

Good Evening, Everybody:

~~Opponents of the 18th Amendment may or may not~~  
~~find good cheer in our first item today.~~ The Judiciary Committee  
of the Senate came out of executive session <sup>today</sup> with a favorable  
report on a resolution <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ repeal. ~~the amendments~~ <sup>But</sup> Out and out  
wets will not be entirely satisfied with the text of the  
resolution because it provides that it must be ratified not by  
state conventions ~~by~~ but by state legislatures. It provides  
also for precautions against the transporting of liquor into  
dry states. <sup>Furthermore it</sup> ~~It also~~ has what is supposed to be a barrier against  
the return of the <sup>old time</sup> ~~saloon~~. For it would give Congress concurrent  
power to prohibit the sale of rum to be drunk on the premises  
where it is sold.

A wire to the New York Evening Post reports  
<sup>Senate Committee</sup> that the <sup>vote</sup> was ten to four in favor of the repeal resolution.  
Three Republicans and <sup>one</sup> Democrat voted against it. Senator Borah

of Idaho, ~~the~~ bell-wether of the drys in the Senate, did not

vote. *He is reserving his fire for a spectacular solo-  
display later on.*

The dispatch points out that the reporting of this resolution automatically places it on the calendar of the Senate for speedy action. Incidentally the Judiciary Committee was amazingly quick -- that is, for a Judiciary Committee.

R.F.C.

A new idea for economic recovery was suggested to Congress today by the President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The gist of the idea, <sup>points out</sup> ~~says~~ a story to the Brooklyn Times Union, is, that Uncle Sam should encourage industry to start ~~up~~ production at a normal scale and guarantee <sup>manufacturers</sup> ~~industry~~ against loss. *That sounds like a noble and generous idea for the manufacturers.*

Mr. Miller, the President of the R.F.C. told several senators that his plan had been proposed by a noted economist. He thinks it comes nearer to a solution of the unemployment problem than any other scheme that has yet been proposed.

ROOSEVELT:

That meeting between President-elect Roosevelt and Secretary of State Stimson came off today at Mr. Roosevelt's home in the Hudson Valley <sup>— in Fair Dutchess County.</sup> Mr. Stimson called on Mr. Roosevelt, at the latter's request, to give him the inside information on <sup>the</sup> foreign relations with Uncle Sam; more particularly details about the forthcoming <sup>world</sup> Economic conference and the Disarmament Conference. They also went over the Manchurian situation and the question of the Philippines.

This <sup>comes on the heels of Mr. Roosevelt's</sup> ~~coming on top of the~~ meeting yesterday with Senator Walsh of ~~the~~ Montana, who is an important member of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate. ~~Mr. Senator~~ Walsh believes that one of the first things <sup>to</sup> ~~that will~~ come up for discussion after March 4th will be the question <sup>of</sup> whether Uncle Sam should or should not join the World Court. Then, too, ~~is~~ that disputatous question of the St. Lawrence sea way.

JAPAN

Well, Japan is <sup>hot</sup> on the war path again. To be sure they do not call it war but operations are being conducted by troops and thousands of people are being killed, so I <sup>doubt</sup> ~~can~~ know any other name for it.

A cable to the New York World-Telegram brings the news that the Mikado's forces have fired on Chinese troops and occupy a part of the Great Chinese Wall 12 miles north of Shanhaikwan.

Another dispatch that comes from Tokio reports that Marshall Chang, the generalissimo of the Chinese <sup>in the</sup> ~~(North) China~~ <sup>had</sup> had a change of heart. Marshall Chang turned down the <sup>recent</sup> Japanese invitation to a conference. <sup>He said he did</sup> ~~and said he did~~ not care to deal with the Japanese Army except at the point of bayonets. The rumor in Tokio today is that Marshall Chang is ready to negotiate an armistice with the Japs.

INDIA

An interesting rebellion is taking place in India.

Some eighty thousand Mohammedans in the independent state of Alwar <sup>have</sup> ~~has~~ arisen in an agitation against Hindu money lenders and Hindu farmers. Alwar is one of the smallest states in India. ~~Its~~ Its population isn't any more than seven hundred thousand.

The Maharajah of Alwar has an army of five hundred ~~is~~ soldiers. They found themselves quite insufficient to cope with a rebellion of eighty thousand <sup>Fighting Musslemen.</sup> ~~tribesmen~~. The revolution was started with a refusal on the part of the villagers to pay ~~the~~ taxes. (I am sure many people in these United States are inclined to sympathize with that.) <sup>TP</sup> The Hindu merchants and farmers refused to climb on the bandwagon. <sup>Whereupon</sup> ~~so then~~ the Moslems turned on the Hindus as well <sup>on the tax collectors.</sup>

Even more <sup>curious</sup> ~~interesting~~ was a riot that broke out in Bombay. Three persons were killed and twenty-two wounded. ~~And~~

It all started over a cricket ball <sup>batted by a Hindu boy.</sup> It happened to hit a Mohammedan Pathan — a fight started — and it spread thru the city — 3 killed & a score wounded all over a cricket ball.

SPAIN

That revolution in Spain has not been squelched yet.

After some eighteen people were killed and several more wounded,

in the uprisings <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ Catalonia, <sup>Sunday,</sup> the authorities had expected

~~that~~ the disturbance would simmer down. Today, however, the

trouble spread to the neighboring province of Valencia, in

one town of which the anarchists seized the town hall, raised

the black and red flag, and burned all the archives. Elsewhere

in the same province the civil <sup>guards</sup> ~~courts~~ were attacked by rioters.

~~Another item~~

Another item from Spain is that a general strike was

called in Cadiz.

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CANARY

Another riot took place in a ~~still more~~<sup>an</sup> unexpected part of the world, the Canary Islands. A dispatch to the New York Times ~~says that~~<sup>tells how</sup> it began with a strike of streetcar workers and taxi-drivers.

The strikers had a run-in with ~~the~~<sup>some</sup> soldiers and then proceeded to explode bombs ~~and~~ in chocolate factories and soup paste ~~factories~~<sup>plants</sup>, thereby scattering chococate and ~~paste~~<sup>soup</sup> all over the ~~islands~~<sup>Canarys</sup>.



IRELAND

There seems to have been <sup>a lot of</sup> rioting in ~~several parts of~~ the world yesterday and today. In Dublin thirty people are in the hospital as a result of a street fight. Some ~~an~~ members of the party of former President Cosgrave tried to ~~make a speech in the streets of~~ <sup>hold a rally in</sup> Dublin. The Republicans stormed the meeting and a free for all battle took place.

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A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports ~~that~~ it is generally feared in Dublin that the situation will ~~grow~~ <sup>get</sup> considerably worse. ~~The~~ Feelings throughout southern Ireland ~~are becoming~~ <sup>is growing</sup> more and more bitter. The Irish Republican army is holding private meetings, and nobody knows what will be the outcome of that.

## ECONOMY

In no less than forty-three state capitols in America this month ~~xxxx~~ legislators are wrestling with the problems of taxation, unemployment and economy. A story in the Newark Evening News predicts that out of their deliberations will come legislation of greater importance, That is, economically speaking, <sup>greater than</sup> ~~than~~ any other time in a generation. One of the principal jobs of the law makers is to find new sources of revenue. According to the Newark News, which has gathered information from all over the country, a great many of the wise men are in favor of the general sales tax.

Another feature of the day is the attitude of legislatures towards ~~the~~ governments of the various counties all over the country. There are indications of a general tendency to attack county governments. It looks as though the administrations of counties in many states will undergo radical changes.

AUTO SHOW.

~~One of the spectacles I never miss if I can help it,~~

~~is The National Automobile Show at the Grand Central Palace, N.Y.,~~

~~This year again is~~ is so large that it overflows, even the spacious

vast Grand Central accommodations at the Palace. General Motors has <sup>its own immense free</sup> ~~a special~~ show,

~~of its own~~ displaying six <sup>of cars</sup> ~~of their~~ lines at the Waldorf-Astoria.

I cannot begin to give you a list of the things worth

seeing at this <sup>year's Auto</sup> Show. Personally, I ~~never got over my school~~

~~boy enthusiasm for ~~my~~ machines.~~ One thing that strikes the eye

~~at the Automobile Show is the increasing beauty of modern machinery.~~

~~The engines, aside from their efficiency, are wonderful things to~~

~~look at.~~

The tendency today among automobile manufacturers is

first for greater simplification; second, for as strong an appeal to

the eye as possible <sup>— and to the pocket book.</sup> Motor car manufacturers have found out

that in most families it is the woman who decides which car will be

bought and the ladies, ~~bless them,~~ seldom trouble to look under the

hood; so long as the hood has decorative lines, they take the engine

on hear-say. Therefore, the idea of engineers and designers

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today is to combine good looks with good engines. *And that they  
sure have done! to the Queen's taste.*

Naturally, there are all sorts of interesting new  
gadgets. One of them is a pick-proof lock - a lock that  
defies even the cleverest automobile thief. It is now  
possible to lock all doors and windows of your car simultaneously

with one key operation. Another welcome <sup>universal</sup> improvement is

automatic starting. You do <sup>nt</sup> ~~not~~ have to bother with the starter  
of previous years; you put your foot on the gas, *and zip, off you go.*  
~~an the engine~~

~~starts right away. In fact one thing that ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> Automobile~~

~~Show demonstrates is that we are not far from the day when~~

~~control of all the functions of your car will be automatic.~~

PRINCESS

A story from Paris in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger tonight <sup>reminds one</sup> ~~makes you think~~ more of an E. Philips Oppenheim romance than of a sober news story. The heroine ~~of it~~ is a Hungarian princess. Her full name is quite a mouthful. She is the Princess Stefanie of Hohenlohe-Waldenburg-Schillingsfuerst. <sup>that</sup> ~~By Joe, I need my friend Count Luclaner to pronounce~~ A French newspaper publishes the rumor not yet confirmed that the Princess Stefanie and so forth has been expelled from France for excessive activity in international affairs.

They say that the French government believes the Princess was engaged in intrigues, strategems and plots, some of them plots against the peace and dignity of the French Republic. More specifically, she is said to have been hired to procure the publishing of anti-Polish articles in British newspapers. As Poland is a strong ally of France, the French government thinks this is not clubby. The Princess, who is described as a handsome middle-aged woman, has been known to be a close friend of Viscount Rothermere, the British newspaper publisher.

for me.

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An interesting phase of the story is that all this information came out when the Princess gave up her apartment in Paris and sent her furniture to the municipal auction rooms to be sold. (~~Incidentally, you don't have to hire an auctioneer in Paris. The city maintains auction rooms just as it does pawnshops.~~)

Well, the person who bought this furniture found in a desk a secret drawer. In this secret drawer <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ a number of documents. These documents provided such interesting reading that the finder took them to the French Foreign Office. There, says the story in the Philadelphia <sup>Eve.</sup> Ledger, officials were astounded at the revelations.

5 ~~Well,~~ Maybe the ~~novelists~~ <sup>we read</sup> romances about international spies are not <sup>all just a lot of</sup> entirely romancings.

WALKER

A once familiar name broke into the news again today after ~~an~~ a considerable interval. The name of the Honorable Jimmie Walker, former mayor of New York City. Some French wine growers have made him an offer to become their American Agent. A story in the Newark News says that what the position would amount to would be that of sort of czar over wine exporters. In other words, Jimmie would have a job in the wine business ~~very~~ similar to that of Judge Landis in baseball. The go-between in the negotiations ~~between~~<sup>of</sup> the wine growers and Jimmie Walker ~~is~~<sup>was</sup> Henri Cochet, the famous French tennis player. Jimmie is seriously considering the offer, they say. *It ought to be right down his alley - maybe.*

GORKI

(4) The rulers of Soviet Russia have always scoffed at what they call Bourgeois sentimentality. But listen to the latest action of these so unsentimental Kommissars. They have changed the name of Nizhni Novgorod, the sprawling market city on the ~~Exx~~ banks of the Volga, to Maxim' Gorki.

A bulletin of the ~~New York~~ <sup>National</sup> Geographic Society points out that for several hundred years Nizhni Novgorod has been one of the most famous market cities in the world. In fact, it was the center of trade communications between Europe and Central Asia. Maxim Gorki, the famous novelist, is a ~~noted~~ native son of the city, <sup>He</sup> ~~And~~ <sup>Now</sup> if that isn't a sentimental act, I don't know what is.

Nizhni Novgorod, or rather Maxim Gorki, as we should call it today, is ~~called~~ the Detroit of Russia. An American automobile company has built the largest motorcar plant in Europe some fifteen miles up the river. In addition to the plant it is also building a workers town. When the whole project <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ completed, it will represent an outlay of more than a hundred and fifty million dollars.



SAUERKRAUT

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Here's a new record for Uncle Sam. A dispatch to the Baltimore Sun from Chicago brings the information that the United States is about to become the leading sauerkraut eating nation of the world. Now doesn't that thrill you? In the year 1932 folks in these United States consumed no less than one hundred fifty-four million pounds of sauerkraut. That's still thirty million pounds short of the amount eaten in Germany.

Incidentally, it is not generally known that sauerkraut was not invented in Germany, but in China. It was imported into Germany from China by way of Russia. The Russians learned about it long before the Germans.

People who like Chinese cooking <sup>say</sup> ~~tell me~~ that Chinese sauerkraut is far and away the best in the world, having a more delicate and less acrid flavor.

CAT

A large share of the front page of the New York World Telegram tonight is taken up with the adventures of Betty. And Betty is a cat, a handsomely striped grey cat which for years has held the job of chief of the mouse police at the Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Betty <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ not only the dread of all mice at the Lackawanna Station, she <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a company pet. So when Betty broke off her higherto respectable routine to steal a ride on the truck of a coach on the Lackawanna Limited, the crack daylight train to Buffalo, every conductor, brakeman, and dispatcher on the line became interested. It was ~~the~~ a baggageman in Morristown, New Jersey, who first saw Betty occupying a perilous perch as the train thundered through his station. A telegram was sent to Dover/ ~~xxflagxstopxforxthexlimitedx~~ So ~~the~~ Limited was flagged at Dover and a committee undertook to rescue Betty. But Betty didn't want to be rescued. She put up her back and spat most ungracefully at her would-be saviours. In fact, it took several rescue squads to finally run down Betty in a lumber yard.

Well, this is a story with a happy ending. They decided that ~~nevertheless~~ Betty's wanderlust had to be curbed and that her prime duty lay with her family. So today Betty is back with her kittens and to celebrate her return the station master of the Lackawanna Terminal, who ~~is~~ was chairman of the reception committee, blew the wanderer to a turkey dinner.

The moral of this appears to be that it sometimes pays to run away from home *because you get not the fatted calf but the fatted turkey when you return.*

ENDING

(1)

An item which I read in this morning's newspapers gave me quite a shock. It relates that a lady ~~is~~ devotee of the new cult, technocracy, put her beliefs into practice ~~yesterday~~ in a peculiar fashion. There was a lecture on technocracy in Steinway Hall. Just as it was over, they passed the plate. The young lady in question, in place of money contributed fifty cents in technocratic money. The joker in this is that the technocrats propose that energy shall be used in place of Uncle Sam's currency. Forty kilowats<sup>+</sup>, in their ~~dialect~~<sup>lingo</sup>, is considered ~~to be~~ the equivalent of an hour's human work.

Well, the young lady contributed twenty kilowats<sup>+</sup>. Perhaps I should add that her contribution was accepted. And here's what was a shock to me. If half an hour represents twenty kilowats, or fifty cents, fifteen minutes is worth ~~twenty-five~~<sup>twenty-five</sup> ~~and a half~~<sup>cents</sup>. That's a disturbing<sup>technocratic</sup> thought. In any event you've had ten kilowats<sup>+</sup> of my energy tonight even if it is only worth two bits.

~~So I'll say~~ And now as the technocrats say:-

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.