

# DISARMAMENT

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1           The League of Nations today  
2 received a couple of disarmament  
3 notifications. Two countries put their  
4 O. K. on the proposal of a year's  
5 armament holiday to begin on November  
6 1st. These two nations said, "Yes,  
7 gentlemen, we think it's a good idea to  
8 call off the manufacture of warships and  
9 guns for a while. And for one year,  
10 beginning November 1st, we won't increase  
11 our Armies or Navies."

12           The two countries~~x~~ are named by  
13 the International News Service. They are  
14 Switzerland and Egypt. And now let's  
15 take time out for a laugh. Of course,  
16 neither Switzerland nor Egypt are great  
17 military or naval powers, - although the  
18 Swiss Navy is famed in song and story.

19           Also, the League of Nations  
20 expects that the armament holiday will  
21 soon receive an O. K. From Belgium and  
22 Holland. There once more we can make the  
23 philosophic reflection that every little  
24 bit helps.

25                           However, here's

1 a later dispatch which tells us that  
2 Japan has accepted that armament holiday  
3 proposal.

4 Now, that sounds like something, for  
5 *Japan is one of the three major naval powers.*  
6 The Tokio government ~~xxx~~ today  
7 signified its approval with one  
8 reservation. Japan will take a  
9 disarmament holiday of a year, ~~except~~ but  
10 ~~that~~ she claims the right to continue  
11 building the warships on which she has  
12 already started construction.

13 The League of Nations expects  
14 that the United States will fall into  
15 line too, but also with that same  
16 reservation - that ships already  
17 started will be completed as per schedule.

18 Meanwhile, the Navy League in  
19 the United States is out for President  
20 Hoover's scalp. The advocates of a  
21 strong navy claim the President is all  
22 wrong in his idea of not ~~going~~ <sup>pushing</sup> ahead  
23 and building plenty of ~~warships~~ <sup>men-of-war</sup>.

RUSSIA

( Well, Moscow has come right back with a sharp answer to Japan. The Bolshevik assistant commissar of Foreign Affairs today told the Japanese Ambassador that the Tokio government was all wrong. Soviet Russia has not been helping the Chinese in their scrap with Japan, said he. He is quoted by the United Press as declaring this most positively.)

The Soviet authorities seem to be angered and annoyed by the Japanese complaint that the Red Army is gathering its forces on the Manchurian border. What right has Japan to have anything to say about the way the Red Army moves around inside Russian territory? That indignant question is being asked by the Bolshevik officials in Moscow.

And in his reply to the Japanese ambassador today the Soviet Commissar took a couple of sharp digs at the policy of Japan. He declared, says the International News Service, that the Soviets believe in observing international treaties and are not in favor of a policy of military occupation. And that has a direct bearing upon the military activities of Japan in Manchuria.

The Soviet Commissar seems to be saying: Don't accuse us of any wickedness. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, or however they say that in Russian.



## GERMANY

They say that today is the third time that President Von Hindenburg of Germany has had anything much to say for publication.

He is famous as one of those strong, silent men. Only twice before in times of national emergency has he made an appeal to his country.

And now for a third time the grizzled old leader of the Kaiser's armies during the War, has come forward with a plea to his people. He is asking for unity. He begs the Germans not to engage in factional strife and political battles during the present time of economic crisis.

The aged Von Hindenburg spoke at the opening meeting of the new Economic Advisory Council in Berlin today. He made an earnest appeal, like a father to his children. The Associated Press tells how he called for a truce to party bickerings.



1 On the Pacific Coast, from the  
2 sunny shores of Southern California to  
3 the rocky coves of Puget Sound, better  
4 times seem to be approaching. In fact,  
5 better times are already at hand.

6 An Associated Press dispatch from  
7 San Francisco reports a general increase  
8 of business in the Far West. The farmers  
9 of Washington and Oregon are feeling good  
10 because of the way the price of wheat has  
11 gone up.

12 "It is 25 per cent higher than it  
13 was several months ago," declares an  
14 official of the Farmers National Grain  
15 Association.

16 The price of butter has risen 40  
17 per cent. In San Joaquin Valley, in  
18 California, the grape growers <sup>smilingly</sup> point out  
19 that the price of raisins has been *going up.*  
20 ~~rising for months.~~

21 And things are better not only for  
22 the farmers but also for the manufacturers  
23 and the merchants. The volume of retail  
24 business is climbing. And it looks like  
25 bright business—sunshine for the sunny  
coast of the Pacific.

1        There's an interesting chart in the  
2 new Literary Digest that came out today, ~~not~~  
3 ~~a prospectus and a~~  
4 ~~There are mighty few people, I imagine,~~  
5 ~~who upon seeing it won't stop, and look and~~  
6 ~~at it for a minute.~~ *listen. // It,*

7        ~~It's a chart which~~ shows the  
8 progression of the infantile paralysis  
9 this year, as compared with that terrible  
10 epidemic of 1916.

11        One thing is made mighty clear --  
12 that this year's outbreak of the dreaded  
13 disease was much less severe than in 1916.  
14 In some respects the course of the two  
15 epidemics was much alike. For example,  
16 they passed out at about the same time.  
17 Both in 1916 and in this year, the  
18 epidemic decreased in September, and  
19 virtually disappeared in October.

20        The Digest goes on to give us some  
21 vivid facts about the dreaded malady,  
22 which is so mysterious. Almost everyone  
23 gets infantile paralysis, but in only one  
24 out of a thousand does it reach the  
25 dangerous stage. The other 999 think  
that it's just a cold, and don't bother

1 with it.

2 The Literary Digest, quoting the  
3 American Weekly, passes along some  
4 authoritative facts which were given out  
5 by Doctor Shirley W. Wynne, Commissioner  
6 of Health of New York City, and Doctor  
7 William H. Park, of the city's Health  
8 Department Bureau of Laboratories. These  
9 are truths about infantile paralysis which  
10 very few people know. They are of  
11 immense importance.

12 They tell us of the symptoms of  
13 infantile paralysis which are commonly  
14 misunderstood even by Doctors. They tell  
15 us how the disease is communicated. And  
16 just to show you how much those facts  
17 about infantile paralysis mean to us,  
18 especially to parents, why here's ~~an~~ *one*  
19 *from that Digest article.* example, It's definitely known that  
20 once you've had an attack of infantile  
21 paralysis, even a very mild one, you are  
22 in no danger of getting the disease again.  
23 One attack sets up an ~~immunity~~ immunity.  
24 It builds up the body to resist the  
25 dangerous germs in the future.



1           And in consequence, thousands of  
2 people may have a thorough immunity  
3 against infantile paralysis, and never  
4 know it. They have had a mild attack  
5 which they merely took for a peculiar  
6 cold. But just the same that attack  
7 has fixed them up so that they can never  
8 again contract the malady which is one of  
9 the most ~~perplexing~~ perplexing of our time.

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1 I don't know what ~~xxx~~ we can  
 2 do about that new planet which the  
 3 astronomers are trying to find. They've  
 4 never seen it although they seem to  
 5 have figured out something about it.

6 They call it Planet P. <sup>as in fish.</sup> It's a  
 7 huge affair, with a diameter of 44,000  
 8 miles, which is more than five times the  
 9 diameter of the earth. It appears to  
 10 be between five million and nine million  
 11 miles away from the sun. It takes an  
 12 awfully long time to revolve around the  
 13 sun. Six hundred fifty-six years in  
 14 fact. That means that ~~xxx~~ a year on  
 15 Planet P. is equal to six hundred  
 16 fifty six of our years. *In other words you're*  
 17 *lucky if you live a month on Planet P.*

18 How do they know all this when  
 19 they've never seen Planet P? Well,  
 20 that's because of Uranus. The planet  
 21 Uranus doesn't behave in the right way.  
 22 <sup>It</sup> ~~and~~ is constantly being pulled out of  
 23 position. Something must be doing the  
 24 pulling, think the scientists, and that  
 25 something must be another large body,  
 another planet. So they calculate the

1 size and distance of a body that would  
 2 be capable of causing Uranus to ~~misbehave~~  
 3 misbehave the way it does, and that  
 4 gives the set of figures for planet P.

5 This new member of the sun's  
 6 big family had just been announced by  
 7 Professor Pickering, the famous astronomer.  
 8 The United Press reminds us that a couple  
 9 of years ago Professor Pickering was one  
 10 of two astronomers who figured out the  
 11 existence of planet X, another member of  
 12 the Solar System which until then was  
 13 unknown. Later on planet X was  
 14 discovered. It was seen through a

15 powerful telescope. *So Prof. Pickering seems*  
 16 *to be on intimate terms with these unseen planets.*

17 ~~and now the astronomers will spend~~  
 18 ~~a lot of their time~~ *lose more sleep,* with their eyes  
 19 glued to telescopes, searching the sky,  
 20 ~~and trying to discover~~ *Prof. Pickering's* planet P.

21 Well, you can put that new  
 22 heavenly ~~wonder~~ *wanderer* on your traveling schedule,  
 23 if the scientists ever succeed in  
 24 developing interplanetary transportation,  
 25 and also if they ~~ex~~ ever succeed in  
 finding *Prof. Pickering's* planet P.

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1 *And* Now let's <sup>sing rock-a-bye baby for</sup> ~~take up the case of~~  
2 that richest baby in the world. He has  
3 just inherited, as the United Press *expatiates,*  
4 ~~relates,~~ nearly a million, ~~and~~ eight  
5 hundred thousand dollars from his great  
6 grandmother, <sup>enough to buy quite a few rattles.</sup> That makes him the  
7 wealthiest infant in captivity.

8 He is John Mitchell Reynolds III.

9 Jackie, ~~h~~ as he is called, is  
10 fifteen months old. He has eight  
11 teeth. He's a millionaire now, and  
12 he'll be a millionaire many times over  
13 by the time he grows up. He is scheduled  
14 to inherit twenty million dollars,  
15 sooner or later.

16 Well, there's a baby who's  
17 going to be raised with a whole flock  
18 of gold ~~xxx~~ spoons in his mouth.

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1 Today a little old woman was laid  
2 to rest in a humble grave in the  
3 Montparnasse cemetery of Paris. Only her  
4 maid, a bent old woman who had served her  
5 for years, and a man, a mere acquaintance,  
6 were there as mourners.

7 This faded, aged shadow had lived  
8 in Paris for years. Nobody knew who she  
9 was, save that she was an American. It  
10 was only when she died that they found  
11 that she was the once beautiful and  
12 sensational Josie Mansfield. ~~In fact~~

13 Does that name mean anything? It  
14 didn't to me until I read on in a  
15 dispatch printed in the New York Evening  
16 Post, <sup>which confirms an earlier rumor.</sup> Josie Mansfield was the third  
17 figure in one of the most sensational  
18 crimes of the late years of the past  
19 century. She was the woman in the  
20 Stokes-Fiske murder.

21 Jim Fiske was one of the most famous  
22 men of Wall Street. He was a partner of  
23 Jay Gould, and the two of them staged that  
24 memorable attempt to corner gold which  
25 resulted in Black Friday, the day of



1 panic in 1869.

2 Col. Jim Fiske was a bewildering figure  
3 in those rather bewildering days of  
4 American <sup>high</sup> finance. He was noisy of  
5 speech, and noisy of dress, roaring with  
6 gaiety, full of strange and fantastic  
7 ideas of how to impress the public. He  
8 cut a <sup>swashbuckling</sup> ~~great~~ figure with the beauties of  
9 the town, especially the theatrical  
10 beauties. And it was because of the  
11 beautiful Josie Mansfield that he  
12 quarreled with Edward Stokes, who had  
13 been a partner of his.

14 This rivalry resulted in a famous  
15 shooting <sup>affray</sup> ~~affair~~, in which Stokes shot and  
16 killed Jim Fiske, the gay ~~luck~~ buccaneer  
17 of Broadway and Wall Street.

18 The crime is a famous one in the  
19 history of the minor and more colorful  
20 affairs of these United States. Josie  
21 Mansfield was ~~blatantly~~ blazened far and  
22 wide. Stokes, the killer, on a plea of  
23 self-defense was acquitted. Josie  
24 Mansfield, the woman in the case,  
25 disappeared ~~and~~ was forgotten. She was



1 so thoroughly forgotten that the little  
2 old woman in Paris lived for years  
3 unknown, unrecognized.

4 And it's only now that she has been  
5 laid away to rest in a poor grave in the  
6 cemetery of Montparnasse that it is known  
7 that she was <sup>the</sup> ~~■~~ gay and beautiful Josie  
8 Mansfield, because of whom one of the  
9 most famous crimes of her youth was  
10 committed.

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1 We've been hearing a good deal  
2 from explorers, who have been debunking  
3 the ~~dangers~~ of big game hunting in  
4 Africa. <sup>A lot of my friends</sup> ~~They~~ say shooting big game is  
5 not much more dangerous than killing one of  
6 <sup>my Dutchess County</sup> ~~a farmer's~~ cow.

7 But just the same, here's a  
8 United Press dispatch which tells us  
9 how an American tourist in East Africa  
10 wanted to have himself photographed  
11 shooting a lion. He had everything  
12 fixed up, with the motion picture  
13 camera grinding away. The only trouble  
14 was that the lion <sup>forgot his lines.</sup> ~~didn't act his part~~  
15 ~~in the right way.~~ He charged the big  
16 game hunter <sup>and</sup> killed him. The lion  
17 was probably wounded, and, of course,  
18 those explorers who debunk big game  
19 hunting do take care to inform us that  
20 almost any animal when wounded is  
21 dangerous.



1           The Mosquito Section of the Tall  
2 Story Club is called upon to take note of  
3 this bit of scientific news. It has been  
4 found that one type of mosquito at least  
5 is a benefit to humanity. It does a lot  
6 of good -- at any rate, in some ways.

7           ~~Well, it would have to do a lot of~~  
8 ~~good in those particular ways to make up~~  
9 ~~for the rest of that skeeter's activities.~~

10           The New York Sun reports <sup>tonight</sup> that the  
11 beneficial mosquito occurs in the region  
12 of Cheasapeake Bay, as far north as New  
13 Jersey. New Jersey seems to figure in  
14 all mosquito news. The critter is known  
15 to science as the psorophora ciliata.  
16 To the inhabitants of Cheasapeake Bay  
17 and southern New Jersey it is known as the  
18 gallinipper. It's a big yellow critter,  
19 with a ferocious bite. Fishermen have  
20 been known to jump ~~over~~<sup>Y</sup>board and remain  
21 submerged with only their nose sticking  
22 out of the water, just to avoid the  
23 ~~stinger~~ stinger of the psorophora -- otherwise  
24 known as the gallinipper.

25           I must admit that all this does not



sound very beneficial. However, government entomologists have discovered that the psorophora, or gallinipper, when in the larval stage, feeds on other mosquitos.

The Mosquito Story Department of the Tall Story Club will have no difficulty in understanding the fact that the only good that has been discovered in a mosquito is that it eats other mosquitos.

So three cheers for the psorophora and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.