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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

This certainly has been a year of terrific storms, hurricanes, floods, and similar disasters for the old U.S.A.

(The hurricane which created so much havoc in Cuba is now rampaging over southern Florida.) The worst part of it is we can only guess at how much damage it has already caused, and that makes it sound all the more ominous. For we can't get any news out of Southern Florida so far. Not only their telephone and telegraph lines and all power lines are down, but the Radio Marine Corporation reports that they have been utterly unable to raise the Miami station. However, we do know that the main punch of the hurricane landed somewhere between Cedar Key, Florida, and Mobile, Alabama, and the greatest center of the disturbance this afternoon was at Okeechobee. Gale experts say that the storm is evidently rushing across Florida and on into the Gulf, then across Texas by way of Corpus Christi and Brownsville and on West.

The first reports reached Washington from the Red Cross representative at Miami, and he announced that Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach and Miami ^{have} ~~xxx~~ been hit. Warnings have been posted for at least three days, and it may be there has been no loss of life. But from the smaller towns we have no word whatsoever. The entire Red Cross staff in Washington is standing by for relief work. At West Palm Beach the winds reached a velocity of seventy-five miles an hour. Windows were blown out in Jacksonville and many places nearby. ^{Fruit} ~~xxxx~~ crops are ruined. Highways and roads are blocked by trees that were uprooted. In many sections of the state people took the precaution of boarding up their windows, ^{so that} ~~and~~ their homes escaped much damage.

From Coast Guard headquarters we learn that storm warnings are up in all southern waters. Two ships are in trouble near ~~Jupiter~~ Jupiter, Florida. A later bulletin from the Radio Marine Corporation tells us that one of them is drifting helplessly, with both her propeller and her rudder gone, ^{drifting} toward

the shore ^{some} twenty miles from Muscle Shoals, Florida. ~~and~~

~~And~~ Coast Guard vessels are on their way to the rescue. It is

reported from Houston, Texas, that eight men are marooned

on a small island ^{in the Gulf,} unable to reach the main land through the

terrific ~~wave~~ waves of the surf.

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STORM

The entire police force at Corpus Christi has been mobilized and sent out to warn residents. Buildings and homes have been boarded up. School houses and the city hall, modern structures, have been opened up, and residents are being urged to remain there until the storm is over.

From Fort Aransas, Texas, 100 miles away, comes word that part of the town has been ~~damaged~~ demolished and many homes ~~wrecked~~.wrecked.

Red cross relief workers have been rushed to Texas from St. Louis.

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CUBA

A cry for help has come to the American Red Cross from the Cuban Government, and the Red Cross today announces that it is sending ten thousand in cash for the relief of those who suffered from the hurricane. A relief worker in charge of the Red Cross work at Miami was ordered to proceed to Havana to act in an advisory capacity. Another representative left Washington carrying six thousand capsules of Quinine. The Red Cross has also bought a considerable quantity of surgical dressings from the Navy and is rushing them and other medical supplies by destroyer to Havana.

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HARMSWORTH TROPHY

The famous Harmsworth Trophy remains in America for another year at least. Gar Wood, America's gray haired motorboat speed king, raced his Miss America over the St. Claire River Course at the average speed of 86 miles an hour late this afternoon to beat Scott-Paine and his Miss Britain the 3rd. The average speed of the Britisher was 85 miles per hour.

Because Gar also won on Saturday no third heat is necessary and America keeps the famous trophy.

ESCAPE

Another real movie melodrama was enacted in the Southwest today. You remember Harvey Bailey whom Uncle Sam's Department of Justice called the most dangerous criminal in the world, and who was in the country jail at Dallas, Texas, waiting to be tried for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, the Oklahoma City Oil millionaire? Well, he sprung another sensation today by breaking jail once more. He not only got out, he took with him the Texas deputy sheriff who was guarding him.

Bailey seems to have a proclivity for choosing holidays as the occasion for his jail breaks. The last time he did it was when he got out of the Kansas State prison at Lansing on Memorial Day. It took not only police but airplanes and soldiers to corral him. In the Dallas, Texas County jail he was a singularly well behaved prisoner. This was just a blind, however, for it turned out that he had obtained a pistol and two saws with which he cut through a couple of bars in his cell window.

When the jailer arrived to bring Bailey his breakfast this morning he did not at first see the prisoner who was crouching in a corner. Bailey suddenly kicked the tray away, pushed

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the jailer into the cell, and locked him in with his keys. Then he went into the front office, held up another deputy and forced him at the point of the pistol into the sheriff's motor car which was standing outside. And so they raced away, the kidnapper, the kidnapped deputy sheriff, in the sheriff's car, raced toward Oklahoma.

But -- the alarm was sent out, and it soon became known that the escaped convict in the sheriff's car was headed for Ardmore, Oklahoma. Chief of Police Dunn of Ardmore told me on the long distance telephone that a squad of five detectives in a powerful car, armed with machine guns and rifles, was sent after Bailey. The chase led them through the residential and business districts of Ardmore. The detectives didn't dare fire at the convict car for fear of hitting innocent bystanders, but in making the turn Bailey's car swerved and struck the curb, which broke a front wheel. After that exciting chase he surrendered quietly to the officers.

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Meanwhile there was a similar uproar over a jail break from that famous New York City prison, the Tombs. It was the first escape from that historic jail in nine years. Three prisoners being held for trial made a rope out of bedsheets and slid out. A cop who was on duty ^{at} ~~in~~ the main gate saw them run toward a taxi, but he did not ^{shoot} ~~fire~~ because there were a lot of children playing in the vicinity.

So they got away in the taxi. Within five minutes policemen with machine guns had surrounded the entire neighborhood and started a house-to-house search. This produced no results. But later ~~this~~ this afternoon one of the three escaped men was ~~captured~~ captured by a single detective on Sixth Avenue in New York.

EPIDEMIC

There 's no good news from that epidemic of sleeping sickness in St. Louis. ^{More} ~~Scientist~~ Scientists have been sent from Washington to help the St. Louis authorities, but in spite of unceasing work by all the officials on the job, no advance has been made in stopping the epidemic. The best the scientists have been able to determine so far is that this is a virus disease but they have not been able to isolate the virus. The health commissioner of St. Louis says that in the city itself eight or nine new cases are reported every day. in addition to twelve or fifteen in the county. The death rate is about twelve per cent.

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GERMANY

A cable from Paris brings an account of one of the ugliest things yet accomplished by the Nazis. It took place in Nuremberg during that big convention of the Hitlerite party with Hitler present. A correspondent of the London Times reports that a girl who was seen in company with a Jew was forced to parade through the streets of Nuremberg wearing a placard reading "I have offered myself to a Jew". Of course, we hear she was not the first German girl to be so treated by the Brown Shirts. But this episode had a different ending because the girl went mad and had to be sent to an asylum. And by the way the correspondents of the conservative old London Times are not addicted to irresponsible reporting.

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IRELAND

(7) The enemies of President de Valera of the Irish Free State are evidently ^{ganging up on} ~~combining to fight~~ him. A cable from the other side informs me that ex-President Cosgrave, General O'Duffy of the Blue Shirt Fascists and the followers of MacDermott are joining forces. They ~~xxx~~ ^{favor} cooperation with the English government. The dope is that there will soon be another general election throughout Ireland.

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INDIA

John Bull is still having his troubles in India. a magistrate in the district of Midnapur in Bengal went to a football game. Elaborate precautions were taken to protect him because so many assassinations have taken place over there recently. In spite of a heavy guard this magistrate was murdered. And he was the third successive magistrate in that district to meet assassination. ~~For~~ His three murderers were caught.

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FRANCE

For the last few weeks southern France has been devastated by forest fires, a happening not so usual over there as on this side of the Atlantic. The latest idea is that these ~~fires~~ fires were started by spies of some foreign government in the hope of unmasking France's formidable fortifications at Toulon.

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GREY

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LINDBERGH

The Lindberghs are on the move again. The Colonel and his lady flew today from Copenhagen in Denmark to Stockholm in Sweden. It is believed ~~that~~ they may fly back to the United States by way of the Azores, but of this there is no confirmation.

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REPEAL

There's going to be another important wet and dry election tomorrow when the voters of Vermont will go to the polls and express their ideas about the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. It is important because Vermont for a long time was the driest of the New England states. However, the Literary Digest poll last summer showed that Vermont too had swung into the wet column.

If Vermonters vote tomorrow as they did in the Digest poll that will be the twenty-fifth to ratify repeal. Anti-prohibitionist leaders in Rutland and Montpelier tell me that they figure ~~that~~ the result will, at a conservative estimate, be something like three to two wet.

Maine also votes later in the month. Maine was the first state in the Union to have a prohibition law of its own. And it is believed that the Vermont result may influence Maine voters. Postmaster General Farley took a trip into Vermont a week ago to campaign for repeal.

BASEBALL

After those ball games between the New York Giants and the Braves in Boston there is little doubt that the World Series this year will be played at the Polo Grounds in New York and ~~at~~ at Washington. Those Boston games were a crusher to the hopes of the Braves who ^{had} made such ^a gallant ^{eleventh hour stab} ~~stand~~ for the pennant. Unfortunately they are now in third place.

Hal Totten, the N.B.C.'s baseball expert, declares that it would take an earthquake to spill the Giants from top place in the National League and the Washington ~~Senators~~ Senators from their first position in the American. In ^{order} ~~order~~ to climb even with the Giants the Pittsburgh Pirates would have to win twenty and lose only seven games, and that ^{would be} ~~is~~ assuming that the Giants won only thirteen and lost sixteen of those still left to play, all of which, as Hal Totten says, is more than improbable.

This situation upsets all the propesies of last spring and winter. All the experts figured Babe Ruth and his team-mates to romp home in the ^{American} ~~National~~ League in spite of the shrewd tradings of players made by Washington to ~~have~~ strengthened

the^t team. The same experts figured the National League season as a close race between the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, with the St. Louis Cards as a good outside chance. They doped the Giants for nothing better than a place in the second division.

On the whole, it will be a fine record for two game young player-managers, Bill Terry of New York and Joe Cronin of the Senators. This also means one rather sad thing, the retirement of Babe Ruth to the bench. ^{For} ~~But~~ of course, Joe McCarthy will have to reorganize his Yankees pretty thoroughly. There have been loud denials that the big bam would be benched. At the same time ^{most} ~~those~~ people admit that his collapse this year has been the biggest single reason for the ~~was~~ failure of the Yanks.

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ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt aboard Vincent Astor's yacht Nourmahal ^{is} ~~was~~ on his way south today. Early this morning the two destroyers escorting the President received a signal and a message from Mr. Astor saying: "If you will come ^{alongside} ~~close~~ ~~aboard~~ you will get something we guarantee you'll like."

(2) The destroyers lost no time in maneuvering alongside the yacht, and behold, there was a turtle weighing more than a hundred pounds which the President himself had caught ^{and which he presented to the mess of those destroyers for turtle soup.}

Steven Early, Secretary to the President, released a bulletin later in the day announcing that the Nourmahal was on her way to the mouth of the Potomac. Arrangements have been made for an ~~expedite~~ airplane from Washington to bring newspapers and important dispatches to the President. It is believed Mr. Roosevelt will arrive off the Virginia capes early tomorrow.

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I overheard a Labor Day story today in the corridors of the Waldorf, which is too good to keep. Several guests had been invited on a weekend house-party at Newport. The lady of the house is of an exceedingly rich and to say the least conservative family. The guests had taken it for granted that the weekend invitation ~~was~~ included Labor Day. Judge of their surprise when, after breakfast on Labor Day, the butler informed the guests with his mistress's compliments that cars would be ready to take them to the station in the middle of the forenoon.

"But," exclaimed the astonished guests. "This is Labor Day. I am sure Mrs. So and So must have forgotten."

The Butler unsmilingly remarked that his instructions were what he had already told the guests, so they told him to go to Mrs. So and So and ask her whether she had not forgotten that it was Labor Day, that they had made no arrangements to return to their homes, that this unexpected situation left them practically stranded, that travelling was uncomfortable on Labor Day, and so on.

The butler departed and soon returned with the message:

"Mrs. So and So is sorry, but she has never heard of Labor Day." I submit this as a prize example of snobbishness for the year. Well, I have heard of Labor Day and I'm going out to celebrate right now. So, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.