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2 Good Evening, Everybody!

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4 They've just had another big
5 blow-up in Oklahoma. This time it was
6 near Tulsa. Four hundred quarts of
7 nitroglycerin stored in a magazine
8 some distance from the town went off
9 with a roar that could be heard for
10 nearly a hundred miles.

11 Windows ~~were~~ crashed,
12 thousands of people were scared stiff
13 and the whole of the fine modern city
14 of Tulsa was shaken.

15 At the scene of the blast
16 a yawning crater 20 feet across and
17 6 feet deep was gouged out of the earth
18 by the exploding nitro. Trees were
19 blown to splinters and bits of debris
20 were actually hurled thru the air for
21 miles. Folks living in the neighborhood
22 must have thought the end of the world
23 had come.

24 According to the United Press,
25 it is believed that a grass fire caused
the explosion. It is said that no
watchman was on duty near that magazine
of nitroglycerin. No lives were lost.

1 This next item might not be
2 news in some states, but it ^{certainly is} news
3 in Missouri.

4 In the State Legislature
5 today impeachment proceedings were
6 begun against the State Treasurer,
7 Larry Brunk. Now impeachments are just
8 a part of the yearly routine in some
9 states, but Missouri hasn't brought
10 proceedings against an officer of the
11 Commonwealth since EIGHTEEN FIFTY-NINE
12 and that's a long time ago.

13 Such proceedings have been so
14 rare in the history of Missouri that I
15 suppose the Missourians think that an
16 impeachment may have something to do
17 with the famous Missouri peach trees.

18 In any case, the State
19 Treasurer has been accused on nine
20 different counts. One for example
21 charges that he got \$10,000 as a
22 commission, bonus, or gift for selling
23 real-estate bonds to banks in which
24 state money was deposited. The boys
25 from Missouri think that if the banks

hadn't bought the bonds the State Treasurer wouldn't have kept
the State money in their strong boxes.

Anyway, the State Treasurer was impeached today and
the people of Missouri are trying to find out just what is what.
I suppose the only thing to say is to end with the old refrain
that they are from Missouri and will have to be shown.

WALKER

New York newspapers tonight are brim full of those big political disturbances, scandals, exposes, and all that sort of thing. The movement to oust the district attorney is under way and a number of people are throwing a few particularly large bricks at dapper Mayor Jimmie Walker. In fact harsh words are being uttered to the effect that Jimmie ought to be ousted. The air is fairly blue with charges.

The New York World-Telegram carries an article on the Mayor and reviews ~~xx~~ Jimmie's fame as a wise cracker. Some of the wisest of his wise cracks are printed in that article. Jimmie is a wizard at this.

On a visit to Miami Beach he said: "IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN A DELIGHT TO VISIT A COMMUNITY SUCH AS MIAMI WHERE EVERYONE IS LAYING BRICKS AND NO ONE IS THROWING 'EM."

It has been a cause of some considerable comment that Jimmie Walker has spent a little time now and then vacationing and travelling. Some folks claim he hasn't been at his desk in the New York City Hall often enough. Well, Jimmie turned that to advantage when he was trying to persuade his former private

secretary to leave his newspaper job and go to work for the Mayor.

Jimmie pointed thru the window at a recruiting poster in the square which read:

JOIN THE NAVY AND SEE THE WORLD.

Then according to the New York World-Telegram, Jimmie wise-cracked:

BE MY SECRETARY AND SEE AMERICA FIRST.

Whereupon the candidate laughed and took the job.

Over in Europe Jimmie told the Parisians:

I DIDN'T COME TO EUROPE FOR A VACATION. I CAME TO GIVE THE TAXPAYERS A VACATION.

Another characteristic Walker wisecrack was uttered at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. A float showing Columbus discovering America went by, and that caused Jimmie to get off a nifty. Here's what he said:

"AH THERE GOES COLUMBUS, THE GREATEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED, FOR IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM I'D BE IN IRELAND NOW INSTEAD OF NEW ORLEANS.

Yes, and that particular wisecrack hits me right between

the eyes and I'll tell you why.

Every once in a while I get a letter giving me a gorgeous dressing down for something I've said. The other evening I told about a discussion over in Italy. It concerned Ravioli and set forth that if Columbus hadn't eaten ravioli he wouldn't have discovered America, and if Columbus hadn't discovered America where would Tony sell his bananas.

And then I got a letter giving it to me hot off the bat for that wisecrack of mine. It is signed "SOMEBODY WHO IS ANNOYED." It's from an Italian who doesn't like the remark about Tony. The letter goes on to say:

IF COLUMBUS HADN'T DISCOVERED AMERICA WHERE WOULD YOU BE BROADCASTING?

Well, that's sharp and to the point, and I'll admit I'm licked. There's no doubt of it. If Columbus hadn't discovered America I wouldn't be here reeling off the news, and telling you

for instance that today 150 progressive political
 2 leaders are back at home, or on their
 3 way back, ready to do a lot of
 4 agitating this summer.

The upshot of the big political
 6 rally down in Washington, which lasted
 7 for two days and ended yesterday, was
 8 that the delegates, who include members
 9 of both the Republican and Democratic
 10 parties are lined up--or supposed to
 11 be lined up--to be apostles in their
 12 various neighborhoods. ^{They are to} ~~and~~ spread the
 13 good word of progressive doctrine.

~~In other words,~~ ^{re} They ~~are~~ to try to
 14 convert ^{their} neighbors to the ideas that
 15 were discussed ~~down~~ in Washington.

The New York Sun states that
 17 committees appointed ^{at} ~~by~~ ^{Washington} the meeting
 18 will keep at work drafting a program
 19 for the progressive members of Congress
 20 to follow when the two houses ~~of the~~
 21 ~~government~~ go into session again next
 22 December.

So. The summer promises to be a season of
 24 ~~merry work in~~ ^{political maneuvering and} agitation ^{on the part of} ~~for~~ the progressives.
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1 I like this next item. Of course
2 I can sympathize with the hotel man, but
3 just the same a farmer and his horse
4 should have certain rights even in this
5 ^{high speed} automobile civilization of ours.

6 Thirty-five years ago Reuben Curtis,
7 of Chatham Fourcorners, Columbia County,
8 New York, went to Boston with his father.
9 Reuben was 12 years old then and they
10 ■ stopped at a mighty fine hotel.

11 Rube hasn't been to town since--
12 that is, to a big town, but last night
13 he rode ^{horseback} to Boston driving 42 head of
14 cattle. Before he left, his father,
15 who is now 97, reminded him of that
16 Boston hotel where they had stopped
17 thirty-five years ago and said he might
18 as well go there again. *It was a darn good hotel,*

19 ^{by heels} And so, after he had disposed of
20 his cattle, Reuben rode up to the hotel
21 and sought accommodation for himself
22 and his horse. According to the
23 ^{United Press} ~~International News Service~~, the hotel
24 man said he could furnish a garage for
25 a car, but he wasn't running a livery

1 stable.

2 But Reuben knew his rights, and he
3 went to the police. There's an ancient
4 passage in the laws of Massachusetts
5 which provides that every hotel must
6 furnish suitable bedding for each guest,
7 and also a suitable stable and hay for
8 the guest's horse.

9 And ~~that~~ that was a horse on
10 the hotel man. He was compelled by law
11 not only to provide Reuben with a room,
12 but also to get hay for the horse and
13 look up a livery stable. Yes Rube,
14 that's showing them ^{there} city slickers ^{as how} ~~that~~
15 we country fellers know a thing or two!

16 *By jimminy whilkens!*

17 *Giddap there Dobbin — let's see*
18 *what's this here next news item in*
19 *evening bugle.*

1 I saw a head-line today
2 which read--A TREE THAT KILLS BEARS.
3 That sounded odd. Reading on I
4 discovered a strange animal story.

5 A surveyor working down in
6 the dismal swamps of North Carolina
7 saw a bear standing as if caught in
8 a trap. The bear was dead and the
9 hunter discovered that it was impaled
10 on what is called a "cypress knee".
11 The roots of a cypress tree are liable
12 to throw up wedge-shaped knots ^{that jut} out of
13 the ground. These are called "knees".

14 The bear was under a giant
15 ~~Dismal Swamp cypress~~ which had thrown
16 up a dozen of those wedge-shaped knees
17 ~~which~~ ^{that all} stood out of the ground like
18 blunt chisels.

19 The hunter then discovered
20 under that same tree the skeletons of
21 half a dozen more bears--a weird tragedy
22 of nature had been enacted again and
23 again in that remote corner of the ~~Dismal~~
24 ~~Swamp~~.

25 The story is told in this

1 week's Literary Digest, which quotes
 2 from a collection of bear stories by
 3 John Frances Ariza, in the Baltimore
 4 Sun, ~~Magazine~~, ^{which} and goes on to say that
 5 high above that clump of cypress knees
 6 a great branch of the tree stuck out
 7 horizontally. The branch was hollow
 8 and in it bees had made their nests
 9 and collected their honey.

10 The bears, eager to get the
 11 honey shimmied up the tree and started
 12 out along the limb. The limb was
 13 dangerous footing. It had been worn
 14 smooth and slippery by previous bears
 15 going after that same honey. Well--Mr.
 16 Bear goes out toward the home of the
 17 bees and the insects began to bother
 18 him. In his annoyance Old Man Bear
 19 loses his footing on the smooth limb
 20 and falls--and down below are those
 21 threatening cypress knees on which the
 22 bear ~~falls and~~ impales himself. ^{Thus} A giant
 23 cypress tree ^{becomes} ~~is~~ a death-trap for bears
 24 and is the scene for one of those ^{weird}
 25 tragedies of nature which occurred ~~to~~ the
~~animals in the wilderness.~~
^{creatures of the wilds.}

1 A big trial began over in Spain
2 today. It is being held in the little
3 town of Jaca in the ~~Pyrenees~~^{Pyrenees} Mountains.
4 Seventy-two commissioned and non-
5 commissioned officers of the Spanish
6 army are being court-martialed. They
7 are men ~~who are~~ implicated in the
8 military revolt staged last December
9 which ended in something of a farce.

10 The little mountain hamlet is
11 crowded with officials, newspaper men
12 and visitors. Only people with tickets

13 were According to the Associated Press
14 the ~~prosecutor~~ prosecutor is demanding
15 that five of the ring leaders ~~shall~~ be
16 ~~condemned to be shot~~^{sent to the firing squad} and that the others
17 be sent to jail. until the fascist

18 meeting was ready to get under way and
19 the hall was filled. Then they examined
20 everybody in the place and took a good
21 look at the tickets. Fifteen hundred
22 were Communists who had got in on
23 forged tickets. It took eight
24 ~~to transport the prisoners~~
25 to jail. Three hundred were released
but twelve hundred will be held for
trial on charges of forging the tickets.

1 *Yes and* There are a lot of people in
2 jail over in Germany this evening.
3 Fifteen hundred ^{to be exact. They} were arrested after
4 what is described as the biggest
5 political raid in German History.

6 According to the Associated
7 Press the Communists planned to put
8 one over on the Fascists. They ^{schemed} ~~planned~~
9 something big and loud. The Fascists
10 were holding a mass meeting in a hall
11 at Hamburg and they didn't want any
12 interruption. Only people with tickets
13 were to be allowed in.

14 The Communists went to work
15 and forged thousands of tickets. The
16 police found it out and they were smart.
17 They just waited until the Fascist
18 meeting was ready to get under way and
19 the hall was filled. Then they examined
20 everybody in the place and took a good
21 look at the tickets. Fifteen hundred
22 were Communists who had got ^{ten} in on
23 forged tickets. It took eighteen
24 ~~Black Marias~~ ~~police trucks~~ to transport the prisoners
25 to jail. Three hundred were released
~~xxx~~ but twelve hundred will be held for
trial on charges of forging the tickets.

And it happened in the jolly old burg of Hamburg and this evening the Hamburg jails are filled to overflowing and the Hamburgers are all talking about it.

photographic apparatus which is shot into the air. It's a rocket which takes pictures.

According to the international news service, he launched the apparatus. It went sailing to a height of 1500 feet and snapped its pictures. The photographic mechanism was fitted with a parachute and it floated gently to the earth. The inventor hopes to use his photographing rocket to take pictures of the earth from enormous heights.

ROCKET

Ja wohl — and

1 ^ Now comes what is said to be the
2 first successful scientific experiment
3 with a rocket. A German explorer named
4 Poggensee got up a contraption containing
5 photographic apparatus which is shot
6 into the air. It's a rocket which
7 takes pictures.

8 According to the International
9 News Service, he touched off the *who*
10 miniature comet. It went sailing to a *ry*
11 height of 1500 feet and snapped its
12 pictures. The photographic mechanism
13 was fitted with a parachute and it
14 floated gently to the earth. The
15 inventor hopes to use his photographing
16 rocket to take pictures of the earth
17 ~~at~~ ^{from} enormous *■* heights. *to make salt*

1 Today a toothless little brown
2 man over in India, followed by a crowd
3 of disciples, went down to the sea shore,
4 dipped out sea water, and boiled it
5 to make salt. Yes, that happened today.
6 It also happened just exactly a year
7 ago.

8 The toothless little ■■■ brown
9 man, of course, is Mahatma Gandhi, who
10 is celebrating the first ~~year~~ anniversary
11 of his famous salt manufacturing
12 expedition which initiated his non-
13 violent rebellion, the campaign of
14 civil disobedience in India. That
15 campaign is now called off, and in
16 making terms with the British authorities
17 Gandhi secured the right to make salt
18 in spite of the British salt monopoly.

19 And so today, according to the
20 International News Service, he celebrated
21 the anniversary of his first salt making
22 defiance of the British. He said he
23 wanted merely to make a practical test
24 of the agreement in which the British
25 allow Hindus on the sea coast to make

1 salt.

2 Not long after his salt making
3 expedition a year ago, Gandhi made a
4 trip to jail. This year, however, he's
5 expected to make a somewhat longer trip.
6 They say he will visit London soon, ^{and there} ~~to~~
7 open a ~~■~~ series of conferences with
8 the British cabinet.

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LANDSLIDE

Over in France, in the Alpine Province of Savoy, two
villages were buried when part of a mountain broke and came sliding
downhill.

It has been raining cats and dogs over there in the
Alps, and all that rain is blamed for the enormous landslide.
According to the International News Service, 6,000,000 cubic
yards of rock and earth got under way, in fact a whole chunk of
a mountain cut loose. It slid slowly down at the rate of only
300 feet an hour. But it come on and on as inexorable as doom.
Two villages were in the past of avalanche and they were destroyed.

There was plenty of warning and the people had no trouble
in getting away to safety. But their homes were pulverized.

PRINCESS

And now I want to introduce a charming young lady to you folks. Her name is - "Obedience-to-Heaven-and-Generosity-to-those-on-Earth." Yes, that's her name.

Well, young Miss Obedience-to-Heaven-and-Generosity-to-those-on-Earth is just seven days old. She is a Japanese Princess the latest arrival in the family of the heir-apparent to the throne of Japan.

Picking a name for the little lady was quite a task. According to the Associated Press learned scholars searched through the ancient Japanese Scriptures and they picked the name of Yori Atsuko. Yori means Obedience-to-Heaven, and Atsuko means Generosity-to-those-on-Earth.

And thus we have that remarkable and really lovely name - Princess Obedience-to-Heaven-and-Generosity-to-those-on-Earth.

And after those honorable and magniloquent words I can only exclaim -- Banzai, and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.