

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 Great guns! This must have been
2 a thriller and a heart-breaker!

3 In the city of Laibach, in Yugo-
4 Slavia, was enacted a scene of desperate
5 horror followed by an almost hysterical
6 happy ending.

7 An animal act was being put on
8 at the exhibition grounds. A lion
9 tamer was putting his big cats through
10 their paces. A lioness got near a
11 baby carriage. And the next thing you
12 know, the great beast had snatched
13 the baby out of the perambulator, and
14 had the child between her paws.

15 The baby's mother fainted. The
16 crowd gasped in horror. But the
17 lioness just seemed to think that the
18 baby was her own cub. She rolled the
19 child around, patting it with her
20 paws, playing with it. That lioness
21 was just another fond mamma.

22 The end of the amazing bit of
23 drama, as related by the Associated
24 Press, came when the lion tamer dashed
25 to the rescue and regained control of
the lioness, and led her away.

The baby was yelling like sixty, but was unhurt except for a bump on its head and a couple of minor scratches. Old Mrs. Lioness wasn't as careful with her claws as she might have been while playing with the human cub. But as African Lionesses go she was pretty decent after all.

1 Two men were received at
2 Buckingham Palace in London today. King
3 George was the host, ~~and~~^{and} the two guests
4 were the Chancellor and Minister of
5 Foreign Affairs of Germany. It was
6 just an unimportant bit of ceremony, but
7 it does symbolize something.

8 The International News Service
9 reminds us that this is the first time
10 since the outbreak of the World War
11 in 1914 that officials of the German
12 Government have been received at the
13 British court.

14 Nothing startling seems to
15 have resulted from the visit of the two
16 German visitors to England, where they
17 discussed political and financial affairs
18 with the British cabinet. ~~The~~[#] The London
19 correspondent of the New York Evening
20 Post spikes a rumor. He says he has it
21 on authoritative information, that
22 Great Britain will not join any attempt
23 to bring up the war debt question with
24 the United States; that is, England will
25 not join with France and Germany and

other European countries in any concerted effort to try to get the United States to scale down the war debts.

The reason is that England, while she does owe money to the United States, does not consider herself in the debtor class. She doesn't want to put herself in the position of a poor man who owes money. Instead John Bull would rather be considered a rich man who well is perhaps a bit pressed but still has money coming to him.

The New York Evening Sun sends along a rumor which is circulating in London, that a world economic conference may be called to consider the whole matter of reparations, war debts, and so on.

1 A sound of peace and harmony
2 comes from the general direction of
3 Rome this evening. They say that the
4 Fascist government is willing to put
5 the O.K. on the Catholic societies in
6 Italy, so long as these societies are
7 run locally ~~by~~ by the parish priests and
8 the bishops, and not by leaders whom
9 the Fascists might consider as being
10 mixed up in politics.

11 And the rumor is that Pope Pius *the*
12 XI is willing to make a settlement on
13 ~~this~~ this basis.

14 A more difficult point is said
15 to be contained in the two notes that
16 the Pope has sent to the Italian
17 government. The United Press declares
18 that the Vatican ~~is said to~~ feel^s that
19 the Fascists ought to come forward with
20 some expression of regret and say that
21 they're sorry for the anti-Catholic
22 demonstrations. Mussolini, however,
23 isn't of the apologizing kind. And it
24 may come hard for him to say that he's
25 sorry and won't do it again.

CREEL

I ran into a famous journalist today -- one of the most widely known of our time. I hadn't seen him for, oh let's see, about fourteen years.

When I first knew of him it was twenty odd years ago. He was the editor of a newspaper in Denver, and I was the editor of a small town sheet in another part of Colorado. He made a meteoric success -- in fact, he always has.

But the world first heard a lot about him when President Wilson made him the head of the Committee on Public Information.

Well, the years have rolled by. He lives in San Francisco now and instead of the flaming, spectacular journalist we used to know he has turned philosopher. He now writes under the nom de plume of Uncle Henry.

So I asked Uncle Henry, George Creel I mean, to glance through the days news and pick out the most interesting item -- the news item of the day. And here it the one he chose.

1 A commission appointed by the
2 British government handed down a
3 decision today -- a decision which is
4 intended to settle a long ^{and world-famous} controversy.
5 It's about the ~~famous~~ Wailing Wall in
6 Jerusalem, ^{— these stones} which ~~is~~ sacred to the
7 Hebrew nation.

8 The Wailing Wall is said to be
9 a section of the wall of the old temple
10 of Jerusalem, built by King Solomon and
11 destroyed by the Babylonians and then
12 destroyed again by the Romans under Titus,
13 who, as ^{Bible} ~~history~~ tells us, left not one
14 stone upon the other. The Jews of
15 Jerusalem say that just one bit of that
16 ancient sacred edifice still stands --
17 and that bit is what we know as the Wail-
18 ing Wall. And this wall is a Holy place
19 to the Jewish people -- the closest
20 material reminder of the glorious days
21 when they were an independent and
22 powerful nation. ^{But,} ~~the~~ Associated
23 Press reminds us that the Wailing Wall has
24 long been in the possession of the
25 Mohammedans. Today it is a part of the
wall that surrounds the third most sacred
edifice in the Moslem world, the
magnificent Mosque of Omar.

WAILING WALL - 2

For ages the Jews have held their devotions at that sacred spot -- but still the Mohammedans claim that Wailing Wall is theirs.

Jerusalem
The British have been trying to act as umpire in the dispute, and now their decision is that the Wailing Wall does belong to the Mohammedans. That bit of masonry, it is announced, even if it is the outside face of the wall, is an integral part of the area called Haram Esh Sherif, which is Moslem property, and which surrounds the beautiful Mosque of Omar.

The British commission declares, on the other hand, that the Jews shall still be allowed to conduct their devotions at the Wailing Wall, that is under certain conditions. For instance they are forbidden to make any political speeches or demonstrations anywhere near the wall. They are likewise forbidden to blow the Ram's Horn at the Wailing Wall, because that is a strident and defiant bit of symbolism - or at least it works that way on the warlike Moslems.

The Mohammedans too are called upon not to annoy the worshipers at the Wailing Wall, and they are forbidden to

do any kind of building or repair or tearing down that will interfere with the Holy place.

Well, this may end the celebrated and century old controversy about the Wailing Wall, but it is hard to say. Disputes like that are deep and stubborn.

1 I don't know the Chinese
2 equivalent of such expressions as --
3 THEY'D BETTER LOOK OUT. I'LL FIX THEM.
4 I'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON.

5 But any way, these menacing
6 ^{remarks}~~speeches~~ were heard in China, and the
7 man doing the threatening was General
8 Chang Kai Shek, the president of the
9 Chinese Nationalist government.

10 And who do you suppose Chang ~~is~~ is
11 threatening?

12 Well, he uttered the familiar
13 words, COMMUNISTS and BANDITS. He made
14 a solemn vow that he was going to wipe
15 out the bandits in Southern China or
16 die in the attempt.

17 Yes, he said COMMUNISTS and
18 BANDITS in a general way, but a few ^{folks}
19 ~~gentlemen~~ in Southern China seem to
20 think Chang meant them. They are the
21 leaders formerly allied with Chang, who
22 recently revolted and set up a government
23 of their own at Canton. They think that
24 Chang's hard words were directed at
25 them, and the Associated Press report is
that they are getting mighty busy.

1 fortifying their positions and
2 strengthening their stronghold^s.

3 And maybe they've got the
4 whole idea doped out right.
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DIGEST

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE THERE, TONY. YOU'VE GOT OVERALLS ON AND YOU WORK IN THE RAILROAD YARDS EVERY DAY. AND WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO BUY? A PIECE OF DOWNTOWN REAL ESTATE?

Yes, Tony, in overalls, wanted to buy a piece of downtown real estate and this is the way he explained it:

BOSS, I LIKA BUY ONE NICEA YOUNG CORNER ON DESSA STREET. I WANNA YOUNG CORNER SO IT GROWS OLD WITH ME. HOW ABOUT IT BOSS?

So Tony put down a deposit out of his savings, and bought a young corner to grow old with him.

And today Tony's corner is growing older day by day and getting more valuable. And Tony's on the way to become a rich man.

This little anecdote is told in the current issue of the Literary Digest. And the point of it all is that perhaps the best real estate investors in this country today are foreigners people born

abroad, immigrants.

In a statement given out by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, George F. Nickson, a Chicago real estate man, tells us that foreigners in this country gaze in wide-eyed amazement at the way real estate values sometimes increase.

He tells the story of Tony who wanted to buy a young corner that would grow old with him, and then goes on to inform us of a Chicago working man who keeps on the job every day but still has been buying apartment houses.

It's the Greeks in this country, we are told, who are the best buyers of commercial properties. They're great at snapping up good bargains in the way of business locations and corners on principal streets. The Swedes and Germans go in for homes and rent houses.

In other words, the point is made that foreigners are often better able to see business opportunities in this

1 country than the Americans themselves.

2 I suppose we're so near things
3 that we lose a sense of values,
4 while foreigners have the advantage
5 of a good perspective. At least I
6 suppose so, because ■■ there must be
7 some reason why Tony the working man
8 makes a good buy with his small
9 savings, while John Jones, Esquire,
10 passes up a good chance.
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STUDENTS

An unfortunate affair has just been reported from Oklahoma. Two students were shot and killed by an Oklahoma deputy sheriff. And one of them is said to be a relative of Ortiz Rubio, President of Mexico.

The two young men, with another student, were in a parked car. Two deputy sheriffs hailed them. The three youths started to leave the car. There was a scramble, and one of the deputy sheriffs opened fire. And two of the young men dropped.

Both the Associated Press and United Press stories ~~wh~~ mention that the boys were armed with pistols. The student who survived declares that they had purchased the weapons and ammunition in the United States and were taking them to Mexico, because firearms are expensive down there,

The deputy sheriff who did the shooting claims that he saw the young men had guns. He wasn't taking any chances, but immediately opened fire.

Those apparently are the facts of what looks like an unhappy piece of business.

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1 In Norfolk, Virginia, this
2 evening they're checking up the
3 damage done by ~~the~~ big fire last night.
4 Three million dollars seems to be
5 about the right figure. Seven blocks
6 of buildings went up in flames.

7 The blaze started with an
8 explosion on an oil barge. A strong
9 wind was blowing, and the next thing
10 they knew the flames were roaring and
11 rushing along the water-front. ~~The~~ *The fire*
12 swept through the wholesale district,
13 and was just about to wipe out the
14 heart of the town when a heavy rain
15 came along and helped the fire
16 fighters ~~to~~ get control of the blaze.
17 Among the buildings that went up were a
18 fair-sized hotel and a peanut factory.
19 The peanut plant alone ~~reports~~ *represents* a million-
20 dollar loss.

21 There was plenty of excitement
22 in the city while the big fire was on.
23 13 hundred sailors from the naval base
24 and from warships were put on the job to
25 help fight the fire and ~~to~~ keep order.

BANKS

Chicago had a carnival of bank merging today. Two of the most important bank mergers in the history of the city went into effect.

The Associated Press names the banks. The First National and the First Union Trust and Savings Bank were already affiliated. And they now have absorbed the Foreman-State National Bank and the Foreman-State Trust and Savings Bank. That was one big merger.

The other came when the Central Trust Company of Illinois formed a combination with the National Bank of the Republic.

All of which is important financial news in Chicago, and for the rest of the country too.

1 There was gunfire at a Chicago
2 street corner last night. A man with
3 two shotguns blazed away. ~~And~~ He was
4 Frank McErlane, a well known gangster,
5 who has been called ^{the} most heartless
6 of the underworld gunmen.

7 Yes, he was blazing away on that
8 street corner in Chicago. But he was
9 shooting at nothing--or rather he was
10 shooting at shadows, at the visions of
11 terror that haunted his brain.

12 THEY'RE AFTER ME! he yelled as
13 ~~policemen came~~ ^{rushed} up. But no one was
14 after him. That is, no one who existed
15 in the flesh; only the phantoms were
16 after him.

17 McErlane, the most heartless of
18 the gunmen, had gone mad. Terror had
19 deranged his mind--the terror of the
20 gang. Because, as the United Press
21 informs us, he was a marked man. The
22 gang ^{was} ~~is~~ after him.

23 Two weeks ago his sister's house
24 was swept by machinegun fire three
25 times in one evening. The gang thought

1 the ^{or man} ~~heartless~~ gunman was there.

2 And now at last, under the wild
3 straining ^{of fear} ~~ing of feeling~~, something snapped
4 in the brain of that gangster who was
5 said to have no heart. The phantoms of
6 terror came closer to him, ever closer.

7 And so, on ~~the~~ a Chicago street
8 corner, with two shotguns, he blazed
9 away at the enemies who existed only
10 in his disordered imagination.

SUNBURN

We hear three loud cheers this evening -- and it's a doctor who is yodeling those hearty hurrahs.

THANK GOODNESS, he warbles joyfully, IT ISN'T THE FASHION THIS YEAR FOR THE GIRLS TO HAVE THAT SUN-TAN COMPLEXION.

It isn't that the doctor doesn't like the look of those sun-tan faces. But he has the interests of the country at heart. He declares that the sun-tan fashion did plenty of damage in the way of sickness caused by sunburn, heat prostration and sun-stroke.

Both the morning and evening newspapers today give a summary of the benefits which the Doctor says, the country is going to enjoy this year -- all because the sun-tan complexion is old-fashioned.

He anticipates that 200,000 working days will be saved. All those working days were lost last year because girls, in trying to get a bit of sun-tan, got themselves so badly sunburned that they needed a doctor, or got themselves laid out with sun-stroke. The saving in terms of money will be 1,400,000 dollars.

The doctor finishes with the rousing proclamation that

this summer there won't be nearly so much sun-stroke as last year. For which reason he emits three loud cheers, and I suppose we might as well shout hurrah along with him.

Well, it's a dark foggy evening in these parts, no danger of sun stroke, and now for a quick dash down Fifth Avenue without running any of the risks that the Doctor is worrying about - So

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.