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Good Evening, Everybody:

The ghost of none other than William Jennings Bryan stalked the floor of the United States Senate today. The old cry ~~of~~ for Silver coinage on a sixteen to one ratio, a cry which everybody thought had been silenced forever in the election of 1896, resounded through the halls of congress and ~~HEXHEX~~ in no soft tones.

The leader of this belated attempt to revive Bryanism, says the correspondent of the New York Evening Post, was Senator Wheeler of Montana. Sixteen to one silver, declared Mr. Wheeler, would cure most of the world's troubles. He brought this old issue back to life as an amendment to the ~~the~~ Bank Reform Bill ^{proposed by} ~~of~~ Senator Carter Glass.

Naturally, Mr. Wheeler was supported by other Senators from the Rocky Mountain silver states. Also by ~~such~~ Senator Sheppard of Texas, Senator Brookhart of Iowa, and our

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new rambunctious friend, Kingfish Huey Long of Louisiana.

The debate was ~~long~~ lengthy and vehement. One of the things that Senator Wheeler claimed was that the remonetization of silver at sixteen to one would double the value of the world's primary money and ^(what is more would) more than double the price of wheat and cotton.

It is expected that the question will come to a vote in the Senate sometime tonight.

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ROOSEVELT

One of the ~~new~~^{news in} centers of America ~~today~~^{just now} is the little town of Warm Springs, Georgia, where President-elect Roosevelt is meeting various statesmen and other celebrities. Today, ~~says~~^{remarks George Van Slyke in} the New York Sun, his principal visitor was Bernard M. Baruch with whom Mr. Roosevelt held a long conference. It will be recalled that Mr. Baruch was chairman of the War Industry^{ies} Board under President Wilson. Rumors continue that he will have an important post in the Roosevelt Cabinet, ~~perhaps the treasury.~~ Clinton Gilbert today wired the Philadelphia Evening Ledger that Senator Hiram Johnson of California would probably be offered the ~~office~~^{cabinet job} of Secretary of the Interior, ~~even if he is a Republican.~~ Meanwhile Mr. Roosevelt says he is no nearer to ~~the~~^{making a} final choice of his advisors than he was six weeks ago.

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JAPAN

News from the Far East continues to be exceedingly warlike. The Chinese forces staged attacks in several parts of the province of Reyho, but according to a correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening ~~Ledger~~ ^{Bulletin} they were easily repulsed by the Japanese. Meanwhile, the Japs continued their aerial bombardment of several towns in the province.

A wireless dispatch to the New York Sun brings the report that the Japanese do not seem to be as sure of themselves as formerly. Observers in Tientsin find that the Japs are bewildered, wondering what they're next ^{Chinese} move will be. The Mikado's Generals, they say, had counted on an easy progress through the province of Reyho, and are astonished by the stiffness of the Chinese defense.

A dispatch from Moscow relates that a spokesman of the Soviet Government has accused Japan of threatening the peaceful relations with Russia.

The Nanking Government has sent another note to ~~Japan~~ ^{Tokyo} demanding that the Japanese withdraw from the City of Shanhaikwan.

CHACO

(We haven't heard much of ~~the~~ warfare in South America recently. Apparently because ~~the news hasn't~~ ^{dispatches haven't} been coming through. A ~~dispatch~~ ^{cable} to the Newark News from Buenos Aires reports that one of the bloodiest battles in modern South American history has been raging in the Gran Chaco territory. In fact, the battle now is in its fifth day. It is said that thousands have been killed or wounded.

This conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay is another one of these undeclared wars that are the fashion today among belligerent nations.)

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CANADA ITEM

Word comes from the Dominion Government in Ottawa that Canada now ranks among the leading countries of the world as a manufacturer of rubber goods. There are forty-eight plants representing a total capital investment of nearly seventy million dollars and furnishing employment to more than twelve thousand persons.

For instance, Canadian-made automobile tires are sold in Spain, Uruguay, the Dutch East Indies, Portuguese East Africa, China and many other lands.

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I hear that
Oh gee, ^{one} out of every three tires on the automobiles
of this ~~continent~~ ^{ready to go blooey!} is defective, ~~and~~ in dangerous condition, ¹ An
expert on this subject has just made a careful survey. He
estimates that twenty-nine million passenger car tires on
the road today should be replaced at once. I guess I better
look at mine.

IRELAND

They've been holding elections in the fair Isle of Erin all day ~~today~~ to the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ accompaniment of riots, fist fights, and even revolver shots. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger cables, however, that so far there have been no casualties. There was rioting at Cork and other places, and in Dublin a gang of hoodlums even attacked the formidable person of the Lord Mayor. ~~xxxx~~ The dispatch adds, however, that ^{His Worship as they mayors over there,} ~~the Lord Mayor~~ was amply able to defend himself with his own fists.

Today's election is considered a showdown between the followers of ex-president Cosgrave of Ireland and the present President de Valera. Returns will not be counted until tomorrow. Rumors are that the vote is exceedingly close.

DEBTS

A somewhat remarkable piece of news comes from Washington, D. C. ~~today~~. A correspondent of the Brooklyn Times Union wires that it is learned from authoritative sources that Secretary of State Stimson is acting in behalf of President-elect Roosevelt ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ arranging meetings with representatives of seven foreign powers to discuss the debt question. What this means is that the Secretary of State ^{of} ~~MINIST~~ a Republican Administration, is acting for a Democratic President-elect, *for* a man who is not yet president. This is a peculiar situation quite unparalleled in the history of the United States.

It should be added that according to the announcement, Mr. Roosevelt is willing to deal only with the powers that paid their December instalments on the money they owe Uncle Sam. That means Great Britain, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Esthonia and Finland. The announcement makes no mention of the countries that defaulted in December.

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TECHNOCRACY

There's a tremendous hub-bub today in the Technocracy camp. In fact, I ~~may~~ ^{almost} might say that the Technocracy camp practically isn't. This follows on the announcement of a group of engineers ~~headed~~ ^{led} by the head of the Department of Industrial Engineering at Columbia University, that they and ~~the~~ Technocrats have come to ~~the~~ a parting of the ways. Mr. Scott, you may recall, bore the self-appointed title of Director of Technocracy.

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The Columbia engineers announced their withdrawal in cold but polite terms. They said ~~that~~ they were not in sympathy with certain of the statements and attitudes of Mr. Scott and his followers. They intimate further that the tremendous publicity given to Technocracy had been premature and had led to misunderstandings and confusion concerning the aims and objects of the movement. *The dissatisfaction came to a head when it was reported that Mr. Scott was about to make a barnstorming airplane tour of the country whooping it up for Technocracy.*

The Columbia group henceforth disown the name Technocracy, saying that they will continue the work they have

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been doing -- research in the field of Technology and Economics -- under another name.

Meanwhile Chief Technocrat Howard Scott was reported to be ill of Influenza. ~~The Chief Technocrat promised a statement in reply to that of the Columbia engineers.~~

The ~~r~~ rift in the Technocratic lute has ^s caused considerable amusement, not to say jeering, all over the country. ~~But~~ [^] ~~Mr. Scott and his fellow Technocrats declare that the cause will not be abandoned.~~

The statement of ^{the} ~~^~~ Chief Technocrat ~~Scott~~ was to the effect that Technocracy would go on nevertheless. Mr. Scott said that having to quit the quarters they've been using in Columbia University will in no way impair the work.

If you read the statement from Columbia you will arrive at the conclusion that Mr. Scott and his followers were being gently eased out. Mr. Scott, on the other hand, seems

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RADIO

A new use for radio is being devised. This information was given out today at a meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The idea is to use the radio to maintain communication between the engine and caboose of long freight trains. It is maintained that this will make not only for speedier traffic, but also for

increased safety. *If you're in the caboose, way around the mountain, instead of sending a brakeman across a mile of icy freight car tops you'll speak into the mike.*

SPIDERS

Have you any spiderwebs in your house? If so,

unless you cherish them for some reason or other, you can

dispose of them ^{for profit. Just} Send them to Professor Collins of the

Department of Astronomy ~~at~~ the University of Nebraska. ^{Prof}

^{Collins is a collector of spider webs. Not that he's}

^{is cuckoo. But a} story in the Jersey Observer has it that Professor

Collins uses ^{spider} webs inside ~~telescopes~~ telescopes to measure

the distance ^s between stars. ^{Boy, page Bob Ripley!}

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HINDU

An interesting question of United States citizenship cropped up in the news today from Trenton, New Jersey. A story in the Trenton Times relates that ~~for sixteen years~~ Dr. Dinshah Pestanji Framji Ghadiali, formerly of Bombay, India, now of Gloucester County, New Jersey, has been recognized as an American citizen. ^{For the last 16 years,} Today Uncle Sam's government wants to take away the ~~citizenship~~ citizenship of Dr. ^{Pestanji Framji Ghadiali.} Dinshah ~~and so forth.~~

The contention of Uncle Sam's officials is that Dr. Ghadiali ^{et cetera - et cetera} is a Hindu and, therefore, not of the white race, and consequently never was entitled to citizenship in the U. S. A.

Dr. Ghadiali disputes this. He claims that he is a Parsee, a follower of Zoroaster, and a member of a ^{white} race that migrated to Hindustan from Persia. In fact, it was at one time the ruling race of Persia. He says that, therefore, he does belong to the same race as we do, ^{only older, more cultured.}

An Interesting feature of the case is that if the ^{Dinshah Pestanji Framji} courts decide against Dr. Ghadiali he will be a man without a country, because ~~when~~ he took out his naturalization papers he foreswore his allegiance to the British government.

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BASEBALL

What's wrong with baseball? That's a question the New York Evening Post is asking in large letters. Fred Lieb, its baseball expert, is writing a series of articles trying to provide an answer.

Naturally nobody suggests ~~you~~ or thinks there's anything wrong with baseball as a game. What the Evening Post maintains is that there is something wrong with its organization. The first article in the series points out that in the first place gates at both major and minor league ball games have been falling off in spectacular fashion, to the tune, they say, of one and a half million in the National League alone. On the other hand, it's pointed out that the football fans by no means showed a corresponding reluctance to pay out their money for tickets.

Then too, the big sporting goods houses all report a significant decline in the sale of baseball equipment. On the other hand, there seem to be more and more golfers who have plenty

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of money to ^{shall} ~~pay~~ out for their sport. In other words, it looks as though football and golf are on the upswing and ~~x~~ baseball is on the down ~~x~~ curve.

Fred Lieb declares that the people in control ~~of~~ of organized baseball have been too smug all these years. They're satisfied with themselves and consider that they and their organization are all right. The writer intimates that they are not as all right as they think they are. Another symptom of the times, he says, is that several high schools in various parts of the country have dropped baseball as a school sport.

Well, let's hope things are not as gloomy in the domain of this most American of games, as Fred Lieb seems to

think. ^{I fear we are an incurable baseball fall,} ~~they are~~ ~~But~~ at any rate, his series in the "ew York

Evening Post promises to make fascinating reading.

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TALL

Frank Leonard of Bellefontaine, Ohio, sends me one that I had missed. It is from a newspaper in Burlington, Wisconsin. It seems that they recently held a contest to select the biggest liar in America, and the honors went to Orin Butts of Bay City, Michigan. Here's the story told by Orin Butts:

"About thirty years ago," says Orin Butts, "I worked for a man who had a bad tempered bull. One day that bull charged my boss, tossed him over a fence and scattered the old man all over the farm yard. We picked *him up with* a shovel, all ~~him up~~ in pieces. When we put him together some parts were missing, so we took a sheep and used him to patch up the boss. Yes sir," says Orin Butts, "and he's ^a hale and hearty farmer today. The only trouble is that he is now only able to eat grass, corn stalks and pea pods, and we sheared ~~ed~~ thirty pounds of wool from him each year and instead of whistling as he works around the farm he always goes baa-a-a-a-."

Well, I am not surprised that the judges in

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in Burlington decided to give the high honors of champion
Tall Story Teller to Orin Butts.

I doff my kelly to him too, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

TONSIL

Here's a bit of news about your tonsils -- if you have any. Probably it will annoy the surgeons, particularly the surgeons who like ~~the~~ to cut the darn things out.

A professor in Moscow rushes to the defense of the tonsil. He says it's a mistake to cut them out. The tonsil, he says, is a much maligned organ, and necessary to the proper

functioning of the human body. *It secretes hormones, says the professor, if you know what ^{he} means.*

Well, well, there's ~~another~~ something else to argue about. But I'm not going argue about it. So s - l - u - t - m.