

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

Well, here's what happened in the political world today.

I mean so far as we know. What happened behind closed doors, well, that

may be another story. (The forces behind Governor Franklin Roosevelt

~~of New York~~, opened a fight <sup>in Chicago</sup> to break up that <sup>Democratic</sup> two-thirds rule <sup>idea</sup> ~~of the~~

~~Democratic party~~. They want to nominate a candidate as the Republicans

do -- by an out and out majority vote. )

Hardly had this become known before Mr. John F. Curry,

leader of Tammany Hall, and Mr. McCooey, the Brooklyn boss, announced

that they were opposed to any such change in the rules. In short,

it looks as though the two big New York machines were out flat-footed

against the New York Governor.

While this was going on, the Resolutions Committee

began their job of drafting the platform. Rumors are rife in

Chicago that the sentiment of the Committee is strong for a straight

repeal plank.

Under the two-thirds rule which exists at present, Al

Smith has the power to block the nomination of Govern<sup>N</sup>r Roosevelt,  
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they say. Franklin Roosevelt has a majority of the delegates already.

But he is reported to be 161 votes short of the two-thirds necessary to get him the nomination.

Meanwhile news comes through that Governor Roosevelt has concocted his own plank dealing with prohibition. ~~That is~~ Some of his friends say this plank contains only ninety words.

In fact, the New York Governor's entire ~~plank~~ platform ~~xxxxx~~ uses only eight hundred words. The Republican platform runs to somewhere around eight thousand.

As for Al Smith, it became known that he refused today to join in any compromise in his fight to win the presidential nomination. Some of the boys asked him whether he was likely to enter a combination in favor of Owen D. Young. Mr. Smith said:

"I am not here to compromise. I am here to nominate myself if I can do it."

Former Governor Smith was also asked who was his favorite candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination. He replied that his favorite is Alexander Throttlebottom. This gentleman, it seems, is one

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of the characters in <sup>a somewhat hilarious current</sup> a musical comedy ~~now running in New York~~ which is a satire on politics and government. Victor <sup>the actor</sup> Moore, who plays the part of Alexander Throttlebottom in that comedy, said: "My hat is in the ring with Al's. But", he added, "the hard part of it ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> be getting the nomination."

William Gibbs McAdoo paid a call at Governor Roosevelt's <sup>Chicago</sup> headquarters. But he assured newspaper men that ~~it~~ it was purely a social call and ~~it~~ must not be interpreted as meaning that he may throw his support to the Roosevelt forces. "I am for Garner first, last, and all the time", replied the former Secretary to the Treasury.

And apropos of that, it seems some railroad men in Wyoming ~~were getting~~ <sup>tried to get</sup> even with Mr. McAdoo. As you will recall, Mr. McAdoo was Director General of the Railroads during the war. Well, on his way east, he was held ~~back~~ over sometime in Cheyenne, and his car was parked in the yard.

The engineers and firemen of the yards put on a great act for him. They rang their bells and blew their whistles for all

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they were worth. So the former Director General of Railroads got ~~precious~~ little sleep ~~while he was~~ in Cheyenne.

"I wish<sup>d</sup> I was still Director General of Railroads", growled Mr. McAdoo as he told of the episode. <sup>But he said it</sup> with a smile.<sub>^</sub>

And by the way, Governor Roosevelt won a preliminary skirmish in the political battle today. Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, was named chairman of the Platform Committee. Mr. Hitchcock, a former senator, is generally supposed to be a Roosevelt man.

The political dopesters are ~~absolutely~~ contradicting each other almost as much as sporting dopesters do about a prizefight. Roosevelt will have a walk-over, says one man. Roosevelt is due for a trimming, says another.

A story in the New York Sun tonight has it that the forces of the New York Governor have swamped the opposition in the first preliminary test. <sup>Mr.</sup> ~~Governor~~ Roosevelt took control of the two big ~~committees~~ <sup>convention</sup> of the national ~~convention~~. So writes  
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George Van Slyke. These two committees are ~~those on~~ Resolutions and Credentials.

On the other <sup>hand,</sup> the New York Evening Post has it that the Stop Roosevelt drive advanced three points, <sup>whatever that means.</sup> So you pays your money and you takes your choice <sup>as the Cochranes say.</sup>

They had a dramatic fire in <sup>Bennington,</sup>~~Binghamton,~~ Vermont, today.

It was dramatic because the building in which it happened was a million dollar hospital. Fifty patients ~~occupying~~ occupying beds were rescued by nurses, firemen and volunteers. One hour after the fire started they were afraid the entire magnificent building would be destroyed. One ~~entire~~ wing was already in ruins. The flames were sweeping toward the south wing and two-thirds of the roof had collapsed. In fact the north wing was wrapped in flames only a few minutes after the fire started. But the ~~at~~ patients were removed so quickly that <sup>there was no</sup>~~they avoided a~~ panic.

It was announced today that the St. Louis Star, one of the important papers in the Middle West, had bought the St. Louis Times.

The new publication will be the St. Louis Star and Times.

Incidentally the Star is one of the oldest papers in that <sup>part of the</sup> country,

having been founded in 1838. And St. Louis, by the way, is one of the oldest cities in North America, dating way back to the days of the French and Indian Wars and the time when it was the center of the fur trade.

SLAVE

Here's a story to remind you of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

They had an auction <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ slaves in Milwaukee last night.

The auctioneer was selling off unemployed men who were offering themselves for sale.

The prices were anywhere from a dollar and a half to five dollars each. The auctioneer was in the midst of his sixth sale, and had run up the price of a bricklayer from ~~twenty-five cents~~ <sup>two-bits to</sup> ~~^~~ \$4.40.

"It's your last chance, gentlemen", the auctioneer was saying. "This fine <sup>husky,</sup> ~~hooker~~ slave, sound of wind and limb, is going..... going..... going....."

At that moment a police sergeant interrupted and said:

"Gone. And the one that's gone is you. You can't block the sidewalks with auctions here", continued the policeman. "Besides, somebody told me that they <sup>have</sup> abolished slavery."

The auctioneer then went into the crowd. There were some two hundred and fifty gathered around. ~~the~~ The auctioneer wanted to collect for his first five sales. But he couldn't find the bidders.



ARMS

President Hoover's proposal to cut down the armies and navies of the nations <sup>by one-third</sup> /has been received with world wide applause. Twenty-six nations have lined up behind the dramatic Hoover plan. But there also is important opposition. Japan threatens to oppose it more whole heartedly even than France.

Apropos of this, there is going to be quite a bit of squabbling among the French. The Socialist Press of Paris is demanding that France say yes without delay. But that doesn't mean the Government in Paris is going to comply.

The British papers are loud in giving the plan their blessing. In fact, the newspapers of John Bull seem to be almost unanimous in their consent. And Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that the Hoover proposals are receiving immediate consideration from the British Government.

But according to a United Press dispatch from Tokio to the ~~St. Louis Star~~ <sup>Brooklyn Times</sup>, a spokesman of the Japanese government proclaimed

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Japan's emphatic opposition to President Hoover's proposal. He admitted, however, that his government has not thoroughly studied its text, and is not going to be in any hurry to decide its final attitude. Japan is sitting back and waiting to see what the European governments are going to do.

Meanwhile in Geneva our American delegates are becoming impatient at the delay in discussing Mr. Hoover's scheme. They say they will not allow this plan to be sidetracked. "The bugle has been blown and the charge has been sounded. America is not going to turn back." These were the words of Senator Claude Swanson, who is one of our delegates in Geneva.

In Germany, Chancellor Von Pappen offers France a military alliance. The French have been holding off on proposals for arms reductions because they insist they've got to have security against attack from Germany. This offer of <sup>a</sup> military alliance is the German Chancellor's reply to that objection.

Here's a curious item:-

In France they are still het up over the question of votes for women. In most other countries that squabble was settled some time ago.

But ~~they haven't had it~~ <sup>women don't vote</sup> in France yet. Today a bill was introduced in the French Senate <sup>which will</sup> granting <sup>them</sup> suffrage <sup>if it goes through.</sup> ~~to French~~ women.

It seems that the feelings on both sides are so keen in Paris that they had to post a heavy police <sup>guard</sup> ~~care~~ around the Luxemburg Palace where the Senate holds its meetings. I don't know whether they did this to protect the Senators from ~~the~~ wild women, or just what the idea was. Anyway they did it.

John Bull is convinced that war debts and reparations must be cancelled in Europe. This is essential before confidence between the various countries can be restored. According to a U.P. dispatch from London to the Chicago Daily News, Stanley Baldwin, who is Acting Premier of Great Britain during the absence of Ramsey<sup>a</sup> McDonald at Geneva, made this statement in the House of ~~Congress~~<sup>Commons</sup> today.

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They had a disastrous tidal wave down in Mexico. Many people were killed. <sup>a</sup>~~The~~ city was wrecked and many bodies were carried out to sea. ~~on this huge wave.~~ This happened to the city of Cuyutlan on the Pacific coast.

Some report<sup>s</sup>~~ers~~ placed the number of known dead as high as fifty. Thirty bodies have been recovered. But more people are missing. This tidal wave was reported to have extended along the coast for a distance of ten miles. It left thousands of fish, including many sharks, on shore as it returned to sea.

One of the most romantic pieces I have seen in the newspapers for a long time ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> the story of that successful treasure hunt ~~on~~<sup>off</sup> the coast of France. According to a U.P. dispatch ~~from~~  
~~Brest~~ to the Newark News, champagne corks were popping and sailors dancing for joy all over ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> seaport<sup>of Brest.</sup> ~~to celebrate.~~

Its the sort of thing that ~~usually~~ you read of only in fiction. So it seems ~~so~~ curiously exciting to learn of bringing up ingots of gold from the hold of a sunken liner after a hunt of four years. In the course of this four year job of salvage on the sunken British liner Egypt, twelve men lost their lives. The value of the gold brought up so far is calculated at about 20 million francs. But it is estimated that the total value of the rest of the treasure which is ~~still~~<sup>still</sup> to be brought to the surface is about 5 million dollars.

Well, it was a great job and you can't wonder that the Captain of the Italian ~~salvage~~ salvage vessel and his chief diver were being slapped on the back by almost the entire population of Brest.

The Egypt ~~you may remember~~ sank in May, 1922, after colliding with a French freighter on the way from England to India.

and it took them seven years to locate the wreck. The salvage work was made difficult by the fact that many of the ingots were blown out of their cases by the blasts <sup>of dynamite</sup> and fell on the ocean bed. The strong room was known to hold 156 cases of gold.

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Soo

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 I just heard of a new kind of celebration. They are going to hold it next month in a place called Soo in the Province of Ontario, Canada. And the celebration they are having is called Wolf Week. It happens once every year. ~~I discovered from~~  
~~place~~ <sup>From</sup> the New York Sun <sup>we learn,</sup> ~~today,~~ that Soo, which sounds like something <sup>connected with</sup> ~~kicked out of~~ a Chinese <sup>soo-y-</sup> chophouse, is not anything of the sort. It is a place with houses and paved streets. The Wolf Week they hold there every year is as wild and wooly as any celebration they hold out West in our own country. It's as long-haired and curly as any old time frontiersman.

Anybody is welcome, according to the invitation. But you'd be well advised not to wear your <sup>or you'll get it plugged.</sup> plugged hat. The invitation states definitely that wild guys are welcome, but respectable strangers are welcome also.

Oh, wait a minute. I was wrong to say everybody is welcome. Apparently it is no place for the Tall Story Club. The Arrangement Committee qualifies its invitation by announcing



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that everybody but a liar is welcome. They accept the definition of old Sam Martin for a liar. Old Sam used to say any man who says he's been et by a wolf is a liar.

Well, that's a little bit further than any of our Tall Story Club members have gone yet.

ADELE ASTAIRE

What do you think of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ little American dancer from Omaha making a formal bow at <sup>English</sup> ~~the~~ Court? ~~of St. James's?~~ That's what happened ~~in~~ today in London.

Maybe you can guess who that little dancer from Omaha is. You probably saw her dancing charmingly in many a musical comedy. Her name on the stage was Adele Astaire. She was presented <sup>as a result of</sup> ~~to~~ the King and Queen of England <sup>upon</sup> her marriage to Lord Charles Cavendish, a younger son of the Duke of Devonshire.

Ten other American ladies from various parts of the country were also presented to Their Royal Majesties. But naturally most eyes were focused on the pretty little girl we used to know as Adele Astaire.

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HEENAN

There's an appealing story from Montreal, Canada, <sup>tonight. It's about</sup> ~~of~~

a man who went from overalls into the Cabinet, and now is going back to overalls again.

The hero of the story is Peter Heenan. Some thirty years ago he got his first job as a locomotive engineer with the Canadian Pacific Railroad. For eight years he was Chairman of the Canadian Association ~~for~~<sup>of</sup> Locomotive Engineers. Then he went into politics and they made him Minister of Labor and gave him the imposing rank of a Privy Councillor.

Well, now Mr. Heenan is out of office, and he says that on July 8th he's going to put on his overalls again and take up his job at the throttle.

"Engineering is my trade and it's a good one", said Heenan. "I came from overalls", he added, "and I've always remembered that one day I would have to go back to them."

He's going to take up his old job again on July 8th, because it was on July 8th, thirty years ago, that he first moved an engine out of the yards.

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PIANO

Five hundred of Uncle Sam's coastguard are in a tough spot. They were restricted to their quarters on Staten Island today, and what do you suppose their offense was. They sank a piano contrary to the regulations in the little red book.

It seems that last Monday night, while their officers were up at Poughkeepsie watching the regatta, the coast guardsmen gave themselves a smoking ~~concert~~ <sup>- a smoker.</sup> concert. The piano, a piano of government issue, was ~~rolled~~ <sup>trundled out of doors and put</sup> into action on the pier.

When the pianist tried to bang the keys, the first chord was sour, so was the second, and so was the third.

Finally, the pianist ~~tried~~ in disgust vented his anger on the piano. He banged the keys hard, but that didn't make any impression. So the crowd joined in and lent a willing hand. <sup>Down went the</sup> ~~The~~ piano ~~slid off the pier into~~ the bottom of New York Bay. And for that reason the guardsmen are restricted to quarters, because the regulations prescribe that when a piano, government issue, is to be retired, it must be examined by a Board of Survey.

*And that one retires me - and s-l-u-t-m.*