

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1           The wires have been buzzing all  
2 day with news from England. The news  
3 services are turning out a stream of copy  
4 telling about ~~that new~~ <sup>today's</sup> British budget.

5           The new government of Great Britain  
6 headed by Ramsay MacDonald was put in  
7 power to do something drastic to balance  
8 John Bull's accounts -- and that new  
9 government seems to be living up to the  
10 DRASTIC part of it.

11           They say the British public is a  
12 bit staggered by the burdens it is called  
13 upon to face.

14           A pale, ascetic-faced man, half an  
15 invalid, stood before the House of  
16 Commons today and spoke his piece. He is  
17 Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the  
18 Exchequer. For years he has been famous  
19 as the uncompromising socialistic  
20 economist of Great Britain. But now he  
21 has split with his old friends of the  
22 Labor party. He and Ramsay MacDonald,  
23 in a desperate effort to save England  
24 from the financial rocks, have broken  
25 with their old comrades-in-arms.

1 Well, Snowden, as the Associated  
2 Press tells us, read off his budget, and  
3 it was one of the most drastic pieces of  
4 legislation in British history.

5 He told the M. P.'s that the  
6 British government would have to raise  
7 over 833 million dollars. And that  
8 meant taxes -- more taxes. The United  
9 Press reminds us that Englishmen now  
10 are overburdened with taxes. It looks  
11 as if they are going to be still more  
12 overburdened. The new budget proposes  
13 to increase the rate of income tax to  
14 25 per cent. The Associated Press makes  
15 it specific that out of every pound an  
16 Englishman makes he'll have to ~~keep~~<sup>hand</sup> back  
17 5 shillings to the government. And in  
18 the case of large incomes that tax rate  
19 rises until the rich <sup>est</sup> people in England  
20 will be taxed as much as 54 per cent of  
21 their income.

22 In addition there is to be a  
23 drastic taxation of many kinds of  
24 commodities. On gasoline, for example,  
25 there will be a tax of 16 cents a gallon,

1 and that's ~~more~~ <sup>just about what</sup> ~~almost~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~as much as~~ <sup>^</sup> a gallon  
2 of ~~gasoline~~ costs in this country.

3 Along with the increase of taxation  
4 goes a cut in government expenses.

5 Salaries of all government employes are  
6 to be slashed, from the cabinet ministers  
7 down to the office boys.

8 And there's going to be still  
9 another reduction. I have left it until  
10 the last because in a way it's the most  
11 important. It was ~~that~~ <sup>this</sup> <sup>^</sup> proposed reduction  
12 that caused the downfall of the Labor  
13 government and the formation of this  
14 new emergency cabinet. The International  
15 News Service cables the word that the DOLE  
16 is to be cut 10 per cent. In other words,  
17 the income which is paid to men and women  
18 out of work will be reduced by 10 cents  
19 on every dollar.

20 There is certain to be a bitter  
21 fight over this severe budget bill, but it  
22 was prepared with the collaboration of the  
23 leaders of both the Conservative and  
24 Liberal parties. For that reason the  
25 bill is expected to pass.

1           While John Bull is wrestling with  
2 his financial problems, a bill-collector  
3 is on his way to pay John a visit. That  
4 bill-collector is Mahatma Gandhi, now  
5 on the high seas bound for England.

6           The little brown man <sup>in</sup>~~of~~ the loin-  
7 cloth will have a number of things to  
8 discuss when he takes his seat among the  
9 dignataries of India and Britain at the  
10 Round Table conference, and one of these  
11 items is financial. The Mahatma is  
12 going to present England with a bill.

13           The new Literary Digest, which  
14 came out today, gives a lucid account  
15 of that financial angle, which may be a  
16 bit confused to some of us. The Digest  
17 informs us that the Hindu Nationalists  
18 have cooked up quite a few figures,  
19 representing money which they think  
20 England should pay back to India. In  
21 the course of the long and troublous  
22 centuries, during which England has  
23 ruled the land of Hindustan, <sup>of course, vast</sup>~~why much~~  
24 money, <sup>were poured out,</sup>~~was spent,~~ The expense of  
25 improvement, and especially the expense

1 of wars. And those millions of lakhs  
2 of rupees were collected from the people  
3 of India in the form of taxes -- or at  
4 least a considerable part was collected  
5 in that way. So, many Hindu leaders now  
6 think that in the course of a settlement  
7 of the Indian question, England should  
8 pay back that money to India, or at least  
9 some of it.

10 The Digest tells us that British  
11 opinion on the matter is sharp and  
12 decisive. The people of Britain have  
13 lent money to various enterprises in  
14 India, and they believe that Gandhi's  
15 financial ideas mean just one thing --  
16 that India wants to repudiate the debt,  
17 either all of it or part of it. The  
18 Digest quotes the London Statesman in a  
19 sarcastic editorial which reminds the  
20 Indians that much of the money that  
21 England spent for wars out there in  
22 Southern Asia was for the purpose of  
23 protecting the Hindus themselves from  
24 their foreign enemies. For example,  
25 England spent money fighting the Afghans,

1 and the Afghans, <sup>who are warlike Mohammedans,</sup> are the ancient enemies  
2 of the Hindus.

3 Well, I don't know how seriously  
4 ~~the~~ Gandhi hopes to do any collecting  
5 when he presents that bill to John Bull.  
6 I suppose a reasonable guess is that the  
7 Mahatma intends to use the financial  
8 angle chiefly as a means for doing a  
9 bit of bargaining and forcing a few more  
10 political concessions.

11 And then there's another financial  
12 problem up before Gandhi. He has a  
13 chance to make a lot of money. Yes, he  
14 can go on a lecture tour or he can become  
15 a radio star, if he wants. Or he can  
16 make phonograph records or become a movie  
17 star.

18 The International News Service  
19 gives an entertaining account of how  
20 Gandhi, while bound for England aboard  
21 the steamship Rajputana, has been flooded  
22 with wireless messages. All sorts of  
23 promoters are offering him propositions.  
24 They are offering him all kinds of money  
25 to give lectures, to make phonograph

1 records, to go on the air, and to be  
2 featured in the movies. Wouldn't that  
3 be a knockout, the little brown man in  
4 the loin-cloth appearing as the star in  
5 an 8-reel screen romance called "The  
6 Mahatma and the Maiden"?

7 But we are told that Gandhi  
8 doesn't like the idea so much. He has  
9 turned down all theatrical offers --  
10 all the way from vaudeville to making  
11 salt.

1 Well, we haven't anything as  
2 drastic as <sup>England's burden of taxation</sup> ~~that~~ over in this country,  
3 but just the same word comes from  
4 Washington of a proposal to slap on a  
5 few extra taxes here.

6 Senator Reed of Pennsylvania  
7 came out today for a national sale<sup>s</sup> tax.  
8 The International News Service relates  
9 that the Senator is going to place  
10 before President Hoover and Secretary  
11 of the Treasury Mellon, a proposal to  
12 levy a tax of one half <sup>2</sup> ~~and~~ one per cent  
13 on all goods sold.

14 Senator Reed claims that this is  
15 the only real way to make up the deficit  
16 which the United States Treasury is  
17 facing.

18 He adds that a sales tax would  
19 be eminently fair, while as things stand  
20 the rich put their money into non-  
21 taxable bonds and thus escape the  
22 burden of taxation.



1 From Spain comes word of an  
2 agreement between the Spanish government  
3 and the Vatican.

4 Ever since the Revolution which  
5 overthrew King Alfonso, the religious  
6 question in Spain has been a cause of  
7 bitter dispute. There have been anti-  
8 religious riots, but Spain remains  
9 predominantly Catholic and one of the  
10 most important questions with which the  
11 Republican Government was faced was that  
12 of forming a satisfactory relation with  
13 the Vatican. ~~Well, it seems that an~~  
14 ~~accord has been reached. The International~~  
15 ~~News Services gives us the terms.~~

16 There is to be a complete  
17 separation of church and state. The  
18 Vatican is to appoint a new primate to  
19 govern the church of Spain. The Spanish  
20 government insisted on this because it  
21 claims the present church leaders are  
22 anti-Republican.

23 One important point concerns  
24 the Jesuits. The Republicans propose<sup>d</sup> to  
25 expel the Jesuits. A sort of compromise

1 has been reached. The Jesuits are to be  
 2 allowed to have only two establishments  
 3 in Spain. One is at Loyola, <sup>the</sup> native  
 4 town of the mystic saint who founded  
 5 the Jesuit order, and the other is the  
 6 astronomical observatory which the  
 7 Jesuits maintain at Tortosa.

8 along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.  
 9 Of course it is possible that the  
 10 few sailing vessels which had come  
 11 to the Gulf in a non-stop manner  
 12 have landed at one of the many islands  
 13 along their route. There are plenty of  
 14 small islands in the Gulf, and  
 15 or the Gulf of Mexico, and along the coast  
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1           Three nations are ~~now~~ combining  
2 in a search -- yes, a search for those  
3 two American aviators, Cecil Allen and  
4 Don Moyle. The United Press reports  
5 tonight that there is still no word from  
6 them -- only a few rumors. One is that  
7 a large monoplane landed on an island  
8 along the coast of British Columbia.

9           Of course it is possible that the  
10 two daring aviators who tried to span  
11 the Pacific in a non-stop flight may  
12 have landed at one of the many islands  
13 along their route. There are plenty of  
14 remote bits of land in the Kurile group  
15 or the Aleutians, or along the Canadian  
16 coast where the aviators might have  
17 landed and not be heard from for several  
18 days. And so the United States, Great  
19 Britain and Japan are sending boats to  
20 make a thorough search and to investigate  
21 the rumors.  
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The report we had last night that ex-Governor Smith of New York had decided not to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination next year has brought a prompt comeback.

The report was given on the authority of close friends of Al Smith who were quoted as saying that he would not try for the Presidency again.

The United Press today gives us ex-Governor Smith's retort. He declares that nobody has the right to act as spokesman for him.

"I have nothing to say at this time about events that are still a year away."

In other words, Al Smith refuses to say anything about whether or not he intends to try for the Democratic nomination.

It is pointed out that this is the natural strategy. Even if the former Governor had given up any idea of trying for the Presidency again, why the strategic time for a statement to that effect would be next year when the election begins to get hot.

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LT tells  
of visit to  
a "Lost City"  
(Rose Red City  
near Red Sea)  
(Petra)

1 This afternoon I looked over a  
2 book that is being published. It's called  
3 The Book of Marvels. It's one grand  
4 collection of fascinating information.

5 It tells us the marvels that lie behind  
6 the simplest things about us, and it  
7 gives us beguiling accounts of marvels  
8 in far off strange places. *The Literary Digest*  
9 *is bringing it out.* ~~well~~, I myself have always been

10 particularly interested in the odd and  
11 the curious. In the amount of traveling  
12 that I have been lucky enough to do I  
13 have always had my eyes open for marvels.  
14 But most of the time you simply can't miss  
15 them. *They nearly knock you over.*

16 Well, as I dipped into that book  
17 of marvels I got to thinking of the most  
18 extraordinary sight I ever saw.

19 It was during the World War.

20 In the Near East I had encountered that  
21 glamorous figure, Lawrence of Arabia.  
22 And while following up his campaign, that  
23 desert war between the Bedouins and the  
24 Turks, I made a trip across the Arabian  
25 desert to a "Lost City" sometimes referred

1 to as the \* "Rose Red City half as old  
2 as time.

3 After our caravan had journeyed  
4 some 90 miles from the Red Sea we came  
5 to a mountain wall, and we had to  
6 penetrate right through that wall. To  
7 do this we entered a valley 12 miles  
8 wide that narrowed until it was only  
9 12 feet wide and the walls rose over  
10 us hundreds of feet in the air.

11 After an hour we rounded the  
12 last bend and stood breathless, speech-  
13 less. In front of us stood a temple  
14 of delicate and limpid rose color,  
15 carved like a cameo from ~~a solid~~ *the cliff.*  
16 ~~mountain wall.~~ This majestic temple  
17 lies at the gateway to the Lost City  
18 which long centuries ago was a great and  
19 glorious capital, but now is deserted.

20 The city lies in an oval  
21 valley surrounded by craggy mountains.  
22 Its palaces, fortresses, tombs and  
23 amusement resorts were carved out of  
24 solid rock, and there they remain as  
25 enduring as the mountains of which they

1 are really a part.

2 No one ~~even~~ knows the <sup>original</sup> ~~real~~ name of  
3 the rose red city of Arabia, but ~~xx~~  
4 the Greeks called it Petra, their word  
5 for "rocks."

6 As you stand in that valley you  
7 are bewildered by the beauty of the  
8 rockhewn tombs and temples on all sides.  
9 All is of gorgeous red sandstone. In  
10 the morning sunlight these ancient  
11 structures are like great rainbows of  
12 stone flashing vermilion, saffron,  
13 orange, pink and crimson.

14 Mother Nature was indeed a  
15 magician when she gouged out this oval  
16 valley. And the men of a by-gone  
17 age who lived there were still greater  
18 magicians when they carved that Rose Red  
19 City out of the steep sandstone cliffs.

20 Centuries have passed since  
21 the city of Petra lost its glory and was  
22 deserted by its inhabitants. Now it  
23 is a city of ghosts, a place where  
24 laurels and oleanders grow and where  
25 millions of brilliant wild flowers



1 flourish in the cracks that seam the  
2 temples and palaces. <sup>P</sup>One race that  
3 built part of this city was known as the  
4 Nabataeans.

5 Old legends said that Esau and  
6 his followers came to this country after  
7 he had lost his birthright. And other  
8 old Biblical lore tells us that when the  
9 children of Israel were wandering in the  
10 wilderness they came upon that city of  
11 rock and asked for permission to enter  
12 and rest. But the people of Petra  
13 refused and so the prophets of Israel  
14 prophesied the desolation of the <sup>strangest and</sup> ~~most~~  
15 <sup>loveliest</sup> ~~glorious~~ city in the world - the city  
16 carved out of the Mountains of Edom.

17 And today, amid the sandstone  
18 and limestone ranges that rim the desert  
19 Petra stands ~~xxx~~ with its rainbows of  
20 rockhewn architecture, absolutely deserted.  
21 Its only inhabitants are millions of  
22 wild flowers.

23 Yes, Petra, the Lost City of  
24 Arabia, is about the most fascinating  
25 of all the Marvels I have ever seen.

And now for some more glamour — Page 17

1           A romantic quest is scheduled to  
2 get under way pretty soon - yes, romantic  
3 is the word. No, it's not a hunt for  
4 El Dorado, but for something still more  
5 fantastic. They are going to try to  
6 find Atlantis, the legendary island about  
7 which we are told in the fables of the  
8 Greeks.

9           It was ~~xxx~~ said to be a great  
10 and brilliant kingdom with splendorous  
11 temples and palaces. Then suddenly one  
12 day it sank into the sea and the waters  
13 rushed over and buried Atlantis beneath  
14 the waves of the ocean.

15           This is the old legend and  
16 there have been many wild theories about  
17 what Atlantis really was.

18           The International News Service  
19 has a cable <sup>today</sup> that the English Navy is  
20 ~~xxxxxxx~~ going to try to find the  
21 fabulous island of classical lore.  
22 They seem to think there may be something  
23 in the story that the Greeks told of  
24 the kingdom sunk beneath the sea. They  
25 believe the likeliest place to hunt is

1 about 250 miles north of the Azores.  
2 H. M. S. Challenger, one of the fighting  
3 ships of the King's navy, has been  
4 ordered to determine whether or not a  
5 sunken island exists at that point.  
6 The supposition is that such a sunken  
7 island will exist as a raised plateau  
8 above the deeper levels of the ocean.  
9 The Challenger will carry elaborate *deep sea*  
10 ~~plumbing~~ <sup>searching</sup> devices and will cruise to and  
11 fro over a wide area charting the  
12 depths of the sea, searching for the  
13 lost Atlantis.

14 ~~But~~ And that is a marvel too,  
15 a marvel right out of the days news.  
16 And, lo and behold, it's my last marvel  
17 this evening - because it is time for me  
18 to say solong until tomorrow.  
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