swayed and wriggled with
17 an undulating motion. As a ^{of the shaking} result, Mrs.
18 Tatwall's clothes were dry several hours
19 earlier than her neighbors' weekly wash.
20 Then Champion Arthur P. Brady went
21 on to say that while this story of his
22 was nominated as the biggest whopper in
23 the tall-story book, HIS vote went to
24 another contained in the tall volume.
25 His favorite in the ^{whopper} book is the one about

1 the Southern razorback hog that ate several
 2 sticks of dynamite. The mule kicked the
 3 hog, and the dynamite exploded. The
 4 mule was killed, the barn was blown
 5 down, and the hog was sick for a week.

6 These were the parts of the tall
 7 ^{from the top of the tall Hotel Carlyle} entertainment that were shut off the air.

1 Here's a bit of news that should be
2 of interest ~~to both~~^{to} the ladies, and^{also to} the
3 farmers way down south in Dixieland. It
4 concerns styles, and it also concerns
5 cotton.

6 The United Press cables an account
7 of how the fashion-makers of Paris are
8 setting out to create a vogue for cotton
9 goods. In their latest styles they're
10 using cotton laces, cotton brocades,
11 cotton velvet, and cotton net.

12 They are said to be making remarkable
13 discoveries. Gingham and calicos need
14 not be woven in old-fashioned squares
15 and stripes. The Parisian fashion
16 factories are weaving threads of gold
17 and silver into these old-fashioned
18 fabrics. They are making exquisite
19 brocaded patterns and tapestry designs.

20 Well, a fashionable vogue of cotton
21 materials would certainly bring a lot of
22 hurrahs from the cotton fields of the
23 South, with a loud singing of Dixie.

24 And now, with a loud singing of "Home
25 Sweet Home," I'll say --
SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.