

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1 The International Chamber of
2 Commerce began its sessions in Washington
3 today. A thousand ^{members} ~~people~~ were present,
4 including delegates from forty-six
5 nations.

6 ~~The meeting~~ was addressed by
7 President Hoover, who made disarmament
8 the central theme of his talk. According
9 to the Associated Press the President
10 pointed out that what the whole world
11 wanted ~~is~~ ^{is} a revival of business. He
12 declared that the most important thing
13 needed for business revival ~~was~~ ^{is} for
14 the nations to stop spending so much
15 money on soldiers and guns and warships.

16 The President's speech was
17 translated into about sixteen different
18 languages and right there is one of the
19 curious up-to-date things about that
20 session of the International Chamber of
21 Commerce. Each member bears the addresses
22 in his own language, or at least in a
23 language that he can understand. Each
24 is equipped with ^{a head} ~~an ear~~ phone. ~~On one~~
25 ~~side~~ ^{There} is a corps of interpreters. As ^{an} ~~the~~

1 address is made it is translated by
2 the interpreters into various languages,
3 and the translation is spoken into
4 telephone ^{transmitters} ~~receivers~~. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The ^{head}
5 ~~ear~~ phones of the French delegation
6 are connected with the French
7 interpreter. The ^{head} ~~ear~~ phones of the
8 Japanese delegation are connected with
9 the Japanese interpreters, and so on.

10 According to the International
11 News Service this gives the conference
12 a distinctly ultra-modern appearance. *And*
13 *it certainly sounds complicated.*

1 A suit was filed in the District
2 of Columbia Supreme Court today. I
3 suppose that suit ought to be entitled--
4 The United States Senators ~~vs~~ vs. The
5 President of The United States. Anyway,
6 it certainly is a case of the lawmakers
7 of the Senate against President Hoover.

8 The Senate is trying to throw out
9 the chairman whom the President has
10 appointed for the Federal Power Commission.
11 He is George Otis Smith, of Maine.

12 According to the United Press, the
13 Senate claims that the appointment of
14 Chairman Smith was really never legally
15 confirmed by the Senate.

16 As I recall the case, the President
17 sent Chairman Smith's name into the
18 Senate for confirmation, ^{some months ago.} The Senate
19 said okay, but a little later wanted to
20 take back the confirmation. President
21 Hoover ^{replied that} ~~said~~ this couldn't be done,
22 ~~and claimed that Mr. Smith was, according~~
23 ~~to law, Chairman of the Federal Power~~
24 ~~Commission.~~

25 And now the Senate has gone to

1 law about it and is suing in the
2 courts. And legal experts say that the
3 case will be an important battle of
4 constitutional law.

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1 Well, I've said, and you've
2 said, and we^{we} all ~~have~~ said - that
3 while the British Labor party is
4 supposed to be socialist^{ie} it is really
5 governing England in a way that is not
6 socialist^{ie} at all. ~~In other words,~~
7 ~~that the Labor party is really not~~
8 ~~Socialist at all.~~

9 Well, maybe so, but along comes
10 a bit of decidedly Socialist^{ie} news from
11 London.

12 It is a statement made by
13 Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the
14 Exchequer today, in a speech defending
15 the budget^{bill} ~~that is~~^{now} before the House of
16 Commons. That ~~budget~~^{bill} proposes to raise
17 money by making the owners of land
18 pay a certain percentage of the value
19 of their property. Snowden said the
20 ~~ix~~ idea was O. K. because there really
21 was no such thing as absolute ownership.
22 According to the United Press Snowden
23 directly ~~changed~~^{altered} the private ownership
24 of land.

25 Referring to the budget, he said:

1 ~~We~~ ^{Now for} ~~have~~ a dispatch ^{that} ~~here~~ ~~which~~ is
2 brief and ^{succinct}. Here's the way
3 it reads:

4 "Nanking, China, May 4. A mandate
5 was issued today by the Ministry of
6 Foreign Affairs of the Chinese
7 Nationalist Government declaring
8 extraterritoriality abolished."

9 ^{Well,} That may mean a turn of events in
10 the affairs of the Far East.

11 There's one word that is to the
12 modern, advanced Chinese what the
13 familiar old red flag is to the bull.
14 That word is long, and it's a ~~somewhat~~
15 clumsy mouthful. It's: ~~is~~ extraterritoriality.

16 For a couple of years now China and
17 the ^{principal} foreign powers have been fighting
18 over that word. The Chinese want to
19 ~~get that word~~ ^{slash it} out of the dictionary,
20 ~~or at least put it in the obsolete class.~~

21 It's a relic of the old times in
22 the Orient, and means that foreigners
23 in China do not come under the
24 jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities.
25 If a European violates the law, he is

1 tried, not before Chinese judges, but
2 before his own consulate.

3 The Chinese say it's a humiliating
4 thing for China and violates the status
5 of the flowery kingdom as an independent
6 nation. The foreigners reply that
7 while an American in France doesn't
8 object to being placed under the
9 jurisdiction of French courts, or an
10 Englishman in Germany under the
11 jurisdiction of German courts--why,
12 China is different. ~~The~~ Chinese
13 justice, they claim, doesn't measure
14 up to the standards of the western
15 world. *All of which makes the Chinese chortle
with disgust.*

16 ~~The Nationalist movement in China~~
17 ~~has been, to some extent, anti-foreign.~~
18 ~~It's chief anti-foreign element is a~~
19 ~~hatred for that same old~~
20 ~~extraterritoriality.~~

21 In December of 1929, the Chinese
22 government announced that extra-
23 territoriality would come to an end
24 on January 1st, 1930. There was
25 something of a panic among the foreigners,

1 and then the Chinese ~~govern~~ announced
2 that the abolition of extraterritoriality
3 would be postponed until the matter
4 could be discussed with the foreign
5 governments, ~~and an arrangement worked~~
6 ~~out.~~ And so, ~~some more~~ negotiations
7 got under way. ^{ff} The ^{foreign} ~~western~~ powers
8 are willing to make concessions.

9 According to the International News
10 Service, they're willing to let extra-
11 territoriality ^{disappear} ~~go~~ so far as China at
12 large is concerned. But they demand
13 that the old system be kept in force
14 in the great seaports of Shanghai,
15 Canton, Tientsin, and Hangkow--also in
16 Peiping, the capital, where the foreign
17 legations are. In other words, the
18 great powers are willing to let foreigners
19 come under Chinese jurisdiction in
20 those parts of China where few foreigners
21 are, but not in the cities which have a
22 large foreign population.

23 Well, the negotiations went on and
24 reached a deadlock. And now the Chinese
25 Nationalist government is taking a short

1 way out of the deadlock--that is, by
2 announcing that extraterritoriality
3 is at an end, and that all foreigners
4 in China will have to come under the
5 jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities.
6 They declare that this decision will
7 be effective on January 1st, 1932.

8 The old dragon of China is snorting
9 again and is blowing a few whiffs ■■■
10 of smoke out of its nostrils. The
11 dragon is ready with teeth and claws
12 to tear that hated word extraterritoriality
13 into shreds.

1 A group of Germans ~~today made~~ ^{are making a}
2 quick exit from the city of Bucharest.
3 They are a trade delegation. They had
4 just arrived when the Government at
5 Berlin called them back.

6 It was planned that the delegation
7 should confer with the Bucharest
8 Government about a commercial treaty
9 between Germany and Rumania.

10 The Rumanian authorities asked
11 the Germans to wait for two days and
12 postpone the discussion until Rumania
13 had finished a conference with a few other
14 countries. The Berlin government refused,
15 and the delegates ~~have gone~~ ^{are going} home.

16 According to the United Press
17 the conference which the Rumanians wanted
18 to complete before talking to the Germans
19 is a gathering of representatives of
20 the Little Entente, ~~which is~~ composed of
21 ~~the nations of~~ Czecho Slovakia, Yugo Slavia
22 and Rumania.

23 *The* Little Entente today unanimously
24 agreed to oppose the Austro German Customs
25 Union, that economic treaty between

1 Germany and Austria which has been
2 causing so much argument. At the
3 same time they put their O. K. on the
4 scheme which Foreign Minister Briand
5 of France has proposed - ~~which is~~^{namely} to
6 form a Customs Union of their own to
7 balance off that Austro German
8 combination.

9 Well, it all looks something
10 like one of those comedies in which
11 people arrive at the wrong time. The
12 German diplomatic mission, ~~that is~~^{which is} to
13 arrange a commercial treaty between
14 Germany and Rumania, arrived^s at Bucharest
15 just as the delegates of Little Entente
16 get together to form an ~~convention~~^{agreement}
17 amongst themselves directed against
18 Germany. The Germans are asked to wait
19 until the anti-German negotiations are
20 complete and it's easy to see why they
21 said no, nix, nein, *Raus mit 'em!*

22 Meanwhile ~~xxx~~ a note about royalty
23 comes in a dispatch which states that
24 the romantic King Carol of Rumania met
25 King Alexander of Yugo Slavia in a town

~~HONDURAS~~ Flash - Oh yes, and the I. N. S. has just given me a flash from Roumania. Here it is :- Queen Marie's daughter Princess Ileana is to be married. The official announcement was given out tonight. The lucky man is Archduke Anton of Hapsburg-Toscana, described as a 30 year old son of the Emperor. The Princess will reach Roumania in a few days accompanied by her mother and other members of the court.

Honduras

A victory for the rebels is reported in Honduras. The revolution which is dragging along down there seems to have scored a big ~~victory~~ success - and a savage one.

The United Press has passed along to me a dispatch which states that the city of Santa Rosa has been captured by the insurgents after six hours of fierce fighting. The government troops in the city were wiped out.

The International News Service tells us that this battle was one of the most savage in the ~~XXXX~~ history of Central American revolutions. The garrison of 150 men fought to the last but were overwhelmed by numbers. They died to the last man - and died gamely.

A large force of loyal troops has been mobilized and is marching to recapture the town.

1 There was a bit of worry this
2 morning about the big German flying
3 boat, the DO-X, ^{bound for} ~~which is on its way~~
4 ~~down the African coast and intends to~~
5 ~~head out across the South Atlantic~~
6 ~~and fly to~~ South America.

7 The DO-X took off from the Spanish
8 colony of Rio de Oro and headed down
9 the African coast for the Portuguese
10 port of Bolama. Then for some hours
11 no further word was heard from the
12 huge ~~airplane~~ ^{flying boat}.

13 Now comes a United Press dispatch
14 which tells us that the DO-X has landed
15 at Bolama. There was a delay in
16 receiving the news because cable stations
17 and wireless stations along the African
18 coast of Guinea were closed up over the
19 weekend. The boys were just having a
20 nice little holiday, and meanwhile the
21 rest of the world could remain in
22 doubtful wonderment, so far as events
23 on the ^{Guinea} coast of ^{west Africa} ~~Guinea~~ were concerned.

24 In the meantime, while the DO-X
25 is on the east coast of Africa waiting

to hop across the South Atlantic, another plane is on a northern island of Japan getting all set for a hop across the North Pacific.

A Japanese trans-oceanic flight is something of a novelty. But Seiju Yoshihara, a young Japanese aviator, has started out. He took off from Tokyo and has landed at Numasaki, his first stop on a sky voyage by way of the Kurile Islands and the Aleutian islands to Alaska, and then on to the United States, reversing the route taken by the U. S. Army Round-the-World fliers in 1924, when the first trans-Pacific airplane crossing was made.

During the next few days I suppose we'll be hearing quite a bit about those two planes -- the Do-X, flying west across the Atlantic, and Yoshihara, flying east across the Pacific. Good luck to them both!

1 A wierd turn of affairs has come
2 about in the Legs Diamond case. While the
3 notorious gangster is still in the
4 hospital officials have been questioning
5 members of his mob--and not only
6 officials. Unknown persons posing as
7 officers and authorities of the State
8 have gone to Legs Diamond's henchmen,
9 have interrogated them and found out what
10 they had to say. And a notorious friend
11 of Diamond's reports that one of the
12 mysterious investigators was introduced to
13 him as Attorney General Bennett of New
14 York State.

15 The identity of these mēn who posed
16 as officers is not known, but according
17 to the New York World-Telegram it is
18 suspected that they were ^{rival} gangsters. The
19 whole affair has a mysterious look, fit
20 for the pages of a melodramatic crime
21 novel.

1 Of course I know that news in
2 the Sunday papers isn't news on Monday
3 anymore. Just the same, the New York
4 Herald-Tribune yesterday printed a story
5 I can't help passing on -- it's just
6 that good.

7 The Japanese consulate has
8 forwarded a check for 8 yen and 40 sen,
9 or \$4.20, to Dan Edwards, the American
10 war hero. This money is contributed by
11 a group of Japanese soldiers who them-
12 selves served in the World War.

13 Sometime ago a peculiar thing
14 happened to Dan Edwards. He is
15 certainly a battle-scarred veteran.
16 At the battle of Cantigny he was almost
17 taken apart by a German bayonet. At the
18 battle of Soissons his right arm was
19 shot off, ~~the~~^{his} left cheek was
20 practically removed and one knee was so
21 badly shattered that now he has a
22 silver plate instead of a joint.

23 For his exploits in these two
24 battles Dan received both the Distin-
25 guished Service Cross and the Congressional

1 Medal of Honor and is one of the very
2 few men who hold both of these
3 decorations. *And he holds about 70 other*
4 *decorations ~~as well~~ also.*

5 Well, it was a hot day, and Dan
6 was walking along Park Row in New York
7 City. He felt a bit ill and ^{slumped} ~~sat~~ down
8 against a building to rest. He fell
9 asleep. His derby hat was held between
10 his knees. ^{minus an arm and with only one real leg,} Passersby thought he was a
11 poor lame beggar. And they dropped
12 coins in his hat. He got a nice sum.
13 Then a cop arrested him for begging
14 without a permit. At the station house
15 Dan told the cops that he was merely
16 sick and not begging and informed them
17 who he was.

18 The story got into the papers along
19 with accounts of Dan's heroism in the
20 war and went all over the world. And
21 those Japanese war ~~veterans~~ veterans saw it.
22 They were poor men but they donated what
23 they could and sent it along to Dan, and
24 so now Dan is the proud possessor of that
25 Japanese check for 8 yen 40 sen, the
equivalent of \$4.20. He is having it
framed to hang in his apartment.

1 Well, a lot of you folks had a
2 birthday today. Of course, ^{every day} ~~each day of~~
3 ~~the year~~ is a birthday for thousands. ~~of~~
4 ~~people.~~

5 I got to thinking about birthdays
6 this afternoon because I happened to notice
7 that the great naturalist, Audubon, was
8 born on May 4th.

9 It is great sport to look up and see
10 what famous people were born on your
11 particular birthday.

12 And it's also interesting to see
13 what other famous events occurred. ~~on~~
14 ~~your birthday.~~

15 For example, on May 4th, over twenty
16 three hundred years ago, in 404 B.C. the
17 Athenians and the Spartans got together
18 and made a treaty of peace, ^{ending the First}
^{Peloponnesian War.}

19 And then jumping down over a ~~x~~
20 thousand years to May 4th in 1471, a famous
21 battle of the War of the Roses was fought,
^{the battle of Tewkesbury.}
22 Then along to the well-known year of
23 1776. On May 4th, anticipating the
24 Declaration of Independence and the Fourth
25 of July by exactly two months, the Rhode

1 Island Assembly repudiated allegiance to
2 the British King.

3 Twenty-three years later, in 1799, ^{on May 4th,} the
4 British in India came to grips with the
5 renowned Tipoo Sahib, and defeated him
6 in a battle that settled the fate of India.

7 In 1814, ^{on May 4th} ~~the Emperor~~ Napoleon landed
8 at Elba. ~~The man who had been the~~ ^{from} master
9 of Europe ^{to} ~~was allowed to remain merely~~
10 ~~the~~ emperor of a tiny speck of land.

11 And in 1864, Sherman began his
12 ^{celebrated} ~~renowned~~ march to the sea - on May 4th.

13 On that date in 1894 began a series of
14 insurrections in Cuba which led ~~finally~~
15 to the Spanish American war.

16 Yes, ~~sure~~ and those are only a few ^{of the}
17 ^{dramatic events} ~~things~~ that ^{occurred} ~~happened~~ on the birthday of
18 all you ~~folks~~ who happen to have been born
19 on May 4th.

20 Here's wishing you a happy birthday,
21 and so long until tomorrow.
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