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Good Evening, Everybody:-

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The latest on that ticklish war debt question is that Uncle Sam will say to Europe: "We would rather you paid up as promised on December 15th.") This announcement came late this afternoon from the White House. A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union reports that President Hoover has turned down the appeal of the European Nations for another Moratorium on the \$125, 000,000 installment due next month.

(This announcement followed on that historic conference yesterday with President-elect Roosevelt and discussions today between the President and the Democratic leaders of Congress.) D.I. BUNULU UIL DAUADURDI - 11/23/38

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, Andie the latest on that war debt after the conference between President Hoover, and Mr. Boosevelt-yesterday afternoon, the latest is that Mr. Mills, the Secretary of the Treasury, called on Governor Roosevelt and invited him to another conference. This invitation Governor Roosevelt declined. Reports on yesterday's as you may have judged meeting are somewhat conflicting. The Democratic papers such as the New York Times a satisfactory session. The Republican papers, however, such as the stand-path New York Herald-Tribune, report that the President-elect was friendly, but refused to commit himself on the issue, or to join in any recommendation to Congress: - Thus putting the matter squarely up to President Hoover to settle as the could best for the

time being.

A large part of Governor Roosevelt's time in

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Washington today was taken up by conferences with Democratic leaders. President Hoover also discussed with the leaders of Contress the re-establishing of the world war debt funding commission. The Democratic leaders intimated that the President had not received much encouragement.

A dispatch to the New York World Telegram declares that vice-president Garner and all the principal Democrats are urging Governor Roosevelt to refuse any concession and delay any action by the Democratix until

Mr. Roosevelt left Washington this afternoon for a two weeks rest, in vacation, in Georgia.

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Adolf Hitler, the head of the German Fascists, seems to be out of luck in his efforts to form a cabinet. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post announces that (Hitler / **REXAMENT** reported to President von Hindenburg that he was unable to form any government which would be sure of a majority in the German parliament.)

On the other hand Hitler told the President he would be willing I to form a government III similar to that headed by ex-chancellor von Papen and the militarists, the cabinet which resigned last week, In other words a cabinet responsible only to the President. The Post interprets this as meaning that

all of von Hindenburg's attempts to save the bare form of parliamentary government seem to have slipped up. It is obvious that Hitler has no chance whatever of obtaining anything like a majority in the newly elected German parliament.

MacDONALD

A serious change in the British cabinet was indicated in London today. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post says that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald has been suffering for some time and has been under medical care. The principal trouble is with his eyes, the trouble these he had before.

X The dispatch continues that Mr. MacDonald can carry on by cutting down the volume of the work he does. At the same time, many of his colleagues are prophesying that he will comreage. that his term of office cannot last much longer, Correspondents, of course, are speculating upon his possible successor. From all accounts, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's resignation will make the choice of the next prime minister exceedingly difficult for England. It would be hard indeed to find anyone who could handle all factures as he has done.

TROTZSKY

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Hearing the description of the travels of Leon Trotzsky, you would think he was dynamite or even worse. As a matter of fact no case of dynamite was ever handled so gingerly as this firely little Communist with the whiskers. Everywhere he goes the present trip he passes through lines of police with strong body guards of secret service agents.

In France, the government thought it had to protect him from assassination by so-called White Russian refugees. The police received many letters indicating that he was in danger not only from Russian Czarist fugitives but also from Communists; who consider him a traitor.

When he arrived in Denmark today, the usual escort of police met him. In addition to that, Trotzsky has a body guard of five secretaries. The Danish cops hustled him from the dock to the train and locked him in a compartment. Even so, the former, much-feared war chief of the Soviet seems to be nervous. Reporters say he looks as though he wishes he had that Red Drmy which he created.

JAPAN

A story from Paris indicates Japan has been making overtures to France and has been with but firmly snubbed. For some time a report has been current in the French capital that the Japanese were making overtures for a new Franko-Japanese alliance, also a large loan. This rumor has been formally denied by both the French and Japanese governments. Nevertheless the report persists that the land of the Mikado needed to borrow money and thought Paris was the best place to get it. Both the French foreign office and the Parisian bankers apparently were cold to the idea.

Uncle Sam appears to be responsible for a friendly approach between France and Italy. A dispatch to the New York Sun reports that negotiations have been opened between those two countries under the auspices of the U.S.A. The purpose of the negotiations is to bring about a truce in navy building. DENTH

They've been trying to get King Alfonso to sign abdication his Apprixation from the Throne of Spain. The people who have been doing this are not the Republicans, but the fire own Monarchists. A delegation of these including several of Alfonso's former ministers, met him in France recently. They urged him to quit in favor of his younger son Juan, and to sign a manifesto announcing the fact. His former most Catholic Majesty's reply was: FOOTBALL

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THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF BIG TRADITIONAL GAMES SERVED UP WITH THE TURKEY TOMORROW:- PENNSYLVANIA AND CORNELL IN PHILY; TENNESSEE-KENTUCKY AT KNOXVILLE; ALABAMA VERSUS VANDERBILT AT BIRMINGHAM; SEVERAL MORE ON THE PACIFIC COAST; AND IN THE GREATER NEW YORK AREA THE PIGSKIN FRAY THAT WILL DRAW A GREAT CROWD IS THE GAME TO BE PLAYED THE NEW YORK CITY, BETWEEN TWO POWERFUL, HARD FIGHTING TEAMS, CARNEGIE TECH AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. I'M GOING TO THAT ONE. BEEBE

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One interesting arrival in the USA today was Dr. big fish and actupue man from the boltom of the one william Beebe, in growt sister or the Doundless Drowned what the New York World Telegram the Soundless Drowned Valleys of None Such Islands. For it was that within island in the Services that Dr. Beete went down down to be McLinty to be bottom of the sea, the bottom of the sea, the bottom of the sea, the bottom of the sea, to tell the sta tale.

It was a dangerous, as well as a epoch-making. experience. The name of that part of the ocean into which Dr. Beebe descended is Challenger Deep, and he admits that its mountains and valleys are as treacherous and unpredictable as the volcances that them is many thousand years ago. Only, a thin wisp of cable connected is Beebe with the living world and enabled him to telephone messages to the surface.

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That burglary at Columbia University, New York, of which you have been hearing so much, bids fair to become one of the most famous crimes in history. Intrinsically the thing stolen, a manuscript, is an extraordinary choice for a thief. But, of course, the manuscript being in the hand of Sir Walter Scott himself, and the famous novel "Guy Mannering", is practically priceless. This theft is causing criminologists to recall two other similar exploits. The first of these was the lifting of the famous Gainsborough portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire by a gang of crooks in London over forty years ago. It took years of search and after that months of to recover the lost Gainsborough. On a par with that, in fact/even more daring robbery, was the stealing Famous Mona Lisa of the famous Mona Lisa by Leonardo de Vinci, from the Louvre in Paris.

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The theft of this Sir Walter Scott manuscript which of course, belongs to J. Pierpont Morgan, and was loaned by him to the University, is so far completely baffling to \bigwedge AAADUUALFI - 2

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both professional and amateur detectives. AXXXXXXXXXXX

A story in the New York Sun today reports that the police are hunting abroad for the thief. The robbery actually was effected about a month ago. The news only came out refently because the University authorities didn't make it

public before.

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NIGHT FLIGHT

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HAVE YOU EVER MADE A NIGHT FLIGHT IN A GIANT MODERN A IRPLANE, I MEAN ON ONE OF THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL LINES, IN A PLANE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR NIGHT FLYING ? WELL DON'T MISS ITT IT'S AN EXPERIENCE THAT MAKES YOU GLAD TO BE ALIVE IN THIS F AST MOVING, INCREDIBLE AGE.

I HAD DONE CONSIDERABLE FLYING IN YEARS PAST, HERE AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I HAD FLOWN AT NIGHT, AND IT WAS BATHER Ruthing through the darle. SQUEEMISH BUSINESS, BUT I HAD NEVER MADE A LONG NIGHT FLIGHT MUSTICE STORE IN A MODERN AIR LINER OVER A LIGHTED AIR LANE UNTIL LAST NIGHT. AT MIDNIGHT I BOARDED THE PLANE IN CHICAGO. SHORTLY AFTER DAWN, THIS MORNING, BEFORE BREAKFAST, WE LANDED AT NEWARK AIRPORT AND WERE ON OUR WAY IN TO NEW YORK. NO ARABIAN NIGHTS MAGIC CARPET EVER HAD ANYTHING ON THAT. EVERY SEAT ON THE PLANE WAS TAKEN. O'NE PASSENGER HAD COME THRU BY AIR FROM TEXAS, OTHERS FROM THE PACIFIC COAST, AND SOME CHANGED PLANES AT NEWARK THIS MORNING TO FLY ON TO NEW ENGLAND, AND ONE MAN WAS EVEN CHANGING PLANES TO FLY SOUTH TO THE CARRIBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA. He expected to WE FLEW THROUGH SNOW STORMS. THE NIGHT WAS INKY BLACK.

BUT WE WERE NEVER OUT OF SIGHT OF THE WHIRLING BEACON LIGHTS A LL ALONG THE ROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK. WHEN WE FLEW OVER CLEVELAND, OHIO, ABOUT 3:30 A.M. THE LIGHTS FROM THAT CITY MADE IT SEEM AS BIG AS LONDON, PARIS, BERLIN AND ROME ALL PUT TOGETHER.

THEN WE CLIMBED TO OVER TEN THOUSAND FEET AND FLEW THE REST OF THE NIGHT AT THAT ALTITUDE. WE SAW SUNRISE FROM TWO. MILES IN THE AIR. I COULD TALK ABOUT THAT FLIGHT FOR THIS WHOLE FIFTEEN MINUTES. IT WAS COMFORTABLE, AND INSPIRING. MXKRXWXX N INE HUNDRED MILES IN A LITTLE OVER SIX HOURS. WHAT AN AGE THIS IS. DON'T MISSIFF UP THERE, TWO MILES IN THE SKY, YOU

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FORGET ALL ABOUT SUCH A THING AS A DEPRESSION

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A LITTLE WAY OUT FROM CLEVELAND, AFTER WE HAD CLIMBED TO T EN THOUSAND, AND WERE WHIRLING EAST OVER PENNSYLWANIA, WITH THE LIGHTS OF YOUNGSTOWN AND AKRON IN PLAIN SIGHT TO THE SOUTH A ND WEST OF US, THE ATTENDANT IN THE PLANE HANDED ME THE CLEVELAND PLAINDEABER, THE MORNING PAPER. THE FIRST STORY THAT CAUGHT MY EYE TOLD ABOUT THREE JEWISH LEADERS FROM PALESTINE WH O HAD JUST ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY. AND HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS THEY HAD: THEY SAID: THERE IS NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN P ALESTINE. EVERY MAN HAS A JOB. SO IT DOES LOOK AS THOUGH T HERE IS ONE COUNTRY FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY. THESE THREE RABBIS SEEM TO THINK THAT THE KXKKHKMXXXXK PALESTINE EXPERIMENT I S TURNING OUT TIP TOP AFTER ALL. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS I NDEED.

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HIGHWAY

Temeprow is the day when that new high speed Jersey Loca highway between Jersey City and Newark will be officially thrown Today. open to the public, as I happened to mention a couple of weeks as I happened to mention a couple of weeks The New York Sun points out one benefit that will accrue from the opening of this marvelous viaduct. It will increase travel over the air lines. At least so the champions of air transportation believe.

It will make motor travel between New York and New Jersey so much quicker that air transportation will be brought within thirty minutes of downtown Manhattan.

This spectacular piece of engineering will away with all grade crossings and all draw bridge delays over the Passaic and Hackensack Rivers. A test run has already been made over the highway and it has been show? That mail trucks can cover the twelve miles between the General Post Office in New York City and the airport of Newark in less than 29 minutes. ADD HIGHWAY

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The State of New Jersey has spent 21 million magnificat vaduat, dollars on this superb highway, 21 million dollars to save motorists 25 minutes. The authorities declare it is the most expensive strip of motor hi roadway ever built. To construct it required 38,461 tons of structural steel, 20,000 more than it took to build the George Washington Bridge over the Hudson River. WALKER

Edward

Well, here is Ex-mayor Jimmy Walker of New York in the news again. That autobiography which he is supposed to be writing in France is exciting quite a **g**ood deal of curiosity. They do say that some politicians are shaking in their rubber-heeled shoes. It is said furthermore that the Honorable Jimmy has been offered for the first serial rights of the autobiography the neat little sum of 50,000 smackers.

An editorial in the New York Times ventures the guess that the offer does not come $\mathbf{x}x$ from the magazine of which the Honorable Alfred E. Smith is editor.

It is also pointed out that just about two hundred years ago another famous American was engaged in writing the frastory of missing in France, That famous American, of course, we Benjamin Franklin. Someone has made the observation that between the autobiography of Jimmie Walker and that of old Ben Franklin there will be all the difference that there was betw between the exploits of Cleopatra and the home life of Queen Victoria. LEID

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If you want to see a bunch of curious and eager children you ought to take a look at the fourth national pet show which is on at Madison Square Garden, New York. The exhibits include everything from a mosquito fish to a white Burmese elephant. Animals, birds, and fish from every corner of the earth are on view. And the exhibitors range from three years old to sixty-three.

The Win noises would remind you of a three ring circus. There are roars and squeals and yells, the chattering of monkeys, the trumpeting of the sacred white Burmese elephant, and the loud squawking of tropical birds.

The mosquito fish is the smallest exhibit, less than one-quarter of an inch long, It does not come from abroad. Its home state is the waters of South Carolina. Then there are aquariums with tiny Siamese fighting fish, also a little fish from Haiti which swims backwards and varys

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