

L.T. SUNOCO - January 2, 1933

Good Evening, Everybody:-

One thing that's going to happen to us early in this new year of 1933 is that the legislatures of forty-four states will convene this month. Forty-four legislatures! A staggering thought! But there -- the holiday season is still on so let's not be too gloomy about it.

One job before these state parliaments will be to ratify Senator Norris's famous "Lame Duck" amendment -- the amendment to Uncle Sam's constitution which will abolish the Lame Duck session of Congress, that is, we hope it will. It will also advance the terms of all newly elected federal officers. So far seventeen states have ratified the Norris amendment to the Constitution -- and the votes of nineteen more states are needed.

The only states whose legislatures will not assemble this year are Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia.

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Out in California there's a newly-fledged law maker who is hitch hiking to the job. He's a man who had been out of work two years and won his seat in the California legislature by

a house-to-house campaign. Friends subscribed one hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty cents in small change to help him get elected. But this fund was not enough to pay his fare to Sacramento. To be sure the state pays his fare from his home to the state capital. But he's hitch-hiking the entire three hundred and thirty-eight miles with his thirteen-year-old son in order to send the money back to his wife and three children.

~~Good Evening Everybody:~~

I am sorry to have to convey an item of news that will be a shock to everybody in the political world both Democratic and Republican, ~~but~~ especially to the Democrats. I mean the death this afternoon of Mrs. Henry

Moskowitz of New York. *Some of you, many of you, may ask, who is Mrs. Moskowitz.*

This remarkable woman was known in the inner councils of the Democratic Party as one of the brainiest women in the country *— and we might a feminine Colonel House.* Several times I have asked newspaper friends ~~to tell me~~ <sup>to tell me</sup> the "inside" ~~dope~~ on certain situations.

And on more than one occasion I have received the answer:

"I don't know but I'm going to ask Belle Moskowitz." *They were always asking her.*

She never sought or dreamed of seeking public office for herself. She kept in the background advising and guiding the men who appeared in the limelight.

It is an open secret in newspaper and political circles that former Governor Al Smith took no important step without first consulting Belle Moskowitz.

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The news of her death comes as a considerable surprise. ~~Mrs. Moskowitz~~ <sup>She</sup> had been ill for several weeks

but it was not generally known that her illness was so

serious. *And thus passes one of the ablest women of our day.*

MARINES

Pacifists and others who have been kicking because a small force of Uncle Sam's marines have been in Nicaragua will have nothing to growl about for the future in this direction. That seems too bad. A pacifist without a grievance is like a boxfighter without anybody to fight.

At any rate, the last of Uncle Sam's ~~M~~Marines -- who've been in Nicaragua for something like nineteen years -- started home today. The aviation squadron, as a matter of fact, began its flight home yesterday. The other ~~M~~Marines, four hundred and eighty of them entrained for the seacoast where transports were awaiting them. Sixteen of the ~~Marines~~ <sup>Devil Dogs</sup> are bringing Nicaraguan brides back to the U. S. A.

Before the ~~M~~Marines left they received the thanks of Senor Sacasa, Nicaragua's <sup>new</sup> president.

BERLIN

In many parts of Germany the coming of the New Year was celebrated with fists, clubs, and brickpats. All over Berlin there were street fights between various political crowds. Three people were killed and many others injured in the capital. Meanwhile other important cities in the Republic enjoyed themselves in the same fashion.

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PERU

Rumors of warfare continue to come from South America.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin this afternoon reports that a large ~~PERUVIAN~~ ~~NAVY~~ squadron of the Peruvian navy is assembling on the upper waters of the Amazon River near *Iquitos*.

The dispatch, which comes through Brazil, adds that a battle is impending between the ships of Peru and Colombia.

New Year or no New Year, boys will be boys, *especially*  
*at the foot of the Andes.*

ROOSEVELT

President-elect Roosevelt, according to a dispatch to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, will be in New York tomorrow to meet Democratic leaders of Congress.

It is indicated that the President-elect will probably confer with Senator Norris about their impending visit to Muscle Shoals. Mr. Roosevelt has invited several other prominent statesmen to accompany him on an inspection of Uncle Sam's huge and much-discussed nitrate plant in Alabama. Three successive administrations have failed to solve the problem of what to do with the Muscle Shoals Jonah.



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a year. The consequence is that only a man with private means  
can afford to take a cabinet job. <sup>For most men</sup> And the incomes from private  
investments, ~~that is most men's private investment~~ have  
shrunk considerably. They are not all anxious to  
move to Washington.

HOOVER

Well, President Hoover's holiday is over. He and his party landed at Palm Beach today and took the north bound ~~xxxx~~ train <sup>for</sup> ~~back to~~ Washington.

Fishing fans will be glad to know that their President <sup>that is his luck turned,</sup> did not get "skunked". <sup>λ</sup> He comes back with five once lively, <sup>magnificent</sup> sailfish ~~xxxxxxx~~ to his credit. One of them was a ninety-five inch monster that came within one inch of earning him the diamond trophy which is awarded to all fishermen who catch a sailfish of a certain size.

Skating

(From Lowell Thomas Broadcast,  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1933, over W.J.Z.  
and the N.B.C. stations,  
associated)

L.T. :-

I spent several hours yesterday and nearly

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all of this morning, hunting for a place to skate. Some boys went with me. We visited nearly every ice pond in our section of the Berkshire Hills. Most of the time when we did get on the ice it would start to pop ~~ominously~~ <sup>ominously</sup> and once or twice we went ~~xx~~ through and had to visit a neighbor and borrow dry clothes. Finally we found a more secluded pond where the ice was strong and ~~wide~~ we had a high old time.

But every time I tried a pond with thin ice, where it started to crack and pop, I couldn't help thinking of the many stories I've seen in newspapers so far this winter, of boys who have gone through ~~the ice~~ and drowned. Last summer I asked my friend, Captain Charles Scully, of the American Red Cross, who has saved some hundreds of lives, to join me on the air for a moment and talk about swimming, and saving swimmers. Not long ago Captain Scully decided to make some experiments regarding the best way for people to be rescued when they break through the ice. Most of us know how difficult

(6) that is. The motion picture newsreel companies were so interested in his experiments that they filmed them.

The winter is still young and the ice in many regions is not any too thick. Nevertheless we all want to skate. So I brought Captain Scully along tonight, and I am going to ask him a question.

Captain, let's imagine that we are out skating. I've just broken through the ice. I am floundering around and unable to get out, because each time more ice keeps breaking off. Help, help! Save me! How can you do it, Captain?

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*Red Cross*  
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CAPTAIN SCULLY

Well, L.T., I might let you drown, it would be a  
day to get even for that last trimming you gave me at

But seriously, there are many things that a skater  
o rescue himself, or others, when some one breaks through

First, don't become panic-stricken. You will not

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clothes -- that is, you won't if you keep your head.

If you break through thin ice, you should place

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If there is help nearby, the rescuers should get a

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FOR CAPTAIN SCULLY

Well, L.T., I might let you drown, it would be a good way to get even for that last trimming you gave me at handball.

But seriously, there are many things that a skater can do to rescue himself, or others, when some one breaks through the ice. First, don't become panic-stricken. You will not drown regardless of the fact that you are weighted down with skates and clothes -- that is, you won't if you keep your head.

If you break through thin ice, you should place your hands lightly on the edge of the ice, kick with your legs, and roll out. By all means lie flat. Do not attempt to stand up. Your weight should be distributed over as large a surface of the ice as possible.

If there is help nearby, the rescuers should get a park bench, or ladder, or long board, and push it out toward the victim so that he can grasp it. And under no conditions should those going to the ~~RESCUE~~ rescue be upright when attempting to get a skater out!

A screw driver from your automobile tool kit is a mighty handy thing to have in your pocket when you skate on

a pond or lake or river. Then if you break through you can dig it in the ice and pull yourself out.

But the most efficient rescue methods are at best risky. The best plan is to play safe. Don't skate on thin ice! Best of all, do your skating at some skating rink.

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L.T.:- Okay, Captain, I'm sure glad I'm out of that hole in the ice, even if I am wringing wet. As you say, I guess the best plan is to go to an indoor skating rink, like the big public one on top of Madison Square Garden, the Ice Club, or like the rink you'll find in nearly every town in America.

RAY

Now for something with which most of us will agree.

"New Year's resolutions are poppycock." That's not my statement, it comes from a clergyman and an exceedingly distinguished clergyman, Dr. Randolph Ray, vicar of the famous Little Church Around the Corner, in New York. Dr. Ray is celebrated in and out of New York as not only a distinguished clergyman, but a liberal and charming human being.

In his New Year's day sermon yesterday, Dr. Ray urged his congregation to "throw away", as he put it, the usual New Year's poppycock such as resolutions to give five cents a day to something or other. These resolutions, said Dr. Ray, are always broken and nobody will contradict him on that. He advised his parishioners instead to build their lives on the general principles that they are human beings. Well, Doctor, you've set my mind at ease. I forgot to make any resolutions.

Now for an education item which I found in the Buffalo Evening News. A Buffalo ~~teacher~~ school teacher asked her class: "Who can give me a ~~new~~ sentence containing the word 'Insulate'?"

A small boy stuck up his hand and answered: "Here's one. At ~~the~~ breakfast <sup>this morning</sup> my ma said to my pa: 'How come you got in so late this morning!'"

~~After that one the best thing I can do is to say  
SO LONG UNIL TOMORROW.~~

FASHION

This ought to be as good a day as any ~~other~~ for a fashion note from Paris. You remember the ~~day~~ year when ladies with slashed skirts had most of the men on the streets goggle-eyed. Advices from Paris indicate that something like that is at hand again, though I doubt whether it will cause any astonishment this time.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger says that the dope is: "narrow skirts" with slashed hem lines.

If you're interested in details, the normal position of the slash is at the lower left hand side. In some skirts, however, it comes at the back. <sup>clear throat.</sup> Another fashion forecast is that the slim silhouette grows slimmer and slimmer every day.

In other words, "fewer and skinier women," *that's the motto for 1933. But, personally, I like them — but lets see, what's the next item: —*

FINGERNAILS

Another fashion note comes curiously enough from Italy. It seems that the fad for dyeing fingernails in all sorts of comic colors varying from a bright magenta to a billious green, has been spreading alarmingly among the ladies of the Italian court.

So, Queen Eleāna~~s~~ has laid down the law:

Grotesquely colored fingernails are out, <sup>taboo,</sup> at the Italian court.

Shaved eyebrows are also frowned upon. *But how do*

*you frown with shaved eyebrows?*

## CHANGES

History gave plenty of work to the map makers in 1932. Governments changed in many parts of the world. A bulletin of the National Geographic Society points out that among others were the creation of the state of Manchukuo in what used to be Manchuria, the setting up of Catalonia as a self-governing unit inside the Spanish Republic, and the change of Siam from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy.

Then too, Iraq was erected into an independent state. And Mount Ararat, probably the most famous mountain in the world, changed ownership. It was traded to Turkey by Persia in exchange for a bit of territory along the southern border of Turkey.

The National Geographic Society likewise points out that man had his ups and downs in more ways than one during 1932. Professor Piccard went higher than any human being had ever done before, and Dr. Will Beebe in his famous bathosphere went lower under the surface of the water