

MOTOR BOAT RACES

Good Evening, Everybody:

The Harmsworth International Motor Boat trophy remains on this side of the water for another year, <sup>at any rate.</sup> After this morning's race, the second heat, on the waters of Lake St. Clair, ~~near Detroit,~~ <sup>of Detroit,</sup> Gar Wood <sub>A</sub> was once more the victor.

Kaye Don, the tireless and ~~indomitable~~ indomitable son of John Bull, just seems to have about the worst <sup>t</sup> luck in the world. Once again it was engine trouble which lost him the race, the greatest in the history of power boats.

Kaye Don's boat, Miss England the Third, was supposed to have been the most extraordinary and powerful vessel ever built to tear across the surface of the water. She was powered by two gigantic Rolls Royce motors. She ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> already <sub>A</sub> a world speed record.

Sporting reporters declare that a jinx has followed every foreigner who has invaded Detroit to try to win this trophy away from Uncle Sam. Last year Kaye Don won the first heat triumphantly. In the second heat he beat the gun and was disqualified. A minute later his boat overturned.

Then last Saturday he seemed to be winning beyond all shadow of <sup>a</sup>doubt. Just as everybody decided that Uncle Sam's champion didn't have a chance, the red hulled Miss American the Tenth began overtaking Miss England. It was learned later that this was again a piece of bad luck. A throttle on Miss England had broken, reducing her speed.

Today the catastrophe that happened to the English craft was a complete breakdown. Kaye Don cabled his backer, Lord Wakefield, that the throttle had broken on the starboard motor. This rendered that motor useless before the boat had speeded its first mile. That naturally put a tremendous overload on the port engine, ~~and that~~ <sup>ing</sup> caused a piston to freeze. So *San* Wood finished the course alone.

Well, it is certainly not for want of trying or nerve or skill that the plucky Englishman lost out once more.

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## BRIDGE

But not all the news from the Rio Grande is as serious as that. There's one incident which ended well, though it might have been grave.

Three officials of the Mexican customs house were on the international bridge at Laredo when it collapsed. They were thrown into the water, but managed to scramble to a pile of debris in the middle of the flooded river. But they were not the only occupants of this island of safety. For companions they had two rattlesnakes and a wild cat. ~~The~~ And there they were all night. They didn't dare try to kill their unwelcome neighbors. The rubbish heap in which they had taken refuge was not any too strong, and if there had been any trouble with that wild cat the whole thing would probably have collapsed and dumped them <sup>all</sup> into <sup>swirling</sup> the water.

Well, there's a happy ending. The three Mexicans were saved, ~~by firemen~~ just as the rising waters were about to sweep over them. <sup>cat and their other pals, the rattlers,</sup> ~~Their~~ wild <sup>companion</sup> ~~companions~~ were carried on down the <sup>stream,</sup> ~~street,~~ but a young fireman finally reached the Customs men with a rope.

BASEBALL

We take our baseball seriously both in the United States and in Canada. In some cities, such as St. Louis, <sup>they do</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>say that</sup> ~~xxxxxxwith~~ pop bottles have been thrown not only at umpires but at players. Brooklyn fans also take the national pastime quite solemnly. But nowhere do they seem to be quite as much in earnest as in <sup>Nicaragua.</sup> ~~Managua~~ <sup>Managua</sup>. A dispatch from Managua says that ~~a~~ <sup>game</sup> ~~the~~ baseball <sup>down</sup> there ended today in the death of four persons, while the ~~xxxxxxof another~~ wounds of another <sup>may</sup> ~~might~~ prove fatal, and many others were injured.

The Managua team played the Masaya team ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> San ~~Fernando~~ <sup>Fernando</sup> ~~Panato~~ at the Masaya home grounds. President Moncada of Nicaragua was present and watched the game until the seventh inning. While he was there, there was no sign of violence.

No sooner had the presidential party left when boos and cat calls filled the air. The spectators made threatening gestures. Finally, when the visiting team left the field victorious, a crowd followed them to the <sup>station.</sup> ~~stand~~.

Apparently, the Nicaragua fans are not accustomed <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>baseball</sup> ~~to~~ enthusiasm. There was only one cop there and he was helpless.



for a while.

But after the rioting had caused all those casualties, he managed to subdue the crowd and ~~managed to~~ prevent any more serious consequences.

They surely seem to be <sup>red hot</sup> fans down in Nigaragua.

PARIS

~~Even on a holiday there's encouraging news about business.~~

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Though most of us were taking a rest, over in France they seem to have been quite agreeably busy. There was what is described as a decided boom today on the stock exchange of Paris. With this came a general increase in prices of stocks and bonds. The stock of the Bank of France jumped 540 francs a share. What is more, Uncle Sam's dollar and John Bull's pound rose in value.

The important thing is that financial observers believe this boom will continue. They think so especially because Paris has hesitated for more than a month before imitating the rise of stocks on Wall Street.



BERLIN

Then there's news from Berlin. The German government today officially proclaimed President von Hindenburg's emergency decree, the decree which <sup>puts</sup> ~~brings~~ into effect a twelve months' plan for the economic recovery of Germany. Berlin correspondents declare that the decree was made particularly emphatic by the fact that the entire cabinet as well as the President signed it.

Authorities point out that this is ~~the~~ Germany's largest venture into ~~the~~ state planning. At the same time the government expresses itself as strongly opposed to experiments in state capitalism. The communication announcing ~~the~~ his decree states the formula that in the opinion of the German cabinet private capitalism remains the best and most sensible way to satisfy the economic needs of mankind. Some of the observers describe this as a "gigantic attempt on the part of Germany to lift itself out of the <sup>ditch</sup> ~~ditch~~ by its own bootstraps." Briefly, this decree will appropriate <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ sum of two billion two hundred million marks for the reemployment of idle labor to start up production and to stimulate domestic trade.

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And from London comes the news that his Majesty's government intervened today in the cotton strike in the Manchester district. The Minister of Labor has invited representatives of both employers and strikers to meet officials of the government. It was indicated that a settlement of the dispute is possible.

## INDIANS

They started a picturesque festival down in Oklahoma <sup>this</sup>  
<sup>morning.</sup>  
~~today~~ Indians from all over the West and Southwest went to  
an Indian Trading Post near <sup>Oldtown,</sup> Oklahoma ~~today~~ for their three day  
festival of thanksgiving. This is an ancient ritual in which  
Indians for hundreds of years have been making merry over the  
harvesting of their crops <sup>— when</sup> and the full supply of food <sup>is</sup> ~~being put~~  
in storage for the winter.

There <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ Comanches, Kiowas, Tonkawas, Cheyennes,  
Osages, Navajos, and Hopis. They're assembling at Indian  
Trading Post to dance their ancient dances, <sup>and carry out other colorful ceremonies.</sup>  
In these they pay  
homage to the sun by way of thanks for the harvest, <sup>also</sup> and prayer  
for protection and plenty next year.

They are feasting on ~~in~~ buffalo, recalling the days  
when the tribes used to believe that the earth opened, <sup>every</sup> ~~each~~ Indian  
summer to allow countless buffalo to come <sup>forth, thus</sup> ~~out, so~~ providing food  
and clothing for the Red Man and his <sup>people,</sup> ~~family.~~



CHICAGO

There was an unexpected comedy scene today on <sup>a Chicago</sup> the streets, ~~of Chicago~~. On the sidewalk ~~of one of the streets~~ lay a huddled figure with a shotgun <sup>alongside,</sup> ~~beside him~~. Scores of people gathered around, but did not dare ~~to~~ approach. Finally a police car arrived and one of the bystanders exclaimed,

"It's a gang victim, officer. He's been taken for a ride. See, there's his shotgun lying right beside him."

The police stepped forward and ordered the crowd not to touch the body until the coroner arrives <sup>d</sup>. Then while the cops were taking names and addresses of witnesses, the dead man stirred, yawned, and sat up on the pavement.

"What's all the excitement?" said the dead man. "Can't a fellow go to sleep if he's sleepy?"

Then he explained that he'd been sitting there waiting for a friend to go on an early hunting trip, and <sup>simply</sup> ~~there~~ he fell asleep.

The police explained to him that it's against the

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law to look like a gang victim in Chicago if you really  
aren't one.

GOVERNOR ALLEN

Ever since this farm strike started out in the Middle West I've been curious to talk to a farmer from that section. Well, I ran into one today. Perhaps some folks wouldn't call him a farmer. But he is, and also an editor, author, politician, etc. You've all heard of him -- United States Senator Henry Allen of Kansas, former Governor of Kansas, and particularly famous as a Kansas editor. Governor Allen is here at ~~the~~ Republican headquarters, *at the Waldorf - Astoria,*

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Well, I asked this famous Kansan what he thought of the farm strike in the Middle West and what he believed would be the outcome. His answer was:- "The farmers probably will not get any immediate results. In that sense they will not win the strike. But they are calling nation-wide attention to the unfair and unequal division of ~~the price that~~ *the money that* ~~which~~ the ultimate consumer pays for a farm product. My sympathies," added Senator Allen, "are with the farmer."

On my way up from the Jersey coast ~~today,~~ on that grand boat trip from Atlantic Highlands to Manhattan, ~~one of the most delightful short boat trips in all the world,~~ I read a



sparkling, rip-roaring article in the Saturday Evening Post.

That famous Philadelphia publication has long been a favorite of mine, and my favorite Saturday Evening Post author has long been Samuel G. Blythe. Well, Sam Blythe's article was about the recent Republican and Democratic Conventions, and -- it -- was -- a -- scorcher! He blew the Conventions all to pieces, and summed them up by saying they were as bogus as a china egg.

The last time I had seen Senator <sup>of Kansas</sup> Allen was at the Chicago Conventions. <sup>So</sup> I asked him if he thought Sam Blythe was right, and if he too thought the Conventions were <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ example of inane, savage, barbaric, nonsensical hokum. The Kansas Senator replied that he believed our National Conventions with all their tomfoolery and ballyhoo were an excellent thing, just as a safety valve, ~~■~~ for folks to let off steam. He said he thought that was a lot better than the European system of rioting and fighting. Whether you agree with the Kansas Senator or not, Samuel G. Blythe's article in the Saturday Evening Post <sup>was</sup> ~~makes~~ a hilarious reading, ~~and gives a side-splitting picture of a national institution that only exists in this country.~~

POTATO

That potato story ~~that~~ I quoted from an Idaho newspaper a few evenings ago has got up the dander of some of my friends in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hugh McCabe of Germantown, Pennsylvania, writes me that "those western farmers seem to think they grow ~~much~~ large potatoes. Well", <sup>says</sup> ~~said~~ Mr. McCabe, "their potatoes would just about make seed for the farmers of Pennsylvania."

Then Mr. McCabe goes on to relate that a friend of his near Doyleston<sup>w</sup> planted some potatoes in a field ~~right~~ fight back of his farm house. When he was digging his crop he came upon one spud which he simply could not get out of the ground alone. So he called in a few neighbors to help him. After several hours of ~~work~~ hard work they got the potato rolled out. But the ground from which they got it out has an incline ~~down~~ towards his farmhouse. The potato slipped away from them, rolled along, and kept on rolling. In fact, it kept on rolling until it knocked a hole out of the wall of the farm house, and rolled right in beside the fireplace.

Well, ~~what~~ what did that farmer do? I'll say those

Pennsylvania farmers are ingenious. He built his fire around the potato. <sup>Then</sup> ~~and~~ he and his family had roast potato every day for the next six months. Mr. McCabe adds: "If you are down that way there's some of that potato still left, and I'm sure they'll be glad to give you a share."

<sup>And</sup> ~~Well, I think~~ that's the prize potato whopper of the year.

At any rate, it puts those Idaho <sup>tater</sup> ~~potato~~ yarns in the shade. Let's see what Idaho will have <sup>by way of a comeback.</sup> ~~to say next.~~

Meanwhile Mr. Hugh McCabe of Germantown, Pennsylvania, is ~~was~~ <sup>the Grand Potato of</sup> unanimously elected ~~to~~ the Tall Story Club.



RESCUE

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Uncle Sam's Coast Guard boys had ~~plenty~~ plenty of thrilling work to do over the weekend, particularly in those parts of the United States where high winds were raging. In Buffalo, alone, the local life savers added six rescues to their credit. One of the men saved had been afloat in a small skiff on the wind-lashed waters of Lake Erie for almost twenty-four hours.

But more thrilling still, was the rescue of a lady from New Orleans, off the south shore of Long Island. This lady with five other holiday makers, had set out from Center Moriches in a power boat yesterday afternoon. Shortly before nightfall a storm came up <sup>at sea.</sup> ~~in the ocean.~~ It was only a small boat they were in, <sup>and</sup> It shipped water, <sup>the water</sup> ~~which~~ flooded the motor and the engine stalled. The pilot tried frantically to start the motor ~~up~~ while the boat, out of control, was tossed like a chip of wood in the churning seas.

Suddenly out of the darkness came a huge wave which

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towered broadside over the small craft. The boat turned over and everybody in it was thrown into the water.

• The pilot of the <sup>motor</sup> boat shouted to five of the passengers to swim toward shore. These five managed to keep afloat until a Coast Guard boat rescued them. The pilot <sup>himself</sup> became exhausted, and <sup>sank before</sup> ~~could not keep afloat until~~ the Coast Guard <sup>lads</sup> boys reached him. The sixth passenger, the lady from New Orleans, elected to stay with the boat, and was <sup>still</sup> clinging to the framework of the overturned vessel.

The Coast Guard ~~boat~~ <sup>craft life boat</sup> went back to look for her, but was unable to find her or any trace of the ~~craft~~ <sup>motor launch</sup>.

^ She was given up for lost. But this morning she drifted ashore <sup>on</sup> ~~at~~ West Hampton Beach after clinging to the underside of that overturned boat for more than eight hours. She was in an exhausted condition, but otherwise suffered no ill effects.

And There's a young woman who must have had not only endurance, but pluck, and what a story she must have to tell. And the next story I have to tell is - along u-t-m.