

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 At Nenana, in the interior of
2 Alaska, a call has been received to
3 send an airplane to rescue Mrs. Edward
4 M. Biddle, a Philadelphia society woman
5 who has been up in the North to study
6 the hardy pioneer life of the Land of
7 the Sour dough.

8 The life up there is plenty hardy
9 and plenty pioneer, so it would seem
10 from Mrs. Biddle's experience. For she
11 is marooned in a cabin in the snowbound
12 wilds of the Kantishna region, in the
13 valley of the Tanana River about a
14 hundred miles west of Fairbanks, and to
15 the north of Mt. McKinley.

16 Mrs. Biddle went to Alaska last
17 fall and has been traveling around
18 seeing the primitive side of life in
19 Uncle Sam's vast northern empire. And
20 right off the bat she ran into a real
21 grim and gripping slice of the hard
22 and rugged frontier.

23 She was in an Alaskan dance hall
24 when she saw a man shot down before her
25 eyes. Just as in the days of Dangerous

1 Dan McGrew and the Lady known as Lou.
2 It was only later that she was told that
3 it was just a piece of hocus pocus --
4 a couple of boys had staged a sham battle
5 and bit of old time Alaskan drama, to
6 provide a thrill for the Philadelphia
7 society lady.

8 Recently Mrs. Biddle made a trip
9 to the cabin of Fannie Quigley, a
10 pioneer woman deep in the wilds. She's
11 there now. A snow storm came up and shut
12 off all communication with the outside
13 world.

14 The driver of the dog team who
15 took her over the trail is now bucking
16 the snowdrifts and trying to break a
17 way through to civilization. If the
18 dog team driver doesn't get through,
19 why a mail plane will be sent to rescue
20 the society woman who is now living on
21 flapjacks like a real Sourdough.

1 Parts of a wrecked airplane were
2 found today along the Ohio River near
3 Staubenville. The cabin of the plan has
4 not been located. It is believed to be at
5 the bottom of the river.

6 Mail bags in water-proof containers
7 were found first, then a wing and part of
8 a landing gear.

9 A United Press dispatch in the
10 World-Telegram identifies the wrecked
11 machine as a mail and passenger air ~~XXXXXX~~
12 transport en route from Columbus to
13 New York. A pilot and one passenger
14 were aboard. It would appear that the
15 machine plunged into the river and ~~that~~
16 the ^{most of the plane} ~~cabin~~ sank, with bits of wreckage
17 floating to shore.

1 A giant airship is on its way
2 across the South Atlantic tonight.
3 The Graf Zeppelin is ^{again bound} ~~on its way from~~
4 ~~Germany~~ ^{for} ~~to~~ Brazil. Well, the ^{veteran} Graf
5 ~~Zeppelin~~ has been doing things like
6 that for some time now. But the present
7 flight is worthy of note because, ^{as all of today's papers} ~~says~~
8 ~~the United Press in the New York World~~
9 ~~Telegram, it~~ is the first regular
10 commercial flight on the run between
11 Germany and South America.

12 ~~Nine passengers are aboard~~

1 Newspapers have been carrying
2 stories lately about the new speed
3 boat. The British are going to build--
4 "The Miss England III".

5 Lord Wakefield has again sent
6 out a challenge to America for the
7 Harmsworth Trophy, which is now in this
8 country.

9 Well, I saw Gar Wood ^{today} and he tells
10 me that he is getting ready to bring out
11 a defender, -a faster boat to be known as
12 "The Miss America X", and he intends to
13 keep the Harmsworth Trophy on this side
14 of the Atlantic.

1 ~~Yes~~ When a hundred-foot flagpole
2 on the top of a 35-story building falls
3 down and lands in the street, ~~why~~ that's
4 a story. The flagpole on the top of
5 the sky-scraping ^{Chicago} Tribune Tower has long
6 been a ^{minor} wonder of the Middle West. Today
7 in a blizzard it broke into three
8 pieces. One piece, relates the United
9 Press, fell on the roof. Another section
10 crashed 35 stories down into Illinois
11 Street. The third went hurtling down that
12 same distance and fell ^{right} ~~away~~ into Michigan
13 Avenue. The ^{chunks} ~~pieces~~ of flagpole that fell
14 into Illinois Street did no damage, but
15 the one that came catapulting into
16 Michigan Avenue hit a bus. It caved in
17 the side of the crowded vehicle. And
18 that sounds as if there might have been a
19 loss of life, but only two people were
20 hurt -- a passenger and the bus driver,
21 and they were not hurt seriously.

22 A snow storm was raging, and for
23 that reason the streets were comparatively
24 deserted. Otherwise, those huge sections
25 of flagpole crashing and splintering into
the streets might have caused heavy
damage.

1 (Another fantastic clue has
2 cropped up in the Lindbergh case. An
3 exhausted carrier pigeon was found in
4 Connecticut today, and with it was a
5 message with a statement about a ^{child} ~~kid~~ on
6 a yacht. The police are investigating
7 this clue, just as they have been looking
8 into hundreds and hundreds of others.)

9 This isn't the first carrier pigeon
10 that has appeared in the case. The New
11 York World-Telegram tells how a message
12 was found on a bird near East
13 Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The message
14 didn't seem to have anything to do with
15 the Lindbergh case, except that it was
16 signed "Red." It was thought that this
17 might be connected with Red Johnson, the
18 sailor who has been under arrest for
19 some time. This carrier pigeon message,
20 however, turned out today to be a hoax.
21 It was just a foolish note tied to a
22 carrier pigeon's leg by a couple of
23 mischievous boys.

24 Meanwhile, Red Johnson, the sailor
25 who was a boy friend of Betty Gow, the

1 nurse of the Lindbergh baby, was cleared
2 of suspicion today by the Jersey City
3 police. He was questioned once more,
4 and the Jersey City cops said they
5 couldn't find any reason to hold him
6 any longer. So they turned him loose.

7 However, the sailor was immediately
8 taken into custody by two Newark
9 detectives and hustled over to Newark,
10 where he will be questioned some more.
11 The New York Evening Post declares that
12 in addition Red Johnson is wanted by
13 the Federal authorities, who claim that
14 his entry into the United States in 1927
15 was illegal. He didn't qualify according
16 to the immigration law. And so they want
17 to deport him.

~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

^{Now for}
~~Here's~~ some news from Washington, a vote on that perennial subject of discussion -- prohibition. (We know how the House of Representatives voted last week, but this time the whole town is included in the balloting. People in the national capital consist mostly of government clerks and their families, and ambitious folks from all over the country who are trying to bust into society. Here's the way the vote is split -- 2,956 in favor of the 18th Amendment, 10,311 against.)

Washington is a great place for visitors, and so is San Diego, California. Here's the San Diego vote -- 1,128 for prohibition; 4,450 against.

Then we have Rockford, Illinois, with 820 votes for, and 2,637 against. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, polls 525 for, and 1,514 against. ~~The~~ Newton, Kansas, votes ^{in that} 274 ^{real Kansas way -} dry, and 233 wet. New Bedford, Massachusetts, ^{the old whaling city gives 467 ballots for the amendment} is ~~467~~ for, and 3,073 against. Union City, New Jersey, 174 ⁱⁿ

favor of prohibition,

1 ~~for~~ 2,901 against. Yonkers, New York,
 2 437 ~~for~~ ^{say okay,} and 3,222 ~~against~~ ^{say naye naye.} Johnstown,
 3 Pennsylvania, comes through with ^{a flood of votes} 1,243
 4 dry, and 3,214 wet. And Amarillo,
 5 Texas, ^{sends} 475 ~~for~~ ^{dry votes from the Panhandle} and 938 ~~against~~
 6 wet.

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1 Today was given over to various
2 minor maneuvers in the House of
3 Representatives. ~~The forces that are~~
4 ~~opposed on the subject of the Sales~~
5 ~~Tax stuck to their trenches and confined~~
6 ~~their activities to xxx a bit of raiding~~
7 ~~here and there.~~

8 A United Press dispatch in the
9 New York World Telegram explains that
10 the advocates of the Sales Tax are waiting
11 for the anger, wrath and heat under the
12 collar of the enemy to cool down. They
13 want to give the opponents of the tax
14 a chance to think ~~gk~~ things over and
15 become a trifle more tranquil. They
16 also are trying a bit of judicious
17 yielding, something like throwing a *bone*
18 ~~beefsteak or two~~ to the lions to appease
19 their hunger.

20 One ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ scheme is to make
21 a few exemptions, that is take a few
22 articles off the list to which the Sales
23 Tax is to be applied. The idea is to
24 take the tax off *lard,* sausage, grape
25 juice, malted milk and a few other

1 similar items, in the hope that these
2 concessions will soothe the rage of the
3 opponents of the Sales Tax.

4 ~~The lions are roaring, however,~~
5 ~~These Sales Tax opponents declare that,~~
6 ~~concessions or no concessions, they are~~
7 ~~going to beat the objectionable measure.~~

8 Latest reports are that a
9 compromise may be reached. They say
10 that the advocates of the sales tax are
11 offering to exempt all necessities of
12 life, including food, wearing apparel,
13 and medicine.

14 Representative ~~Fiorillo R.~~
15 LaGuardia, who has been leading the
16 fight against the sales tax declared
17 ~~that~~ if they fixed it so that no tax
18 would be levied on the necessities of
19 life, why that would satisfy him.
20 Representative LaGuardia spoke only for
21 himself, of course, but his O.K. is
22 taken as an indication that the other
23 opponents of the sales tax might be
24 inclined to look favorably upon the
25 compromise.

1 I had an interesting telephone
2 call, an important telephone call today
3 on the subject of that same old Sales
4 Tax. It was from the Governor's office
5 at Albany.

6 On Thursday night I gave a resume
7 of a story from a Washington correspondent
8 to the effect that the Democratic vote
9 against the Sales Tax might have some
10 bearing upon the Presidential aspirations
11 of Governor ~~Franklin D.~~ Roosevelt of
12 New York.

13 In the course of this was the
14 statement that Governor Roosevelt was
15 in favor of the Sales Tax. In that
16 telephone call from ^{Albany} ~~the Governor's office~~
17 today I was told that ^{the} ~~Governor Roosevelt~~
18 has never declared himself in favor of
19 the Sales Tax, and that he has ~~never said~~
20 ~~anything~~ not put himself on record as
21 supporting ~~that~~ measure, which ^{is} ~~has~~ causing
22 such a fuss in Washington, ~~and that makes~~
23 ~~it clear that Governor Roosevelt is not~~
24 ~~mixed up in that Sales Tax controversy.~~

1 A lot of political and military
2 experts have been analyzing that trouble
3 in the Far East. Now along comes
4 another.

5 He is a little man, living in
6 exile on the Turkish Island of Prinkipo--
7 I mean Leon Trotzky, the arch
8 Revolutionist and builder of the Red
9 Army. He should have a few incisive
10 things to say about that Far Eastern
11 imbroglio, which more and more seems to
12 be ~~becoming~~ a three-cornered affair,
13 involving Japan, China and Soviet Russia.

14 The New York Sun today prints
15 a long interview which a correspondent
16 of the United Press had with Trotzky,
17 in which the former War Lord of Red
18 Russia, makes several incisive points.

19 He declares that Japan's method
20 is little by little--take something here--
21 something there, and some more some place
22 else. He believes that in the end Japan
23 intends to turn China into a Japanese
24 colony, but Trotzky thinks they can't do
25 it. China has too many millions of

1 possible fighting men.

2 Then he thinks the Japanese will
3 go on to ^{attacks} ~~take~~ Soviet Russia, and once
4 more he is of the opinion that Japan will
5 get the worst of it. It's the old
6 dilemma of Russian distances. There are
7 too many miles in Siberia--too many
8 thousands of miles and Trotzky thinks
9 that Japan, like Napoleon, will just get
10 lost.

11 But if war does come between
12 Japan and Russia, it won't be the Soviets
13 that will start it, at least so says
14 Trotzky, and he gives some reasons why
15 the Red authorities at Moscow do not want
16 any war. It would spoil their five-year
17 plan for one thing, ^{he says.} A factory 90%
18 completed is not a factory ^{he adds,} at all, ~~it~~
19 ~~must start to run before it is anything.~~
20 ~~He compares Russia and its five-year plan~~
21 ~~with a partly finished factory.~~ If war
22 came the Soviets would be like a partly
23 finished plant, which would ~~xxxx~~ lie there
24 with just so many un-assembled parts.

25 Trotzky believes the five-year

1 plan is working but he says that's to be
2 marked down to the credit of the Russian
3 masses and not ~~xx~~ the Red bureaucracy and
4 power at Moscow today. Trotzky doesn't
5 think much of his bitter enemy Stalin.
6 There are some bitterly cutting remarks
7 about the Red dictator in Trotzky's new
8 book "The History of the Russian
9 Revolution", in which he takes the
10 attitude that Stalin during the critical
11 revolutionary days in Russia was not
12 strong enough and bold enough to meet the
13 situation, but was something of a
14 luke-warm moderate.

15 Trotzky says that later on ~~he~~ Stalin
16 gravitated to the winning side and became
17 a flaming Red.

1 Don't weep, folks, as I tell you **■**
2 this next one. Save your tears. Yes,
3 I know it was a pathetic story. It made
4 a bunch of Chicago cops sniffle a little,
5 and wipe a tear away.

6 Well, they have big-hearted cops
7 in Chicago, ~~and~~ ^{But} then anybody's feelings
8 would be touched by a 7-year-old girl,
9 a child with flaxen hair and big innocent
10 blue eyes. She said her name was
11 Gertrude, and she whimpered pitifully
12 that she was cold and hungry.

13 The big-hearted cops took her to
14 the station-house -- and did they give
15 the poor little kiddy a fine meal? They
16 sure did! While she was eating she
17 smiled through her tears and told a
18 simply heart-breaking story. Her father
19 was killed in a war in England six years
20 ago. The sympathetic cops couldn't
21 figure out what war that could be --
22 but anyway, it was very sad.

23 And then Gertrude told how her
24 mother gave her away to another lady.
25 And then the other lady had **■** **■** abandoned

1 her. For three days she had been living
 2 in the Loop section of Chicago, sleeping
 3 in nice clean beds that nice ladies
 4 had offered her.

5 Just then the telephone rang.
 6 Mrs. Luchsinger was phoning to the
 7 police, asking whether they had found
 8 her 7-year-old daughter Gertrude, who
 9 had disappeared four hours before.

10 The next thing you know Gertrude ~~was~~
 11 ~~is~~ being taken by her mother to her
 12 exceedingly comfortable home, and those
 13 Chicago cops were looking kind of
 14 sheepish, because of all that big-
 15 hearted sympathy they had wasted.

16 And that's the sort of thing that
 17 makes a burly but gentle policemen grow
 18 cynical and destroys ^{their} ~~his~~ illusions. And
 19 when they hear ^{sad} ~~the~~ sad story, ^{it} ~~it~~ ^{is like that - well, can} ~~makes him~~
 20 ~~say~~ ^{say you blame for saying!-}

21 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.
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