

Captain Bob

HOOVER

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1 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

2 Well, today we have a message from
3 the President himself, no less. Mr.
4 Hoover spoke to the Governors of a score
5 of states at Richmond, Virginia, this
6 afternoon. He said many things of great
7 importance, particularly in view of the
8 times. His pronouncement about taxes and
9 economy ought to interest everybody. The
10 gist of his speech was that the way to
11 recovery is by a better distribution of
12 taxes. At least so says a United Press
13 dispatch in the New York World-Telegram.

14 "We cannot restore economic
15 stability by continuing to siphon so
16 large a part of private effort into the
17 coffers of the government," declared the
18 President. "We are clearly absorbing too
19 great a portion of the national income
20 for the conduct of our various branches
21 of government," he added.

22 He said the present property tax
23 was too great a hardship. In fact he said
24 it was almost unbearable.

25 The President also contended that
there is no kind of farm relief more
needed than tax relief.

1 Did you notice how those
2 primaries came out yesterday?

3 (Al Smith threw that old brown
4 derby over into Massachusetts and they
5 threw it back at him chuck full of
6 nothing but votes. The happy warrior
7 made a clean sweep of the Democratic
8 primaries in the Bay State. On top of
9 that he made such a run in Pennsylvania
10 that the Roosevelt supporters, though
11 they don't admit, it very loudly, are
12 ~~xxx~~ none too happy.)

13 The returns are not all in yet
14 from Pennsylvania. It's possible that
15 the final results won't be definitely
16 known for a couple of days. But at
17 any rate, it is known for certain that
18 Alfred E. Smith has at least ten votes
19 in the Pennsylvania delegation, and
20 there is a chance that he may get many
21 more of the whole seventy-six.

22 "This," declares George Morris
23 in the New York World-Telegram, "will
24 enable him and the Democratic favorite
25 sons to block the nomination of Governor
Roosevelt in the National Convention."

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SMITH - 2

1 It was a three to one vote that
 2 swept all the ^{massachusetts} delegates to former
 3 Governor Smith; ~~in Massachusetts~~, and the
 4 results in Pennsylvania so far are so
 5 close that all observers are astonished,
 6 and the political dopesters are busily
 7 explaining why their prophecies went
 8 wrong.

9 Fewer than half of the
 10 Pennsylvania precincts have been
 11 tabulated so far. In those Governor
 12 Roosevelt holds a slight lead. But
 13 Smith is running him a ~~very~~ close
 14 second, and the issue in that state is
 15 still in doubt.

16 "That ~~may~~ ^{will} put a chock under the
 17 Roosevelt bandwagon", ~~said~~ ^{remarked} Mr. Smith ^{remarked}
 18 to Richard F. Warner of the New York
 19 Evening Post this afternoon. "and," ~~he~~ ^{he} added,
 20 ^{it} will prevent a lot of fellows from
 21 hopping on board on ^{the bandwagon on} the theory that
 22 they've no place else to go."

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POLL

1 And talking about ~~the~~ returns,
 2 there are some important ^{communities} ~~cities~~ in the
 3 city-final reports in the Literary
 4 Digest Prohibition Poll today.

5 Here's the capital of the United
 6 States, Washington, D. C., with 3,009
 7 for continuance of the 18th Amendment,
 8 and 10,509 for repeal.

9 And then Chicago, from where
 10 we have 11,731 dry votes, 110,847 wet.

11 There's Denver, Colorado, too,
 12 ~~very near to my~~ ^{another old} home town, ^{of mine,} Denver
 13 turns in 4,663 for prohibition, 9,159
 14 against.

15 Los Angeles, where the movies
 16 are made, turns in 10,205 for the
 17 amendment, 38,324 against.

18 Atlanta, Georgia, shows 1,584
 19 favoring prohibition, 5,785 who do not.

20 From another part of the South,
 21 Jacksonville, Florida, we have 701 who
 22 approve of things as they are, 4,172 who
 23 would like them changed.

24 Also Birmingham, Alabama, with
 25 2,095 in favor of prohibition, 4,345

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1 against.

2 Then there's Phoenix, Arizona,
3 where 602 vote for continuance,
4 1,600 against.

5 In Des Moines, Iowa, there are
6 1,825 who vote dry, 2,849 wet.

7 There's only one New England
8 city on today's list, ~~That's~~ Hartford,
9 Connecticut. ~~and~~ There we find 1,581
10 who like prohibition, and 8,553 who
11 don't.

MASSIE

1 In Honolulu Clarence Darrow,
2 that veteran bulldog of murder trials,
3 hold^s the central stage today.

4 A United Press dispatch in the
5 Kansas City Journal-Post reports that
6 it is one of the sensational efforts
7 of his long and extraordinary career
8 as defense counsel ^{and the greatest showman at the American bar.} The old man spoke
9 under great difficulties with a doctor
10 beside him to take care of him.

11 Darrow is 75 years ^{of age;} ~~old~~, and a trial such
12 as this makes enormous demands on a
13 man's physical and nervous strength.

14 The jury of seven white men,
15 three Hawaiian half-castes, and two
16 Chinese, showed more symptoms of
17 interest in the proceedings today than
18 at any other period in the trial.

19 Mr. Darrow was followed by
20 Chief Prosecutor John C. Kelley, who
21 has prosecuted this case with a zeal
22 amounting almost to ferocity.

23 They expect the case ~~to~~ to go
24 to the jury tonight.
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RETAKE

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24 the top of the world.

25 Well, with all the polar exploration

1 that has been going on these past few
2 years, it is well to be reminded of that
3 epoch-making dash 23 years ago. And so
4 I have asked Bob Bartlett to tell us a
5 few things about it.

6 Come on, Bob, how about those days
7 in 1909 when the North Pole was
8 conquered? *Give us a couple of icy*
9 *blasts.*

1 Well, Lowell, the usual question for anybody to
2 ask me is why Peary did not take me with him on that last dash
3 to the Pole. I'll tell you why.
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5 We drove our ship the COLUMBIA into the icepack as
6 far as we could get. Then advance parties went forward, and
7 supporting parties followed. They broke the trail and established
8 camps. That took us to a point within several days' journey of
9 the Pole. The others went back, until Peary, Matt Henson and I
10 were left, together with some Eskimos.
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13 I had one particular ambition -- I wanted to get
14 north of the 88th parallel, and Peary encouraged me. He wanted me
15 to go as far north as possible. I started out and traveled more
16 than five miles north of that last camp of ours. I figured I
17 should have been above the 88th parallel, but when I took an
18 observation it showed a latitude of 87 degrees 47 minutes. The
19 ice had drifted to the south and pulled me back. That robbed me
20 of my chance to get above 88.
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24 When I returned Peary was all set for the dash to
25 the Pole. He was in fine condition, and so was the negro Matt

1 Henson. Four Eskimos were ready for the trip. And forty dogs
2 were in first-rate trim to pull the sledges.
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4 Now the reason why Peary took Matt Henson instead of me
5 is simply this -- the negro was a better dog driver than I. And
6 as everything depended on the dogs, there could be no other choice.
7 It was a matter of dog-driving.
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9 I went to Peary's igloo, shook hands with him, and bade
10 him Godspeed.
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12 "Goodbye, Captain," he said to me, "take care of
13 yourself."
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15 I tried to thank him for taking me that far toward the
16 Pole, but he waved my thanks aside.
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18 "It's all in the game," he said, "and you've been in it
19 long enough to know how hard a game it is."
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21 I turned back southward, toward the ship, while Peary,
22 Matt Henson, and the four Eskimos headed for the North Pole.
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24 Back at the ship we waited for Peary. Nearly four weeks
25 after the day I left him I heard the Eskimos shouting Peary had
returned. I ran out on the ice to meet him and clasped his hand.

1 "I congratulate you, Sir, upon the discovery of the
2 Pole."
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4 "How'd you guess it?" he asked, laughing at my excite-
5 ment.
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7 Well, I just knew he had made it. Everything had been so
8 well prepared. I had left him so near the goal, and Peary was so
9 able a man that I never had the slightest doubt he would succeed.
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11 Well, tomorrow night at the American Museum of Natural
12 History we are going to have the whole story, and Mrs. Peary and
13 her daughter will be there. We'll try to do our bit to arrange
14 for that memorial to the Old Man.
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IRELAND

Well, Bob your a fighting man from Newfoundland, and here's one about a fight in Ireland.

the Emerald Isle

~~Well,~~ The situation in Ireland became even more interesting today. President Eamon de Valera ^{was defeated} ~~took a licking~~ ~~in the~~ ~~fight~~ in the Dublin parliament. It wasn't a very bad ^{set back} ~~one~~, the vote being 74 to 66 against him.

But there were cries of "Resign," "Resign" from the opposition when the result was announced.

It seems it was the laborites who turned against him. The Irish parliament was supposed to devote its proceedings today to the unemployment question. But de Valera made a motion that the entire day be devoted to consideration of the bill ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~remove~~ ~~of~~ that oath of allegiance from the constitution.

"The unemployment question is more important to starving people than the oath", cried an independent laborite.

Hitherto the Labor members have been strong allies of the ^{new} government, *but now they helped to defeat de Valera's motion.* Then De Valera defied his opponents, challenging anybody present to offer a

1 a motion of no confidence in the
2 government. (That is the customary
3 procedure by which governments are
4 overturned in European parliaments.)

~~The vote~~

5 But nobody took up his challenge.
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1 Well, Herr Hitler, in spite of his
2 victories in the elections, is having
3 his troubles, it seems. Albion Ross in
4 a special dispatch to the New York
5 Evening Post, ^{tells us} ~~says~~ that recent
6 disclosures show that the boys in the
7 inner councils of the Nazi party are by
8 no means having a love feast.

9 The curious part of the situation
10 is that the Handsome Adolf is becoming
11 too conservative for his pals. There is
12 a strong Syndicalist group in his party
13 who want stronger measures than he does.
14 The dissension rose to such a pitch that
15 a group of the Syndicalist leaders were
16 looking for the ^{commanders} ~~leaders~~ of the famous
17 "storm troops." They were going to ^{try} ~~work~~
18 an American trick on them and take them
19 for a ride. But the police got wind of
20 the plot and arrested the conspirators
21 before they had a ~~look-in~~ ^{chance to get rough.}

22 "The Syndicalist group was supported
23 by the extreme Nationalist leaders, who
24 demanded that the storm troops prepare to
25 seize the Polish Corridor." ^{"Then"} adds Mr.

(2)

1 Ross. "Both Hitler and the commander of
2 the storm troops declared ^{Polish corridors} that [^] plan was
3 nonsense.

4 "If the radical Nazis have reached
5 the place where they go hunting for
6 Hitler's most loyal lieutenant^s with
7 guns, it is not beyond ~~the~~ possibility~~s~~
8 that they might even try to ^{Polish of} ~~finish~~ the
9 great Adolf himself."
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