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NEW YORK

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The gang situation in New York is causing a lot of police activity. The detective force has been ordered to do or die in getting the gunmen who drove through a crowded street the other night, opened machine gun fire on an enemy of theirs, missed him, and shot five children, one of whom died. This crime has caused an outburst of public indignation. The New York papers are offering large rewards for the capture of the men who committed this monstrous crime, also the Policemen's Benevolent Association.

And all of the New York papers are carrying announcements tonight of how the Police Commissioner has ordered a 24-hour armed patrol of the streets. Automobiles, are winding through the thoroughfares of the metropolis. In them are detectives armed with rifles, shotguns and tear gas bombs. They are scouring the city for the outlaws of the gangs.

The authorities call it "a war to the knife against the underworld."

The gang war toll was increased by 2 more today in New York, one put on the spot, the other an innocent bystander.

1 Things are moving fast in the
2 trial of Al Capone, ^{at Chicago.} The Big Shot now
3 wants another judge to try his case.
4 His lawyers have told ^{Federal} Judge Wilkerson
5 on the bench that Capone believes the
6 Judge is not doing the right thing by
7 him.

8 The Judge replied that they knew
9 what they could do about that - meaning
10 that they could appeal ^{and} ~~to~~ have the
11 case switched over to the court of
12 another judge.

13 Judge Wilkerson, as the United
14 Press informs us, has passed a ruling
15 on Capone's desire to change his plea
16 from guilty to not guilty. The judge
17 has allowed the Big Shot to change over
18 to not guilty on the income tax indictment.
19 In the matter of the prohibition
20 conspiracy charge, the judge says that he
21 will give a decision later on ^{as to} ~~whether~~ ^{or not}
22 Capone will be allowed to plead not guilty.

23 It looks as if there had been
24 some sort of slip-up in Chicago. Capone
25 seems to have been promised he would get

1 only a light term if he pleaded guilty,
2 but now the judge declares that he won't
3 live up to any such promise made by
4 somebody else.

5 The kickback comes in a
6 declaration by Senator Schall of
7 Minnesota, who is quoted by the
8 Associated Press as saying that he is
9 going to ask ^{for} an inquiry ⁱⁿ congress. ~~to~~
10 ~~look into that Capone matter.~~ Senator
11 Schall is indignant about what appears
12 to be a deal that was made between
13 Capone and Federal authorities, ~~and~~ *in charge*
14 ~~judge~~ of the prosecution, according to
15 which Capone was promised a light
16 sentence if he would plead not guilty.
17 Meanwhile the snappily ~~dressed~~ *in* king of
18 the gangs seems to be a bit downcast
19 over what has happened. No doubt he
20 thinks he has been given a tough deal,
21 ~~or~~ *but* he's saying he was given
22 the doublecross — *something that isn't*
23 *exactly new in his life.*
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1 A brief tragic story comes from
2 the town of Taylor in Arkansas.

3 In 1922 Nathan Fields was convicted
4 of murder in the second degree, and
5 was condemned to ten years in prison.
6 In 1926 he was given a six day furlough
7 from the jail. He was let out for that
8 period and promised to come back - but
9 he never showed up.

10 He went to Taylor, Arkansas, and
11 there made good as a useful citizen.
12 He was elected town marshal and became
13 a pillar of society and the law.

14 Then the authorities of the state
15 penitentiary learned of his whereabouts.
16 Officers were sent to bring him back.
17 They arrived today to take him. But
18 the town marshal of Taylor, Askansas, is
19 not going back to the Pen. When the
20 officers tried to arrest him he pulled
21 a ~~xxx~~ pistol and the Associated Press
22 says that a gun battle followed. And
23 the escaped convict who became a town
24 marshal was killed.
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1 Now comes a ~~xxxxx~~ prosperity
2 note which shows that one industry has
3 been doing mighty well during these
4 times of depression. It's the
5 spaghetti industry.

6 The Associated Press sends out
7 ~~along~~ a report given ~~out~~ by the
8 National Association of ^{Macaroni} Manufacturers
9 of the United States. The report
10 states that the spaghetti ~~business~~ business is
11 booming. Fifty-five million dollars
12 worth of ^{Italian delight} ~~spaghetti~~ was manufactured and
13 sold last year, and if the separate and
14 individual strands of ~~spaghetti~~ were
15 laid end on end, they would encircle
16 the earth at the Equator one thousand
17 times. And that seems to figure that
18 last year's output of spaghetti in the
19 United States was twenty-five million
20 miles, and I suppose that at least
21 twenty-five billion cubic yards of air
22 were sucked in while people were
23 engaged in inhaling all of that
24 spaghetti.
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1 Here's another amateur going
2 professional. The Associated Press says
3 that Cochet, the world's ranking tennis
4 player, has told his friends that he's
5 going to enter the professional ranks
6 about the middle of September.

7 There have been rumors on and off
8 that Cochet would duck out of the
9 amateur class and join his old
10 antagonist, Big Bill Tilden, as a
11 professional. And now this appears to
12 be verified. And the coming fall will
13 see the speedy Frenchman who is the
14 tennis champion of the world prancing
15 and cavorting as a member of Tilden's
16 tennis troupe.

1 A plane took off from Moscow
2 this afternoon and roared eastward.
3 In it were Pangborn and Herndon, the two
4 American fliers who are on their way
5 around the world. They arrived at
6 Moscow, ^{this morning,} stopped only five hours, and
7 then headed for Siberia. They expect to
8 ~~hesitate for a moment~~ ~~make a stop~~ at Irkutsk in Central
9 Siberia and then fly on, bound for
10 Alaska.

11 Meanwhile the Associated Press
12 cables word that Amy Johnson, the British
13 woman aviator who is flying from
14 England to Japan, has taken off from
15 Omak, in Western Siberia. Before
16 leaving, she sent a telegram that she
17 expected to be in the town of Kras-Moj-
18 Arsk tonight.

19 In ~~xxxxxxx~~ Istanbul on the
20 Bosphorus, ^{the boys who broke the world's record,} Boardman and Polando, ~~who~~ ^{the lads}
21 ^{who} flew from New York to the Golden Horn,
22 are still being shown a big time by
23 the Turks. They are ^{also} looking their
24 plane over, and if it seems in tip-top
25 shape ^{why} they say they may go ^{spinning} on around

the world themselves and make it a race with Pangborn and Herndon.

There seems to be a bit of an argument about another one of those important ~~flights~~ ^{flights}. The Lindberghs are in Ottawa on their way across Canada to Alaska and then via the islands of the North Pacific ~~on~~ to Japan.

The Colonel has been confabulating with Canadian aviators about the route he should take from Ottawa on to Alaska. And Slim and the Canadian fliers don't seem to agree. Lindbergh wants to take the northern route - across the ~~Barren Lands~~ ^{Barren Lands}.

The Canadian aviators who know the country ~~told~~ ^{tell} him that ~~it~~ ^{would} be much too dangerous. They say mighty few planes have ever succeeded in making the trip. They explain that ~~there are no accurate~~ ^{the Barren Lands are treeless, uninhabited Arctic} maps of the region for airplane flying.

The fogs are bad up that way, and there's a section where the compass goes dead. They suggest that the southern route, which Post and Gatty took, is much better.

1 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ But Lindbergh
2 seems determine^d. He says he's not
3 afraid of fog and that he is going
4 to take along supplies for several
5 weeks so that if he and his wife are
6 forced down in the wilderness, they'll
7 have enough food to enable them to
8 walk out. He declares that he'll
9 start out tomorrow. Slim and Anne
10 will take off and fly to Moose Factory,
11 and that's far up on the edge of
12 nowhere. From there they'll hit
13 across ~~to Alaska~~ the Barren Lands
14 for the Arctic Coast of Alaska,
15 up on the Polar Rim.
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1 Now comes an old story -- old for
2 China -- yes, tragically old. The
3 Yangtze River is on the rampage, and
4 floods are spreading death and
5 desolation through the rich farming
6 regions of central China. The Yangtze
7 winds, a wide slow stream through an
8 immense stretch of flat country of
9 deep rich soil. And that country is
10 populated by the densest millions of
11 Chinese who crowd every available acre
12 of what is some of the finest, fattest
13 farming land in the world.

14 A slight rise of the river and
15 there ~~was~~^{is} a flood over the low country.
16 Every so often there is an over abundance
17 of water at the sources of the Yangtze.
18 And then come the floods -- and then
19 very likely comes famine.

20 The United Press calls the
21 present flood the worst in recent years.
22 Five hundred people were drowned at
23 Wuchang, and the same sort of thing is
24 going on in the other cities, up and down
25 the stream.

1 Six hundred miles up the Yangtze
2 is the city of Hankow, which with several
3 adjoining towns is a ^{vast}~~great~~ industrial
4 center. ^{In fact} It's called the Chicago of
5 China.

6 Well, this evening the Chicago of
7 China is under water. The river has
8 invaded the streets and the water is 3
9 feet deep in some parts. Ordinarily
10 the Yangtze at that point is about half
11 a mile wide, but now the flood has spread
12 in all directions and the towns of the
13 district look like islands in the midst
14 of a swirling torrent.

And here
Now comes the ^{sad} story of an
indignant wife. In a way, you can't
blame her for being a bit miffed.

Anyway, across the water in Paris
an ~~xxx~~ indignant wife has been granted a
divorce for which she sued on the ground
that her husband was having too many
conversations with his former wife - that
is to say, having conversations with the
spirit of his former wife.

5 She died and he married again
and then pretty soon he went to a
spiritualist medium and got in touch with
the Land of Shadows. The spirit of his
former wife appeared and they had many
long talks together.

The living wife didn't like
that particularly, but it was ^{what} ~~the kind~~
~~of thing that~~ the spirit of the former
wife said that annoyed her exceedingly.

"Anatole"
"Jean Jacques", declared the
voice in the seance, "you don't look as
well as you used to. You're getting
thin and you seem a bit bilious - green
around the gills. It's too bad you

1 haven't anybody who can cook the right
2 kind of food for you. You should have
3 some of that filet of sole marguery, or
4 the crepe suzette that I used to fix for
5 you, *Nes ce pa?* "

6 And the husband went home, ~~of~~
7 ~~course~~, and at dinnertime he thought
8 the food wasn't so good and told ~~the~~ ^{his second}
9 ~~lady of the house~~ ^{wife} what his ~~former~~ ^{first} wife
10 had said. ~~She had a few things to~~
11 ~~answer back.~~ And so it went on with
12 the voice from the other world becoming
13 more and more critical about the cookery.
14 The climax came when, as the New York
15 Evening Post tells us, the spirit of the
16 former wife took up the subject of
17 mayonnaise dressing. She declared that
18 wife No. 2 was making it all wrong and
19 ~~xxxxxx~~ gave the husband instructions
20 to convey to wife No. 2 in the hope that
21 she might learn something about preparing
22 mayennaise. And that was the mayonnaise
23 that broke the camel's back. Wife No. 2
24 went to court and told her troubles to
25 the judge, and got a divorce. *And now*
Anatole is having his wayonaise in
a restaurant.

DIGEST

Oh yes, how about a few practical hints on an exceedingly pertinent subject -- how to keep cool in warm weather.

This week's Literary Digest tells us what we can do to make ourselves comfortable when the thermometer is climbing and climbing.

The Digest, quoting a series of articles from Science Service, starts in with the subject of food. We are reminded that food is simply fuel for the body. It makes heat. The idea is to avoid the foods that produce the most heat. There are many things we can eat that are ideally adapted to summer. Take our standard breakfast foods, they don't produce much heat. And then there are fruits, both fresh and dry. And salads too are first rate for warm weather. And then the Digest recommends cooling drinks. Quoting Science Service the Digest editors put a

1 high value on fruit juices.

2 In this day and age we really have
3 a splendid assortment of warm weather
4 soft drinks to select from -- iced tea
5 or coffee, lemonade and orangeade. And
6 then there are fine ginger ales, and
7 carbonated waters, and malted milk. I
8 can remember the time when ice cream
9 was a rare treat. But now it is
10 available everywhere.

11 One of the biggest factors in the
12 prevalence of cooling and refreshing food
13 and drink is the modern refrigeration
14 system. The old-time ice box was often
15 just a nuisance, but its modern substitute
16 is superbly ~~su~~fficient.

17 Most of us can remember the day
18 when the only way to cool off was to
19 grab the old palm-leaf fan and go to
20 work. Now electric fans are everywhere.
21 ~~Many of us would have a hard time~~
22 ~~surviving the summer if it weren't for the~~
23 ~~handy electric fans. The other day I saw~~
24 ~~something new -- that is, comparatively~~
25 ~~new, it was~~ an outfit for cooling the

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1 air in a room or an office. ~~It was made~~
2 ~~by a prominent manufacturer of~~
3 ~~refrigeration machinery.~~ It looked
4 something like an old-time talking
5 machine. All you do is press a button
6 and the contraption goes to work, and
7 in a few minutes the room is filled with
8 cool air and the temperature is reduced
9 a number of degrees.

10 And then the Digest takes up the
11 subject of clothes. During the time
12 when I was traveling in the tropics I
13 had many occasions to notice how the
14 effect of the heat was ^{cut down} ~~amplified~~ by
15 the kind of clothes people wore --
16 garments designed for hot weather. The
17 Literary Digest points out ~~the kind of~~
18 ~~clothes that are best for the summer.~~ --
19 ~~lightweight underclothing, out in~~
20 ~~athletic style; suits of silk, tropical~~
21 ~~worsted, or linen; women's dresses made~~
22 ~~of cotton, linen or silk.~~ We are
23 reminded of the old truth that women's
24 clothing is more suitable for hot
25 weather than men's. Skirts, for example,

are cooler than trousers, *so they say.*

And then the Literary Digest tells us of a series of tests that were made to determine the temperature of the air under various types of hats. Panamas and stiff straw hats ^{*took the prize.*} ~~came out on top.~~ ~~They're best for hot weather.~~ Other types are ^{*okay when the cool breezes blow.*} ~~best for cold.~~

The Digest takes up that old subject: ~~of~~ which is cooler -- a hot bath or a warm ^{*one?*} ~~bath~~. The answer is that a cold bath is certainly refreshing for the moment -- especially a fine, brisk, cool shower. But it has the effect of making the body produce heat to offset the cold. And in the end you're warmer than ever. That Literary Digest article recommends a lukewarm bath as being the coolest in ~~the~~ summertime.

And talking about bath tubs and showers, let's drop ^{*in*} for a brief visit to our southern neighbor, Mexico.

MEXICO

Senor, pardon me. I am very sorry but you need a bath.

Those words are being heard down in Mexico City, The capital of the republic to the south of us is staging a clean-up week. Everything is going to be washed and shined up - including the population. The police have just received orders to drag in all persons who look as though they need a bath. These unwashed folks are to be taken to the public bath house and there given a thorough scouring. And so for the next week in Mexico City police will stop hombres here and there and say:

"Pardon me, Senor, but you must come along and take a bath, not Manana, but right now."

And I guess I'll quit talking, not manana, but right now. And as they say in Mehico: "Hasta manana,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.