

Good Evening, Everybody:

That teacup tempest was still raging in Washington today. I mean the one over the article written for Al Smith's *magazine* *the* New Outlook, by ^{David S.} ~~Thomas~~ Barry, ~~the~~ venerable Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate had Mr. Barry on the carpet today because they resented some of the things ~~Mr. Barry wrote~~ in his article. As you may recall, he declared that the Congress of the United States was for the most part honest, though some Senators and Representatives are known to sell their votes. This seems to have got all the Senatorial goats ~~loose~~ in Washington.

Mr. Barry, who has been suspended from his job, appeared before the Committee and read a statement. The most important thing in that statement was that Mr. Barry's principal sources of information were a couple of Senators. He showed that Senator Glass of Virginia, on May 10, 1932, said on the floor

of the Senate that certain bankers had hired some Congressmen to oppose a certain measure. "They did this," said Senator Glass, "to my positive and documentary knowledge."

Then ~~was~~ Mr. Barry ^{went on to} ~~quote~~ a letter ^{to the same effect} written by

Senator Nye of North Dakota, Chairman of the Campaign fund committee.

After hearing the statement of the suspended Sergeant-at-Arms, the Committee took a recess until tomorrow when they will announce ~~in~~ what they have decided to do with him.

MUTINY

A rebellion of the crew of a Dutch battleship in the East Indies shows that mutiny on the high seas ^{doesn't work so well} ~~is pretty much~~ ~~out of date~~ in this ^{bombing ships of the air.} day of ~~ships~~. The Correspondent of the Brooklyn Times Union cables that Naval seaplanes flew over the cruiser that had been seized by the mutineers, and threatened to bomb the ship out of the water, if the rebels did not surrender. Meanwhile the entire fleet of The Netherlands ^{of Borneo, Java and} ~~in East India~~ ^{Sumatra} ~~waters~~ was hot on the trail of the mutineers. They ^{mutinous lads} ~~on their~~ ~~part,~~ sent a radio message to the effect that they did not mean to commit any violence. All they intended ~~to do~~ was to take the seized battleship ^{the Java port of} to Soerabaja. There they ~~hoped~~ ^{hoped} to ~~make a~~ protest to ^{Headquarters} ~~the Commandant of the port~~ against a reduction in their wages.

The mutineers consist mostly of natives of the Island of Sumatra. It is said that there is no evidence of Communist ^{being to} ~~activities being~~ ^{blame} ~~responsible~~ for this mutiny.

The Commander of the ^{seized} battleship, together with seven of

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of his officers, ten European Petty Officers, and twenty Marines, were all ashore at the time of the mutiny. The few officers aboard were overpowered and locked up. As soon as the Captain learned what had happened, he commandeered a smaller steamer and gave chase. *P* But evidently ^{Dutch} ~~the~~ Naval seaplanes ^{have been too} ~~were too~~ much for the rebellious seamen.

A little over a year ago mutineers in the Chilean Navy discovered that it's difficult to mutiny in the face of airplanes.

GERMANY

~~More~~ Melodramatic news continues to come from Germany. The temper of both Communists and Hitlerites reached a high pitch. The Reds let off a bomb today and opened fire with revolvers on a ~~funerary~~ funeral procession which was carrying the body of a Hitlerite storm trooper killed in a riot last week. As the cortege passed a factory, the bomb was thrown. Another Nazi storm trooper was killed, and six ~~others were~~ seriously wounded.

Meanwhile, as we learn from the Foreign Service of the New York Evening Post, the Diet, the legislature of Prussia, was dissolved by Vice-Chancellor von Papen with the consent of President von Hindenburg. Elections for a new Diet will be held March 5th. President von Hindenburg~~xxxx~~ has made von Papen, Hitler's Vice-Chancellor, practically the absolute ruler of Prussia.

Then too, Chancellor Hitler was given what amounts to a steel gag ^{with which} to silence his opponents. This took the form of

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an emergency edict which enables him to restrict both written and spoken criticism. It is so phrased, say some correspondents, that in the coming election campaign the Nazis will be able to do all the talking, and the others all the listening.

The casualties at that funeral today followed what the correspondents describe as a bloody Sunday. Four people were killed and sixty wounded in street battles throughout Germany. Furthermore, the Socialist Mayor of one town was shot by a Hitlerite, and died today.

JAPAN

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The most important news on the Far East situation ~~today~~ comes from Geneva. The spokesman of the Japanese delegation told Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary General of the League of Nations, that Japan will be forced to withdraw from the League if the League allows its plan for conciliation between China and Japan to fail.

The New York World Telegram points out that the stumbling block ^{on} this issue is the question: whether the new state of Manchukuo should be recognized. Uncle Sam maintains that to preserve the sanctity of treaties, the Kellogg Pact, the Nine Power Pact, and others, foreign nations should not recognize Manchukuo. The tendency, among member nations of the League, is to side with Uncle Sam. Japan's reply is: All right, if Manchukuo is not recognized, Japan ~~won't play~~ will pick up her chop-sticks and go home.

CARTOON

One of the most amusing and biting things I saw in
today's papers was a cartoon in this morning's ^{N.Y.} Herald Tribune,

drawn by ^{V.N.} a cartoon ~~of~~ my old colleague, Darling, ~~more~~ popularly known
as "Ding". In the background you see a white man labeled

"Civilization" staggering along with a gigantic burden on his
shoulders, ^{— a burden called "depression"} Seated on ~~the~~ top of this burden is a fat old ruffian
labeled "Congress" muttering to himself: "Where can I raise some
more taxes?"

~~Seated~~ In the foreground at the foot of a palm tree
^{surrounded by coconuts & other food which they haven't had to work for}
are a couple of half naked savages. The woman says to her mate, ^{pointing}
^{at the poor staggering whiteman:} —
"Isn't that a funny way to live?" And the man, ^{a jolly South Sea} ~~a well fed~~
islander, chuckles as he takes a drink from his coconut and says: —
~~carefree individual chuckles~~ "Yeah, maybe we should send 'em
a missionary."

SHOW

A theatrical manager in New York is going to try a plan which though not exactly new, is in this country unusual.

It ~~is~~^{is a} plan to rescue the much abused commuter.

Somebody wrote a letter to the Times recently showing that the Commuters, to enjoy an evening at the theatre, have to spend by actual count a minimum of eight hours, ~~x~~ counting from the hour the wife leaves her home in the suburbs to meet her husband, up to the minute they return home after the theatre.

Well, Frank Gilmore, President of the Actors Equity Association, made the suggestion: Why not set aside one night a week when the curtain will rise at seven o'clock. ~~That will enable the play goes in suburban communities to be out of the theatre at nine o'clock and to be sipping their hot toddies by the suburban fireside at ten o'clock.~~

Well, John Golden is going to give the idea a trial this coming Thursday evening. He has ~~been producing~~^{a play running in N.Y., =} a play ~~by~~^{by} Rachel Crothers, called "When Ladies Meet", and on Thursday

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evening there'll be a special performance at which the curtain will rise a quarter past seven.

It is said that the response to this announcement has already been large. It's an interesting experiment, because if successful, it will undoubtedly be taken up *on a wide* scale.

In Europe the hour for the curtain to rise varies in different countries, but in none of these countries does it become so necessary to rush through your meal as over here.

The German theatre goer is out of the theatre by ten o'clock.

In some other countries the curtain doesn't rise until ten.

In either event you have a chance to eat a leisurely and ~~comfortable~~ comfortable meal, which you don't in the *good old* U. S. A.

So it will be interesting to see how the experiment turns out.

CAMPBELL

Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British speed king, is down in Florida getting ready for his fourth attempt to set a new world speed record on land. The present holder of the record is Sir Malcolm himself, with a speed of two hundred fifty-three and nine-tenths miles an hour. This will be his fourth try in five years.

The New York Sun points out an amusing feature ^{on} this expected race against time. ~~On the stretch of~~ ^{On} Daytona Beach where he will drive his mighty Bluebird, is a sign which reads: "Speed limit 15 miles an hour."

Many people have wondered who was backing Campbell in these terrific efforts to break his neck. ^{Each} ~~One~~ of these events costs at least a hundred thousand ~~dollars~~ in cash, not merely for the cost of the motor, but for the timing, the wages, living expenses, and transportation of four mechanics, and all such ^{knicks-knacks,} ~~things as that~~ Well, the answer is, ~~say~~ the New York Sun, that Sir Malcolm Campbell's backer is himself. He isn't

advertising anything, and he has no sponsor. ^{But} he has ~~probably~~
what ^{must be} ~~is~~ one of the most expensive hobbies in the world today.

WEATHER

Even though King Frost relaxed the grip of his fingers somewhat today, you'd better not let the furnace go ^{out}. ~~out~~ Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau promises more cold and more snow. From the northwestern parts of the United States and Canada a raging blizzard is on its way east bringing below zero weather with it. It may grow warmer tonight and for part of tomorrow. But by tomorrow evening you'll see the mercury taking a ^{nose} dive and by Wednesday morning, say the weather prophets, ~~xxxxxblizzxxx~~ Mr. Blizzard will be here in full force.

North of the Canadian frontier temperatures ^{today} were ~~as~~ low as ~~thirty six and~~ ^{down to} forty below, ~~zero~~. At Owl's Head, New York, the so-called icebox of the United States, it was fairly warm -- only twenty-three degrees below, ~~zero~~. In Boston it was eight above, in Washington sixteen above, and Raleigh, North Carolina ^{sweltering} ~~was~~ ^{at} eighteen above.

In many parts of the north and east, traffic was crawling over icy surfaces. Even in spite of that, several casualties were reported through cars skidding and crashing ~~in~~ into people.

There were some who benefitted by the storm, the polar bears in the Zoos, and the unemployed in the big cities who got temporary jobs shoveling snow. If the reports are true, there'll be plenty ^{more} ~~of~~ work for them, before the week is out.

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ICE

Nearly every paper I pick up these days has a story in it about skaters crashing ~~xxxx~~ through the ice and drowning. I saw one seven-column scare head right across the first page of the Beacon News of Beacon, N. Y. that read: "Three Children Saved from Drowning, one rescuer goes through the Ice."

They were saved because the second rescuer got down on his stomach and pushed ~~along~~ a plank ^{out} in front of him. In ~~the~~ Poughkeepsie Sunday Courier I saw a similar item on the first page "Two Drowned at Wappingers." A lad of eight and another of nine. ~~Today~~ ^{thru} a story came from Canada about a husband and wife who went skating on a river, and vanished. ~~It was~~ The old

story -- thin ice. *This morning's papers had a tragic tale of 2 small children lost under the ice at West Point.*

In many sections no good
This happens to be an open winter, ~~not much good~~

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for coasting and skiing, but in ~~most sections~~ ^{some} the ice has been like glass. Going through ^{is} a dangerous business, but if it ~~does~~ does happen the experts say your only chance of coming out alive is to keep your head. Then push your arms, ~~and~~ head and shoulders over the ice while you kick and ~~batle~~ ^{paddle} with your feet, or, if

you are attempting to rescue some one else, whatever you do, don't run out on the ice. Slide on your stomach, and if possible push a plank or a ladder in front of you. These skating ~~tragedies~~ tragedy stories are getting on my nerves.

I ran into my old friend Sir Hubert
~~At the Explorers Club banquet last night attended~~
 Williams today and he was telling me of that
~~by Earl Hanson and his colleagues, Sir Hubert Wilkins told~~
~~about a new great expedition that is to get under way shortly.~~
^{So important} ^{leaving soon}

~~It will be to~~ ^{for} the South Polar regions. The leaders ^{this time} ~~of it~~ are
~~to be~~ Lincoln Ellsworth, for many years associate and backer
^{of that famous flier}
 of Amundsen, and Bernt Balchen; Sir Hubert Wilkins will
 accompany them partway ^{just to} ~~and~~ give them the benefit of his ^{many} ~~long~~
 years of experience in the Polar regions. Ellsworth and
 Balchen ^{will} ~~are going to~~ attempt the longest flight ever made
 in the vicinity of either the North or South Poles. They
 are going ~~to try and~~ ^{to} fly right across the entire Antarctic
 continent, a distance of about three thousand miles, 1,300
 miles of which has never been seen by human eye. There seems
 to be some question as to ~~the~~ whether or not there really is
^{one} ~~a great~~ Antarctic continent, ^{or two.} They ^{hope to solve the riddle.} ~~are going to try and solve~~
~~it.~~

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AIRWAYS

(There's one line of business which is emphatically not cutting down: ~~That is~~ air transportation. An article in the New York Times shows that the International Air Lines of the United States showed increases in every phase of their activity last year.) For instance, five thousand four hundred miles of airway were added to ~~the~~ system. Then passenger traffic rose to the extent of two thousand a month. Airmail poundage increased as much as sixty-one per cent. And air express rose thirty-nine per cent. In other words, ^{that system} ~~the Airways~~ carried a total average of four thousand pounds a week.

~~The~~ United States Air Companies now have lines in Alaska, Cuba, Colombia, and Mexico, in addition to the airways they already had. The system now covers no less than twenty republics and eleven colonies in the Western Hemisphere. It has a hundred and four airports with machine shops and overhauling stations. In its fleet are one hundred and seven air liners, and this, as the Times points out, is more than all

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multiple engine
the planes of Europe's major ~~sixteen~~ airlines combined.

Furthermore, it operates fifty-nine ground control radio stations and weather bureaus.

A formidable record.

FIRE

New York firemen had a tough ~~assignment~~ assignment early this morning. A five alarm fire raged for two hours in a biting gale. Yes, it was at Coney Island -- poor Coney Island ^{where they} ~~so~~ often having ^a ~~these~~ these serious blazes.

It took the fire fighters two hours to get it under control, but not before their uniforms were covered with ice.

THOMAS

Senator Thomas of Oklahoma has an idea of a revolutionary sort. He did ~~not~~^{nt} take the Senate into his confidence about it, but told New York reporters today at the Waldorf Astoria where he's principal speaker at a banquet tonight. And here's Senator Thomas's idea: "If the large banks don't work us out of this", he said, "we'll turn the Reconstruction Finance Corporation into a Central Bank with branches throughout the country."

Sen. Thomas would have Uncle Sam go into the banking business so as to compete with the other banks and bring interest rates down to a minimum.

Incidentally, ~~Mr. Thomas~~^{the Senator} is one of the leading advocates of currency inflation. He told the reporters today that all of the House of Representatives are for it, and from thirty to thirty-five of the Senators. He thinks, therefore, that inflation is a certainty.

ENDING

In that interesting Canadian paper, the Sackville Tribune, I came across the following:

"Maw," pleaded the boy, "I want to change my name today."

"What in the world do you want to do that for?" asked the puzzled mother.

"'Cause Paw said he'd lick me when he got home as sure as my name's Robert."

And as sure as my name is L.T., Announcer Jimmy Wallington will take a fall out of me if I don't turn this mike over to him and say -- s - l - u - t - m.