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POLITICS

Good Evening, Everybody:

A telegram was received in Washington today. It was in answer to an inquiry.

Senator Patten of Texas, observes the Associated Press asked a question of Attorney General James V. Allred of Texas.

When can a new Congressman be elected to take the place of Representative Wurzbach? That was the inquiry.

The recent election left a line up in Congress of 217 Democrats, 215 Republicans, and one Farmer Laborite, and the point was made on all sides that this proportion of forces would probably be changed by death or illness among the Congressmen. And right on top of that, as the United Press, reminds us, ~~the~~ has come the death of Congressman Wurzbach, the one lonely Republican among the delegation which the great State of Texas sends to the lower house. That cut the Republican Congressional forces down by one.

Of course, a good deal depends upon when Texas can elect a Congressman to take the place of Representative Wurzbach.

If Texas does not choose a new Congressman by the time Congress meets, then the Republicans will simply be short that one vote.

This morning there was considerable doubt about when an election could be held in Texas, and that gives all sorts of interest to the inquiry sent from Washington to the Attorney General of Texas.

Well, the Attorney General has replied. He declares reports the International News Service that Texas can elect a new Congressman within a period of ~~thirty~~ thirty days.

Well, of course, that opens possibilities. If Texas should select a Republican, why that would ~~cut~~ cut down the Democratic majority. But on the other hand, if the folks along the Rio Grande should pick a Democrat to succeed its one Republican Congressman, why then that would only swell the Democratic majority.

The Democrats claim that Congressman Wurzbach was elected to office several times simply on account of his great personal popularity in spite of the fact that he is a Republican.

1 Well, all these matters are
2 just making more and more dramatic
3 that political situation which will
4 come to a head when Congress meets
5 early in December.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

1 (An interesting idea for a
2 small bit of unemployment relief comes
3 from Cleveland.

4 Sheriff John Sulzman of that
5 city, came out today with a plan to
6 pick juries from among the unemployed.
7 He suggests that people with jobs
8 should not be called for jury duty.
9 And that only the unemployed should be
10 called upon to serve.) He points out,
11 ~~says~~ ^{states} the International News Service,
12 that jurymen get three dollars a day
13 which would be a welcome income for
14 many an unemployed person. While, on
15 the other hand, people with jobs are
16 usually glad enough to be excused
17 from jury duty.

1 I suppose this next story had to come
2 along sooner or later. It tells of
3 something that one might have expected.

4 In London there's a whole gorgeous
5 troop of potentates from India who are
6 attending the Round Table Conference.
7 They're in London blazing with ^{all their} ~~an~~ oriental
8 glory -- colors and silks and jewels --
9 a fabulous fortune in jewels.

10 And ^{dear old} London is known to have some
11 mighty slick crooks who might ~~be~~
12 be expected to cast a shrewd and hungry
13 eye on the diamonds and sapphires and
14 pigeon^s-blood rubies with which those
15 Maharajahs of India bedecked themselves.

16 That's why it's no great surprise to
17 read this United Press dispatch which
18 relates that 60,000 dollars worth of
19 jems have been stolen from the
20 Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga. He is a
21 young Prince of India who has been one of
22 the most glittering figures at the Round
23 Table Conference. He occupies a
24 luxurious suite on a floor of the Savoy
25 Hotel, known as the millionaire's floor.

1 And there he had his horde of jewels.
2 Some slick crook got to work and ~~the~~
3 60,000 dollars worth of Hindustani
4 treasure has disappeared.

5 Scotland Yard men are working on the
6 crime, and they say the robbery was the
7 work of an internationally-known criminal
8 who is believed to have escaped to the
9 continent. They ~~believe~~^{think} he got into the
10 Maharajah's suite by climbing ~~the~~^a fire-
11 escape.

12 The Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga
13 is one of the wealthy sovereigns of
14 Hindustan, that land of wealthy sovereigns.
15 He has vast hereditary estates and
16 treasure vaults of jewels, amassed by
17 his ancestors during the old days when
18 India was ~~an~~ a land of war and
19 plunder.

20 And now 60,000 dollars worth of his
21 ancestor^{nal}~~s~~ horde is in the hands of some
22 slick European crook who is somewhere on
23 the continent -- with the proverbial keen-
24 eyed detectives of Scotland Yard on his
25 trail.

1 Word of a large financial transaction
2 comes across the cables from Berlin.
3 They say the Soviet government of Russia
4 wants to buy 9,000 freight cars and other
5 railroad material. The order, if placed,
6 will come to 50 ~~na~~ million dollars.

7 The New York Evening Post passes
8 along the report that the Soviets tried
9 to place this same large order with
10 American firms. They wanted to ~~buy~~
11 buy all that railway material in the
12 ~~United States.~~ But the
13 ~~deal~~ deal fell through. The
14 Americans wanted 50 per cent cash in
15 advance, and the remainder on short-term
16 credits.

17 The Russians, however, wanted more
18 time in which to pay the money, so they
19 turned from the United States to Germany.
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1 There were big celebrations in
2 Russia today. All over the Soviet Union
3 demonstrations were held to celebrate
4 the 14th anniversary of the founding of
5 the Bolshevik regime. ~~In Russia.~~ They
6 call it RED OCTOBER, in honor of that
7 October revolution in 1917 which turned
8 Russia over to the Communist experiment.

9 The United Press explains that an
10 important part of the jubilation consists
11 of loud cheers for the progress that
12 Soviet Russia has made.

13 The ~~Soviet~~ newspaper Pravda points
14 out that two giant steel plants were put
15 into operation today. One of them is
16 ~~that~~ Kuznetstroi, which six months ago
17 was an empty steppe -- while today it is
18 a busy hive with four blast furnaces
19 ready to roar into action.

20 The Pravda remarks that the first
21 metal furnace at Gary, Indiana, took two
22 years to complete, the inference being
23 that the Bolsheviks work faster. Of
24 course, that furnace at Gary was the
25 first one. ^{And that} ~~which~~ alters the case somewhat.

1 In Moscow huge life-sized models of
2 the great steel plants have been set up.
3 One of them stands 60 feet high, and ~~it is~~
4 is a vivid piece of stage managing to
5 dramatize the industrial ambitions of the
6 Bolsheviks.

7 The International News Service
8 remarks that Moscow's particular big show
9 will begin tomorrow. Thousands of yards
10 of red bunting have already been draped
11 on public buildings in preparation for
12 the celebration of Red October.

13 The Central Committee of the
14 Communist Party did a bit of festive merry-
15 making today in the form of a blast
16 against the Capitalist nations. The
17 proclamation takes up the subject of the
18 trouble between the Japanese and Chinese
19 in Manchuria, and declares that the
20 Japanese aggression is not merely
21 directed against the Chinese. It's really
22 directed against the Soviets. ^{So} declares the
23 Central Committee of the Communist Party.

24 And that isn't all. We are told in
25 loud and oratorical declamation that the

1 Japanese war in China is just the
2 beginning of a World War in which the
3 Capitalist nations will try to crush the
4 Red regime in Russia.

5 Sounds like ringing a change on
6 that old gag about a gigantic
7 international conspiracy against the
8 Soviets, *doesn't it?*

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1 * The fighting in Manchuria
2 seems to have taken a turn, a turn for
3 the better for the Japanese, a turn for
4 the worse for the army of China.

5 (The Associated Press reports
6 that the Chinese military forces opposing
7 the Japanese have been crushed, after a
8 three day battle. The fighting has been
9 along the Nonni River, in Northcentral
10 Manchuria.) The Japanese have been
11 driving northward. One contingent of
12 Japanese troops forced their way across
13 the river and then were pressed hard by
14 the Chinese.

15 The ^{J. N. S.} ~~Associated Press~~ reports
16 that Japanese airplanes discovered a
17 force of four thousand Chinese cavalry
18 with thirty pieces of artillery, and
19 these were out-flanking that hard
20 fighting detachment of the Mikado's
21 troops. ~~which was battling desperately~~
22 ~~to hold its position.~~

23 The turn in the battle came
24 when two battalions of Japanese infantry
25 forced their way across the Nonni River

1 and came to the relief of their
2 companions. Japanese bombing planes
3 dropped their charges of high explosives
4 on the Chinese lines with deadly
5 effect, and tonight, says the United
6 Press, the Chinese army is in full retreat.

7 Meanwhile in Washington the
8 Japanese ambassador explains that the
9 big battle on the Nonni River is just a
10 misunderstanding. I suppose one
11 might be tempted to say that it ^{sounds} ~~seems to~~
12 ~~have been~~ ^{like} a considerable misunderstanding.

13 The Mikado's ambassador
14 is quoted by the United Press as
15 declaring that all the Japanese have
16 been trying to do is repair a bridge.
17 The work was ~~xx~~ interrupted by the
18 Chinese, so the regiments ~~xx~~ of Nippon
19 had to clear the Chinese military
20 forces away from the immediate vicinity.

21 But it was just a
22 misunderstanding, and that seems to be
23 a new name for a ^{pitched} battle.
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Edward
Tomlinson .

traveler + writer,
esp. in South
America .

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1 In my previous incarnation, I mean
2 a year ago before I started living the
3 life of a news broadcaster, I spent con-
4 siderable time sprinting around over the
5 continent, making speeches, lecturing,
6 and so on. Of course, I crossed the
7 trail of every other chap doing the same
8 thing. ~~and made friends with most of them.~~
9 And one of the most agreeable ^{was} ~~of them all~~
10 ~~is~~ an American traveler and writer named
11 Edward Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson has been
12 a globe-trotter for some 15 years. But
13 for 10 years his specialty has been South
14 America. Each year he goes there and
15 covers it from Devil's Island to Cape Horn.

16 He ~~was~~ is just back from his last
17 jaunt south and in a few days will be off
18 again on another transcontinental lecture
19 tour, ~~telling audiences everywhere about~~
20 ~~the fascinating continent to the South of~~
21 ~~us, concerning which we North Americans~~
22 ~~know less than we know about Europe, Asia~~
23 ~~and Africa.~~

24 He has striking gray hair, laughing
25 blue eyes, a somewhat round and moon-like

1 face, he stands about six feet three. ~~and~~
2 ~~is a handsome, debonair, cosmopolitan~~
3 ~~gentleman who you could tell at a glance.~~

4 I am going to interrupt my summary
5 of the evening's news just long enough
6 to ask him what's new in South America.

7 How about it Brother Tomlinson;
8 where have you been and what have you
9 seen this time?

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Where have I been? Well, to some 17 countries -- I mean to the South of Uncle Sam's realm. And this time I did about 10,000 miles by air. One unusual experience was a flight over the Andes with the first regular passenger plane of the Pan American Grace Airways ever to make the journey right across the continent of South America from East to West. So far as I know it's the highest passenger airplane service in the world. At one point the planes sometimes go up to about 22,000 and occasionally 23,000 feet. But the curious thing about it is that you don't notice the altitude at all. You see oxygen tubes are provided for the passengers. You feel just like a condor.

Some of my time on this trip to South America was spent in interviewing the new presidents of various countries, of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and my old friend Sauchez Cerro of Peru.

In years gone by Old King Coffee has been the ruler of Brazil. But I found that he had abdicated.

Brazil seems to be flourishing internally. There's no unemployment. The Salvation Army tried to start soup kitchens

but got no customers.

Argentina is flourishing too. The recent advance in the price of wheat has brought great joy to the inhabitants of that nation.

Chile and Peru seem to be in rather a bad way partly because copper and nitrate are way down.

While in Peru I witnessed one of the strongest sights in the history of South America. It was an election in which every eligible voter went to the polls. This was compulsory. They voted by secret ballot. For the first time since Pizarro and his Conquistadores looted the Incas the election was absolutely fair. There was ~~xxx~~ no broken place, and not a broken head from Talare in the North to Tacnse in the South.

DIGEST

Well, Mr. Tomlinson, those celebrities you saw in South America brings me to this next item.

It tells us of a test made in Chicago. A list of 125 names was given to a huge number of people who were asked to identify the celebrities on the list.

Well, it was amusing to find out how little some of those folks knew about some world-famous people.

The best known of the celebrities were the movie actors and gangsters. The curious thing was that a number of foreigners were much better known than Americans. Names such as Gandhi, Mussolini, and Ramsay MacDonald made a much better score than Americans like Charles Evans Hughes, Arthur Brisbane, and William Jennings Bryan.

The Literary Digest gives us a list of some of the bulls. The test, by the way, was made by the theatrical magazine Variety.

One Chicagoan thought that Aimee Semple MacPherson was a carnival ballyhooer. Another one said "Oh, it's some Scotchman." And still another thought she was an aviatrix.

Sinclair Lewis was taken for a radio broadcaster, an orchestra leader, a financier, an oil magnate, a film director, and a Senator.

Albert Einstein was thought to be a violinist, an Englishman, a film director. As a matter of fact he does play the fiddle a little bit.

Yehudi Menuhin, the boy prodigy violinist, was set down as an Indian Prince, the oldest man in the world, a rabbi, a clairvoyant, and a Jewish actor.

Three people thought Bobby Jones was a tennis player.

William von Hohenzollern was taken to be an aviator, the President of Germany, and a German manufacturer.

And here's the record for the Mayo Brothers. Those famous surgeons were taken for circus performers, circus owners, gangsters, and comedians.

And Chase and Sanborn? They're down as actors in one case, and a couple of comedians in another. Well they do sound something ~~xx~~ like a vaudeville team at that.

Yes, and those are only a few of the funny ones in that list of bulls which the Literary Digest gives us.

And I'll be making a bull, unless I make a bolt and hurry and say -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.