

WALKER

Good Evening, Everybody:

Rumors were flying thick and heavy today around the pale and shaken figure of Mayor ^{Jimmie} Walker of New York. Evidently Jimmie is in bad shape physically. His physician says the strain of the last two weeks and the death of his brother George ~~Walker~~ have seriously impaired his strength. At his brother's funeral he appeared quite unlike his usual alert and vigorous self. (The New York World-Telegram this evening publishes the report that Mayor Jimmie has ^{prepared} ~~declared~~ his resignation.) ~~W. R. Hearst~~ ~~has been advising him to do this for weeks.~~ This rumor was first ^{printed} ~~published~~ several weeks in the Philadelphia Record, but was not generally accepted. (According to the story in tonight's N.Y. Evening Post, Mayor Walker is considering what they call a bolt. In other words, he's going to walk out on the hearing before Governor Roosevelt, ^{refuse to appear any more,} ~~and~~ unless the Governor changes his methods. ^{Wm. Randolph Hearst has advised} ~~From Mr. Hearst's advice to~~ the Mayor ~~is~~ that if he thinks he is not getting a fair deal from the Governor, ~~he should~~

to resign and submit his case to the people at the next election.)

All of which keeps the political world, especially
the Democratic part of it, on its toes.

KANSAS

Out[†] in Kansas politics seems to be ^{highly} amusing. The source of the amusement is a goat gland doctor named Brinkley. A special dispatch to the New York Sun tonight says that (Kansas is ~~passing~~ facing the wierdest contest ever waged in that state since the days of the Populists, the days when Old Bill White of Emporia ~~was~~ ^{ed} urging Kansas to raise more hogs and less hell.

Dr. Brinkley, of goat gland fame, ^{running for governor and} is reviving old time campaign methods. He gives the folks a show. He rigs up trucks like medicine wagons with loud speakers and goes stumping all over the states. He has a cowboy dressed in festive clothes crooning old time Western ditties such as Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie. ^{ee.}) In the troupe is a rural ~~h~~ preacher. The headliner is Dr. Brinkley himself, who provides the theatrical touch by arriving on the scene either in a \$7,000 sixteen cylinder car, or a \$25,000 blue and gold airplane.

~~He~~ He tells his audiences what they want to hear. I forgot to mention that the doctor is running for governor as an Independent

candidate, and he's troubling the sleep of the regular Democratic and Republican candidates to a fare thee well.

If the voters will make him Governor, he says, he'll build two lakes in every county. He'll give free school books. There'll be no income tax. There'll be no taxes on homes. All taxes will ~~be~~ be lower^{ed,} but on the other hand, more roads will be built. Automobile tags will be cheap. ~~Doc~~ ^{The goat gland Doc} Brinkley has the art of ballyhoo down fine, and ~~now those~~ ^{he has the} professional politicians ^{guessing.} ~~are worrying.~~

BUSINESS

Here's more good news in the business world. It comes from the State of Pennsylvania. A dispatch to the Newark News says that the Keystone State's Department of Labor and Industry has encouraging reports from Allentown, Altoona, the Erie section, Scranton, Lancaster, ~~and~~ Williamstown, *and other communities.*

Then there's an encouraging item from Chicago. ^{The} ~~Weekly~~ banking survey made by Rand McNalley reports a decrease of 75% in the closing of banks throughout the country. What makes it still more hopeful is that the number of new banks opening and ^{old} ~~banks that have been closed~~ reopening, is larger than the number of the banks that have closed during the last week. Such a condition has not been seen in the United States in two years.

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Have you heard

~~My~~ [^] what a flop that eclipse ^{seems} ~~turns out~~ to have been. [^] I mean

Scientifically speaking, ~~at any rate~~. A story in the New York World-Telegram tonight says that forty groups of scientists spent

as much as seven million dollars on the show, and few of them got

One of the conspicuous few is the Japanese delegation.
any information of any value. [^] It is believed that some of the

photographs taken from airplanes high above the clouds may make

especially those made by Capt. Stevens for the Army and
important contributions to ~~scientific~~ knowledge, [^] ~~But for the most~~

But to a considerable extent the clouds spoiled things
~~part, the clouds crabbbed the act, as they say on Broadway,~~ [^] and

the scientists had most of their pains and expenses for nothing.

Today little villages in Maine, which yesterday were the center of world wide interest, in fact took on the size of metropolises,

~~today~~ subsided once more into being quiet little Maine villages.

One or two interesting ^{incidents} ~~instances~~ [^] came to light today

in connection with the eclipse. For one thing, there's a newly married couple in Locust Valley, New York, who will have a double

reason for remembering August 31, 1932. It was not only the day of the eclipse, but it was their wedding day. They were married at

the National Geog. Soc.

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4:34 yesterday evening just as the light from the sun which was then ~~exit~~ at its lowest, filtered faintly through the stained glass

windows of the church. *In other words they began married life in the dark. Don't we all?*
~~in which they were married~~

Then the captain of a great liner had an unusual experience. He took his bearings from the stars in mid-afternoon.

This was Captain George Freed, master of the new *handsome* ~~monster~~ liner, Manhattan. Of course, you remember who Captain George Freed is, the man who's made *those* ~~two~~ sensational rescues at sea.

While the Manhattan was on its way back to America from Europe, she passed through the region of total eclipse ~~while~~ *some* fifty miles ~~east of~~ *off* Nantucket light ship. Passengers report that the ship was bathed in a greenish light while the captain took his bearings. Some of them say they even saw a whale rising to the surface and sniffing ~~mockingly at the ship.~~ *derisively.*

Not only photographers but painters made pictures of the eclipse. It had to be a lightning job begun and finished in something like a hundred seconds. One of the painters who

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~~Howard Chandler~~ ^{Walter B.} Russell,
undertook this, ~~has~~ already painted the Oregon eclipse of 1918,
the California eclipse of 1923, and the Rhode Island eclipse of
1925. All these paintings hang in the American Museum of Natural
History, ~~New York,~~ and are considered ~~in~~valuable records both ~~as~~ to
science and ~~as~~ art.

FARM STRIKE

There's a let-up in the news about that farm strike in Iowa today. I'm sure a good many of you will be glad of it. While the head of the Farmers' Holiday Association declared a truce, some of his followers were difficult to control. A dispatch to the Memphis Press Scimitar reports that there are many bruised heads today as the ~~x~~ result of scraps that took place in the night. Tires were punctured, windshields were smashed, livestock let loose in the streets, as outnumbered strikers fought with officers. Some of the farmers though only a minority, are bitter against their leaders, and believe the truce has destroyed all hope of victory.

There's going to be a mass meeting of farmers in Suffolk County, Long Island, tomorrow night, at Riverhead. They ~~are~~^{too} going ~~to~~^{will} consider having a holiday ~~of their own~~^a to the extent of keeping their spuds off the market.

Then, ~~too~~, the President of the Farmers' Cooperative Union of New York State is considering plans for an attempt to spread the strike among New York farmers.

PARIS

The news from Paris indicates that La Belle France is sore, in fact real mad. Of course, it's the communication from the militarist cabinet of Germany that ^{has raised} ~~got up~~ the French dander.

Marianne, as France is called in the cartoons, just can't see the notion of Germany's having military equality with other European nations again. And the French think Germany's ^{has} ~~just got~~ her nerve making such a demand. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post says that public opinion in Paris, while angry, is not alarmed. Prime Minister Herriot returned to the ~~ca~~ capital today to consult with his cabinet about the German note. The expectation at Paris is that he will pass the buck along to the French disarmament delegation at Geneva.

Monsieur Herriot gave out a statement about the latest German demands to the effect that they are illogical but not unexpected. ~~When~~ Mr. Herriot was asked what was his reaction to the German demand, ^{He said he'd} ~~he replied that he would~~ have to make the same reply as the celebrated English Admiral who was asked a question ^{similar}

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about ~~the~~ British national policy. The British Admiral replied that he had no reaction at all, first, because he was an Admiral, and, second, because he was English. ~~That, said Prime Minister Herriot, is exactly his position.~~ That, said Prime Minister Herriot, is exactly ^{my} ~~his~~ position.

Other people in Paris are a good deal more ^{het-up} ~~head-up~~ about it. The next thing, say the anti-Germans, will be a demand for the restoration of the German colonies. As a matter of fact, it's been well known in and out of official circles for a long while that Germany would eventually try to get her colonies back. But few people expected the demand to come so soon.

A dispatch from Berlin indicates that if France objects to ~~Germany's demand~~, Germany will withdraw from all future disarmament conferences.

Then, There are other developments which directed the attention of the world to Germany ^{today.} ~~once again.~~ One ~~of these~~ is that the increase in Germany's tariffs threaten^s to cost American manufacturers

the German market, particularly in such products as typewriters and office equipment. Then again, Germany seems to be definitely headed for a break with the League of Nations. All these international affairs are for the time being overshadowing the political situation inside Germany, and the interest in the new German Parliament.

CHICAGO

There's a ^{curious} rather ~~amusing~~ story from Chicago which was wired today to the Boston Traveler. The effort to clean up Chicago and purge it of the crime orgy, has developed ~~into~~ a comic situation. The two principal opponents of the criminals in Cooke County, instead of fighting the criminals, are engaged in fighting each other. The famous Secret Six, a secret organization of six citizens who banded together to root out the criminals, is on the one side, and the State's Attorney's office on the other. Instead of cooperating, they've been spending their energies and resources spying on each other, ^{so the story says.} This has been going on for months. The result is now that the State's Attorney and the Secret Six are amusing the public by hurling charges at each other. The investigators for the Secret Six discovered that operatives of the State's Attorney's office have been tapping the telephone wires of the supposedly Secret organization.

Perhaps that's why Mayor Tony Cermak, while sipping his burgundy in Paris, ^{and his beer in Berlin,} calls Chicago the most moral of all cities.

BASEBALL

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This seems to be what the experts ^{term} ~~call~~ a banner year in baseball. The sensational performers of the season of course are the New York Yanks ^{too.} ~~and~~. Everybody expected Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics to run away with the pennant, again. But the Yanks have just busted them out of the picture. And now, according to a story in the New York Sun, Joe McCarthy's Yanks are within ^{three} ~~four~~ games of a new record. If they can get through this week without a shut out, they will set an all time record in the major league. They will then have played a hundred and thirty-three consecutive games, ^{each of} in which they've scored at least one or more runs. This has never been done before by any big league team.

As for the World Series, the baseball experts are accepting it as an accomplished fact that the ~~so~~ ^{World's championship} games will be played in New York and Chicago. In other words, though the Chicago Cubs haven't ~~got~~ as firm a hold on the National League pennant as the Yanks have in the American League, there seems little chance that either Pittsburg or Brooklyn can nose Charlie Grimm's players out of their victory. The Cubs have a handsome lead of eight full games. The lead of the ^Yanks ~~over~~ of Philadelphia is ^{twelve} ~~eleven and a half~~ games.

Though I don't contemplate signing on as a pinch hitter ^{with} ~~either~~ either the Cubs or the Yanks, I made a bit of a record myself in a baseball game last Sunday. I got what is undoubtedly the shortest home run on record.

To be truthful, I can't really claim that I earned it. It was the infielders -- and the outfielders too -- of the opposing team who made me a present of it.

It was like this: I hit a bunt. I hadn't intended to because I swung at the ball with all my might. The old apple dropped just ~~four~~^{four} inches in front of the plate. I legged it to first, and the catcher picked up the ball and snapped it there ahead of me. The first baseman muffed it. So, on I went to second. The first baseman threw wild into the outfield. While the outfielders were scrambling for it I made third. The man on third missed it and I staggered home. All on a four inch bunt. And I'll bet that's an all time baseball record.

And, incidentally the score was 34 to 29.

That four inch hit of mine was rather different to the one made in Philadelphia the other day, which was just about the longest on record. The hero was Ike Straub, catcher for the St. Ann's baseball team. He hit the old apple so hard that it flew over the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a brakeman riding on top of a box car caught it on a fly, waved it in the air, and put

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it in his pocket. The train was ~~bound~~ bound for New York, so
Brother Ike Straub is probably the only living baseball player
who has hit a ball from Philadelphia, to New York.

STAMPS

There's a lady in Massachusetts who's so fastidious in her taste that she has rebuked Uncle Sam himself for what she considers improper behavior. She lives in Dalton, Massachusetts. A story in the Berkshire County Eagle relates that what offended her sensibilities were some of the new three cent stamps issued by Uncle Sam. One batch of these known as the Olympic issue, shows the figure of a sprinter in running togs.

This offended her so much that she ^{returned} ~~took~~ the stamps ~~back~~ to the post office and demanded that the government take them back. She had never cared for bathing suits anyhow, and she considers it an affront to her matronly modesty ^{to be asked} ~~to ask her~~ to send out letters with such a figure decorating them.

Uncle Sam granted the lady's request ~~xx~~ for stamps of a more respectable design.