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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Let's start out with a familiar word - earthquake. It was a big one, but not so disastrous. It happened far to the south of us! A radiogram from Mexico City informs us that many people were injured and hundreds of buildings damaged in parts of South and Central America. Details are not available because communication lines were smashed by the shocks.

It seems to have been quite a convulsion; the old earth heaving to the depths. Ships in mid-Atlantic report strange happenings. They encountered a series of tremendous waves. One of these struck the liner Duchess of York with such violence that twenty people were knocked down and injured. It is believed that these waves had some connection with the earthquake shocks.

Old mother earth playing pranks - yes, and she was joined by Old Man Weather who chipped in with hi-jinks of his own.

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## WEATHER

There may have been colder days, but surely the frost never descended on us with more ferocious speed than it did this morning. I caught the first blast of it last night in Charlestown, West Virginia. The thermometer slid down like a Lake Placid bobsled. In an incredibly few hours the mercury nose-dived fifty-two degrees. In New York, it hit zero. In Chicago, seven below, and in the suburbs ten below. In Vermont, 16 below. Fortunately, the gale which had brought this frost on its wings had a heart early this afternoon, and the thermometer climbed a notch.

But the weather man says: "Look for even more bitter cold." - right while I'm driving to Madison, N. J. tonight. The promise is for zero weather throughout most of the U.S.A. tomorrow morning. But if Uncle Sam's prophets are right, it won't last long.

A friend of mine, today, with a worried look on his face, asked me to remind the women folks out in the country to turn the water off tonight - so it won't freeze and burst the pipes. He was sure his women folks won't remember it

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unless reminded - so here's reminding them and reminding myself  
to put some anti-freeze in the car.

## FOLLOW WEATHER

As usually happens when such a bitter gale is raging, it was a bad night for Fire Department. In New York alone no less than five hundred and fifty smoke eaters were called out to battle with two of the worst blazes in years.

One destroyed an amusement park in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. A real old time five alarm affair. Dance pavillions, several restaurants and a hotel were burned to the ground, as well as many homes nearby. Twenty-five firemen were injured by falling walls and frost bite. It was so cold that some of them had their hands frozen to the nozzles of the hose.

Several miles away, in another part of Brooklyn, flames destroyed a block of twelve homes. Five firemen were injured in this one.

It was a day for the opposing elements of ice and fire.

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## PLANE

An airplane carrying mail from Italy crashed in Brazil. The news came first by radiogram from Rome. The Italian Air Ministry received word that the first plane sent out from Rome to Brazil crashed on the beach at a place called Fort Alcaza, and this happened after the pilot had made a successful flight across the South Atlantic. The place where he came to grief was three hundred miles off his course.

He had left Rome early Saturday. Evidently he got lost. The New York office of Pan-American Airways seems to have received the first word of this disaster. It came in a radio report from one of the Pan-American pilots. He spotted the Italian plane on the beach early this morning, and notified the home office that so far as he could see the Italian crew were still alive. He dropped them a note that he was sending help.

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ADD PLANE

From a later report received by the Pan-American Airways, it was learned that the Italian plane had turned completely over. The place where it crashed renders any rescue over land impossible. So a Pan-American launch is on its way from Natal to <sup>get</sup>~~bring~~ the <sup>m</sup>~~flies~~ off.

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The Pan American pilot who brought first word of the crash added a dash of comedy to the situation. Not knowing who the pilots were, he wrote the note which he dropped, in three languages, - English, Spanish and Portuguese. *Some linguist - but not enough. It* ~~This~~ was exceedingly thoughtful, but unfortunately the crew of the wrecked plane is entirely Italian *and speaks only Italian.*

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# late Bulletin

Pan-American relief airtos  
reached 4 fliers.

Two pilots unhurt  
Radio operator &  
Mechanic, seriously injured

Fliers said they hit  
rocks on beach and  
overturnd. The plane  
is a total wreck.

## GOLD

President Roosevelt's money program got its final okay from the Congress today. Of course it went through the House last week, but the Senate tacked on several amendments. These amendments were unanimously approved by the House this afternoon. That'll make that extraordinary gold bill a part of the law of the land as soon as the Speaker of the House, the Vice-President and the President sign it. So that's that.

Europe is hardly less interested in this measure than we of the United States. It came up today in the House of Commons. The Financial Secretary of His Majesty's Treasury was asked whether John Bull was contemplating a similar measure. The precise question was: "Does the British Government plan to reduce the gold content of the pound sterling and establishing a new parity for gold?" The answer was, not at present. Certain conditions must be fulfilled before John Bull will get back on the gold standard.

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## HUEY

The enemies of the Huey Long won a partial victory today. It was in that contest over the congressional seat from the Sixth District of Louisiana. The contest was between Mrs. Bolivar Kemp, the Huey candidate, and J. V. Sanders, the anti-Huey candidate. The scrap was taken to the floor of the House, and the House decided it today. The decision is that the seat is vacant and the election will have to be held all over again.

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## GENERALS

Some times Congress keeps even generals waiting for recognition of their services. Three distinguished soldiers who were commanders of the Second Division of the A.E.F. were summoned to the White House today. There, in the oval room, the President presented them with Second ~~Vx~~ Division medals. Those generals are Major General Omar Bundy, Major General James G. Harbord, now Chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, and Major General John A. LeJeune, who used to be commander of the Leathernecks, <sup>the</sup> Marine Corps.

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ROOSEVELT

There's going to be a celebration at the White House tonight. The President is having his 1920 gang to dinner. What, 1920 gang? Why the crowd headed by Colonel Louis Howe, which was with the President in his 1920 campaign for the Vice-Presidency.

And by the way tomorrow night is the big celebration from coast to coast - the 52nd birthday of the President.

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WHITE HOUSE

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While most of the country has been taking advantage of repeal, there's one distinguished establishment which has been as dry as it was during prohibition. And that is the White House. Throughout the entire District of Columbia it will not be legal to serve even wines until the 15th of February. On this subject, an announcement was made by Mrs. Roosevelt today. So long as Mr. Roosevelt is President, no hard liquor will be served in the White House at any time. After February 15th wines will be served. Mostly simple wines and preferably those grown in America.

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## WEST VIRGINIA

Down in West Virginia, that is, around Charleston, Montgomery, Clendenin, and Logan, the people see, to be in high spirits these days. The coal mines are working, the chemical plants are busy, the mountain valleys are sprinkled with lights at night, oil fields and gas wells are running, and the air is charged with enthusiasm, vigor, and all the rest of the things we are interested in these days.

Pat Withrow, famous mission leader, who is known from coast to coast for his work among those who are down on their luck, and John Laing, one of the old timers in West Virginia, this week-end took me through the Switzerland of America, through the coal fields where Mother Jones used to rant and curse, along famous Cabig Creek where they fought bloody labor wars in years gone by, and to the country of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, the best-known feud in all American History.

Just above Logan and Omar, in the mountains, I sat at the foot of the Devil Anse Hatfield monument, Devil Anse the Chief of the Hatfield clan, the man who shot more

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than twenty McCoys. The valley is peaceful nowadays. The Hatfields are leaders in the community. The former feud-fighters are now the most law-abiding of citizens. No more feuds except against Old Man Hard Times, and they've got him on the run.

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DILLINGER

Meanwhile, a squad of Indiana police was running up against a snag in Tucson, Arizona. The Indiana cops had been sent down to bring back John Dillinger, the jail-breaker and his gang. It had been expected that the crooks would not fight extradition. But when the Indiana troopers arrived in Tucson, they found delegations from two other states, Ohio and Wisconsin, ~~already~~ already on the spot. So now there is a scrap between the authorities of three states for the possession of <sup>the bandits and prison breakers,</sup> ~~these criminals.~~

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The captain in command of the Indiana state troopers sent one of his men by airplane to Phoenix to get his extradition papers signed first by the governor. But the representatives of Ohio and Wisconsin are just as determined, to get their men. The gang and their women are being held on bail <sup>of</sup> a hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, ~~bail~~.

## LUCK

Some time ago a murder was committed in Worcester, Mass. The man suspected of the crime had only ten cents in his pocket to help him escape. He ran this up to twenty dollars in a crap game. With this he bought a ticket and climbed a train. There he got into a card game and ran the twenty dollars up to a hundred and fifty. This gave him carfare to Chicago and then some, and he had hardly been in the Windy City two hours when he got a job.

But that sort of luck couldn't last forever. Yesterday, he ran into a chance visitor from Worcester. The Worcester man promptly tipped off the Chicago police and now the once lucky man is in jail, waiting for cops from Massachusetts to take him back to stand trial.

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The situation in the Far East has brought about a  
Acting on orders from Mayor LaGuardia, Police  
Commissioner O'Ryan tonight instructed all police stations  
in NYC to furnish meals between noon and two p.m. and  
between five and seven p.m. to anyone asking for food. The  
National Guard will cooperate with their field kitchens.  
The Mayor did this, he said, to alleviate the suffering of  
many homeless during this cold spell.

JAPAN

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The situation in the Far East has brought about a shakeup in British diplomatic circles. According to a radiogram from London, Sir Francis Lindley, his Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to Tokio, is about to retire. The explanation is that the continuing of Japanese invasion on the mainland, <sup>- in China -</sup> together with Nippon's withdrawal from the League of Nations, has made the Tokio job too difficult for Sir Francis to handle. In other words, the situation there is becoming so nervous and ticklish that London is going to send one of its trickiest men to tackle it.

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FRANCE

For the second time in three months Edouard Daladier (~~Daladyay~~) is Prime Minister of France. That's the latest consequence of the disastrous bank scandal.

The last time Mr. Daladier was Premier he established a record by staying in office from January to October.

Being boss of France seems to be one of the toughest jobs in the world. During the last few months, the big-wigs of French politics have been rotating in office.

Another phase of this latest development will be the appearance of new faces in the Government.

Public opinion is still in such a frenzy over the bank scandal that it is expected that Daladier will make a clean sweep of his former colleagues and build up an entirely new Cabinet - new faces.

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LONDON (Follow France)

And one of the first problems Mr. Daladier <sup>may</sup> ~~is liable~~  
~~to~~ have on his hands is a tariff war with John Bull. The  
President of the British Board of Trade made an ominous  
statement in the House of Commons today. Said he: "If  
France is not more friendly to imports from Britain within  
ten days, <sup>we</sup> ~~John Bull~~ will retaliate with prohibitory duties  
on French imports."

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And the British Foreign Secretary also had something interesting to say. It was about disarmament. London has sent a memorandum to the other European powers explaining the British attitude on this question. One point of this memorandum was that the English consider disarmament far more important than the question of reforming the ~~ex~~ League of Nations, the reforms for which Premier Mussolini is so anxious. The British Foreign Secretary gave the House to understand that not only France but Italy agreed with England on this issue. ~~But~~, that is not what Mussolini has given the world to understand.

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QUEEN

Can you imagine the Queen of England riding in a brewer's automobile! Her Majesty left the royal country estate at Sandringham early this morning to go to Cambridge where she was to dedicate something or other. But the royal motor car did not function according to the proverbial queen's taste. In short, it broke down.

So there was the Queen of England stranded by the roadside! And no Blue Sunoco!

Enter the hero, an employee of a big brewery firm of London. His name is Mr. Percy Titmouse, not Titwillow, but Titmouse. (When I first received this radiogram I could not believe me bally eyes, so I sent a radio back to London for verification saying: "What-ho old thing?" But Titmouse it is, Percy Titmouse.

Percy stopped his car, not knowing at first the identity of the dignified gray haired lady who was in distress. In fact, he offered her a ride before he realized.

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She accepted, and thus it came about that the Queen of  
England and Empress of India rode into Cambridge with the  
brewer! None other than good old Percy Titmouse.

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