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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This ~~ix~~ certainly has been a field day for the Irish.

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A solo flight from New York to Dublin under the most incredible  
\_\_\_\_\_ and he landed in Dublin.  
circumstances, made by a young man named Corrigan! ^ Could anything

be more completely Irish? Another Hibernian touch is added by the  
fact that young Mr. Corrigan, with a most amazing nonchalance and  
~~under the most amazing flair of humor,~~ ^

actually broke two laws:— One ~~He~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~was~~ a regulation of the Bureau of  
Air Commerce And he ~~by flying to Ireland, in the first place. He broke~~ ^

~~another by~~ landed on Mr. deValera's island without a passport ~~or~~ ^

without landing papers.) The latter part of it was quickly turned  
into comedy. All Dublin was thrilled and amused by reports that a  
crazy flyer had landed at Baldonnell Field from parts unknown.

This word  
~~These~~ ^ soon reached the ear of Uncle Sam's Minister, the Honorable

John Cudahay. Minister Cudahay promptly jumped into his automobile,

tore out to the airport, and brought young Mr. Corrigan back in triumph to the American Legation. There he is being held in what is known as technical detention.

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In Washington officials of the Bureau of Air Commerce were literally aghast when they heard the news. At first they were disposed to dismiss him like the famous Mrs. Harris, whom Charles Dickens's Sairey Gamp was always quoting ~~You remember~~ <sup>as saying!</sup> "There ain't no such person." That was the first thought down in Washington. But finally those officials had to realize that the incredible was true. So the question arose: "What are we going to do with that young man?" But we may rest assured that it isn't going to be serious. The Director of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Bureau of Air Commerce is an American gentleman named Mulligan, which doesn't mean that he's <sup>in</sup> a stew. Mr. Mulligan's first question was: "Is he all right?" When he learned the answer, he exclaimed, "Fine!"

Then the question of punishment was brought up. Said Director Mulligan; ~~xx~~ with his best brogue: "Sure, and it's a great day in the history of the Irish people and we don't want to be <sup>a</sup> spoiling <sup>of</sup> their fun right now by talking of punishment."



A pat answer for the present is: "We are taking the case under  
advisement."

(Then young ~~man~~ Corrigan himself, ~~off~~ over in Dublin,  
made things easier for the officials if they want to be lenient.

48 Said he: "Me break a regulation? Why, I was heading for Los Angeles."

"That's all very fine," they told him, "but here you are  
in Dublin."

"Yes," said Corrigan with a perfectly straight face.

"That's a bit of navigation I'm ashamed of." <sup>And-</sup> He repeated the story  
in a radio telephone conversation with his uncle and aunt in

Los Angeles. His uncle, the Rev. Mr. Langford, is a Baptist preacher.

Said <sup>he: seriously-</sup> ~~Langford~~ "Douglas, now did you come to think you were in

Los Angeles?" Said <sup>flyer</sup> ~~Corrigan~~: "Uncle, I didn't think I was in

Los Angeles, but that's where I started for."

~~"Now, now," said Mr. Langford, "You're kidding."~~

Corrigan landed at Baldonnel with the noble sum of  
fifteen dollars in his pocket. Everything but that he had spent

for gas. So the Rev. Langford said: "Go to the United States Consul

and draw on him for any money you need." <sup>Replied Corrigan:-</sup> ~~Said Douglas~~ "Uncle,

I beat you to it, I've got some already."

When all this was told to Director Mulligan of the Air Commerce Bureau, that official said: "It's the Blarney Stone for sure."

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One of the people to be amazed by the news was Howard Hughes. When he was told what had happened, he took off his shabby old brown hat, scratched his head, looked up to the sky, and said: "That's very remarkable," with emphasis on the "very".

The Director of Floyd Bennett Field tells us that Corrigan climbed into his plane in the most casual fashion, ~~in the world,~~ fastening the door of the cabin with a wire since it didn't have a proper catch. All along he kept up the fiction that he was going to Los Angeles and so far as ~~the~~ investigators could make out, he asked for no information whatsoever about weather over the Atlantic.

All he took with him for food was a couple of bars of chocolate. Most aviators on long flights take with them a box of ammonia tablets to revive them ~~when~~ when they get sleepy. But Corrigan ~~refused even that.~~ He said: "When I get sleepy I stick my head out of the cabin and the air brings me to."

As most people have heard by now, the old crate that



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he was flying has a cruising speed of ninety miles an hour. It's a Curtiss-Robin model ~~with~~ that the Curtis people quit making several years ago. It had passed through several hands before Corrigan bought it in NineteenThirty-Six. It may be said that young Corrigan was lucky. But with all his luck, went a prodigious skill, skill not only as an aviator, but as a mechanic. All the work on his plane he did himself, he was his own flight engineer, navigator, mechanic, everything.

~~Many people~~

In fact, many people today are comparing Corrigan to Lindbergh, not only in point of courage but in point of careful preparation and supreme skill. It turns out today that his solo flight across the continent was the second. His first escaped publicity altogether. And he is also like Lindbergh in that he is shy, reticent and inclined to dodge reporters.

MARIE

*and glamorous*  
The Late Queen Marie of Roumania certainly had a variegated and colorful background. *To begin with - a* ~~As the whole world knows, she was a~~ granddaughter of Queen Victoria. Her father was the old Queen's second son, the Duke of Edinburgh. Her mother, was a Russian grand duchess, sister of the last Czar of all the Russias. As a child, the little Marie was brought up first in England, then for a while at Malta, where her father, as a British Admiral, was in command of the naval station. It's a matter of royal history that her father gave up his rank as Duke of Edinburgh and his rights as a member of the British royal family to become reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. *And -* So the little princess ~~and her sister~~ found *herself taken* ~~xxxxxx themselves yanked~~ out of their English surroundings to live the life of a petty German court.

When she wrote her autobiography, she intimated that her childhood in England and Malta had been as happy as it could be, surrounded by court etiquette. *But - as a* ~~But that etiquette wasn't quite so strict for the younger sons of the British royal family. As a~~ German princess she found her existence pretty stuffy. And when she was only seventeen, she was married to a German princeling, the



And then at  
Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania. ~~She was~~<sup>^</sup> thirty-nine ~~when~~ she  
became Queen. ~~of Roumania.~~

~~Both as Crown Prince and as King, she found her husband~~  
~~somewhat disappointing, a timid and bashful fellow, strongly under~~  
~~the influence of his uncle, the King of Roumania who preceded him,~~  
~~and much afraid of the German Kaiser. And~~ It is generally believed  
that it was the influence of Queen Victoria's granddaughter that  
brought Roumania into the war on the English side. <sup>And</sup><sub>^</sub> Roumanians  
didn't thank her for it, for their country was swiftly and  
incredibly overrun by the German army under General von Mackensen.  
But it is said also that Queen Marie's influence was a tower of  
strength at Versailles<sup>S</sup><sub>^</sub> when the Treaty was being made, and that  
she was largely responsible for Roumania's getting quite a share  
of the loot. ~~It included a considerable slice of what had~~  
~~formerly belonged to Hungary.~~

Her quarrels with her son, King Carol, made news over  
many a long year. For a brief while, Queen Victoria's ~~beautiful~~  
granddaughter was the Number One figure in Roumania. But her son  
was too much for her. ~~Beneath his apparently frivolous and~~

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Now Queen Marie, dies, after a  
long illness.

INSULL

A good deal of attention had been leveled at the fact that when Samuel Insull died in Paris he had only thirty cents in his pocket. But that did <sup>not</sup> mean he was poor. Actually, he was receiving a trifling pension of twenty-one thousand dollars a year. Three of the companies that the great Insull used to control ~~licked in for this~~ <sup>were paying the</sup> pension. So said his son, Samuel, Jr. <sup>today.</sup>



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BOSTON

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There was a <sup>mass-</sup> meeting at Boston today and only forty Americans were present. The reason? That <sup>mass-</sup> meeting was not at Boston, Massachusetts, but Boston, England, ~~that is~~ the little seaport in the County of Lincolnshire from which a number of people sailed in the Seventeenth Century and founded the great city <sup>in</sup> Massachusetts.

<sup>Today</sup> ~~This~~ was the Eighth Annual Boston Pilgrimage. Our Ambassador, Joe Kennedy, was there <sup>to help</sup> dedicat~~ing~~ the American Room of Fydell House. Fydell House is the headquarters of the Lincolnshire branch of the English-Speaking Union. And said Ambassador Kennedy: <sup>and</sup> just laid a wreath on a monument erected to the memory of five governors of Massachusetts who came from your Boston."

Joe Kennedy, as we all know, is himself of the Boston Irish. Two of those governo~~r~~s, Governor John Cotton and Governor Dudley, were among the founders of Harvard University of which, <sup>the</sup> Ambassador said he was ~~said Joe Kennedy, he is~~ proud to be an alumnus.

ROOSEVELT

Another university degree for

*the Squire of Hyde Park.*  
~~President Roosevelt~~

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This time from a Canadian Institution. On August Eighteenth  
Queens University of Kingston, Ontario, will make the President  
an Honorary Doctor of Laws. This will be the first such honor  
ever given to a United States President by a Canadian University  
while ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> office. And it will be conferred upon Mr. Roosevelt  
on the same day that he dedicates the new bridge across the  
St. Lawrence River, the Thousand Islands International Bridge.



JIMMY

One bit of news sent by radio to President Roosevelt today concerned his son, Jimmy. Jimmy has been at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for several weeks. But he's better now. His Mother, the First Lady, took him away from the hospital today. They left Rochester by ~~air~~ plane for Chicago.

HEALTH

There is need in the United States for a coordinated program of action, a national health program. That's the essence of the message from President Roosevelt to the National Health Conference at Washington. And he added: "Such a program must take into account that millions of citizens are too poor to pay for proper medical care<sup>24</sup>" Of course,"said Mr. Roosevelt, "we cannot do all at once everything that we should do. But we can be a lot better off if we have before us a comprehensive, long-range program. That means the most efficient cooperation of federal, state and local governments, together with voluntary agencies, professional groups and individual citizens."

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## HOME OWNERS

There has been a lot of acrid criticism of the Home Owners Loan Corporation. A lot of it centered in New York, where mortgages have been foreclosed. Congressmen from New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts got all ~~heat~~ <sup>heated</sup> up, wanted the government to be more lenient to mortgagors. One proposal was that there should be a three year moratorium.

The Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board today published an answer to this criticism. "The H.O.L.C. is not turning people out of their homes in arbitrary and cruel fashion," he said. In most foreclosure cases, the borrower has occupied his home rent free for four years, <sup>and</sup> has paid no taxes for five years. Moreover, when the H.O.L.C. took over those mortgages, the borrower <sup>was</sup> already ~~was~~ two years in arrears on the mortgage and two years behind on his taxes."

As for that three year moratorium, it would cause grave embarrassment to Uncle Sam's pocket book.

BROKERS

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Here's one for people who sell stocks as well as the multitude that buy them. There ought to be a national organization, a strong one, of brokers and dealers who sell securities over the counter. A movement has been on foot to that end for some time, and groups of brokers and dealers in many parts of the country have responded enthusiastically to the idea. And today it got the endorsement of the Securities and Exchange Commission. ~~Mr~~ William ~~W~~ Douglas, Chairman of the Commission, said: "The best form of organization would be a strong national association, which would take in the small as well as the large elements in the business."



STEEL

The Civil Liberties Committee of the Senate has its eagle eye on the steel strike of last May. A witness today was ~~Mr.~~

Charles White, Vice-President of ~~the~~ Republic Steel Corporation.

Wisconsin's Senator <sup>Bob</sup> LaFollette asked ~~Mr.~~ <sup>Vicepres.</sup> White why Republic refused to sign a contract with the Union. <sup>The steel head</sup> ~~Mr. White~~ replied that the

corporation executives did not believe such a contract would be

binding, that is, not binding on the Union. And <sup>he</sup> ~~Vice President~~

~~White~~ also read a statement setting forth Republic's labor policy.

"We believe in collective bargaining but we refuse to have our employees blackjacked into a union." <sup>said he.</sup>

But Chairman LaFollette introduced some evidence on the other side of the ledger; ~~was~~ a record of the expenses incurred by Republic Steel during the strike at Canton, Ohio, last May. And it tended to show that the Company spent a hundred and one thousand dollars in six days. Of that, more than twenty thousand was for patrol duty, and almost nineteen thousand for police department expense.

COWS

One of the objects of the Department of Agriculture is to establish Uncle Sam's domain as a country of contented cows. The Farm Security Administration, one of the bureaus of the Department, has an appropriation of a hundred million dollars to help ~~the~~ cows become contented. One of its slogans is, "No cow shall walk more than two miles for a drink." To that end, the Farm Security Administration has constructed more than two thousand water reservoirs in the west. And it's going to build more. <sup>For</sup> ~~no~~ cow that walks more than two miles to quench her thirst can be called contented.

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There was much indignation at Washington when the ~~XXXXX~~ bureaucrats learned that on some of the western ranches Bossey had to walk as much as ten miles for a drink. That, say the officials, means that she has to put in more than half her time going to the water and back.



RETURN

A gentleman is in the sneezer in Buffalo because, the police say, he tried to pull a fast one. In fact for a while he did pull a fast one on his own wife. The story is that he left the little woman twenty years ago at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The other day he put on false whiskers and dark glasses and went to the house where his wife was living at Buffalo. He passed himself off as an attorney, say the police, and announced that he was representing the lady's "late husband", as he put it. He claimed that he had died in Sidney, Australia, and left an estate of one million and a half dollars.

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His purpose apparently was to get the family to kick in for boat-fare and expenses to Australia, so as to collect the estate. His wife did not recognize him but some of ~~the~~ her less near sighted relatives

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Whereupon they <sup>hubby</sup> did. ~~They~~ called the gendarmes, who striped ~~the man~~ <sup>her less near sighted</sup> of his smoked glasses, whereupon his wife had him arrested. <sup>Enoch Arden</sup> ~~So now he is to what~~

~~returns home to put over a skin is popularly known as "a tough spot."~~  
game on his long bereaved spouse.  
And s-l-u-t-m.

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