

1 (The week-end x political  
2 sensation in Germany hasn't stirred up  
3 so much of a tempest as might perhaps  
4 have been expected. When Chancellor  
5 Bruening came out with the flat  
6 statement that Germany wouldn't pay  
7 any more reparations, why, that, of  
8 course, ~~does~~<sup>did</sup> come with something of a  
9 shock. Things like that are not  
10 usually said so bluntly. *No, not usually.*)

11 In France, cables the United  
12 Press, there is talk of reprisals.  
13 The French naturally don't like the  
14 idea of not getting any more reparations  
15 from Germany, and they are trying to  
16 figure out what they can do about it.  
17 One thing is hopeful. There doesn't  
18 seem to be any particular threat of  
19 military action. There isn't any loud  
20 talk of sending the French army to  
21 collect.

22 The French ideas of reprisals  
23 seem to be mostly economic and  
24 financial. For example, it is suggested  
25 that France should talk tariff. ~~is~~

1 ~~reply to Chancellor Bruening<sup>s</sup> that~~  
2 ~~Germany wouldn't pay any more reparations-~~  
3 ~~Meaning that the French government should~~  
4 ~~put up a high tariff wall against German~~  
5 ~~goods. Imported into France.~~

6 In England we seem to hear the  
7 old wartime slogan, - "Business as  
8 Usual." British leaders are thinking  
9 about that conference on reparations  
10 which is scheduled to meet at Lausanne,  
11 Switzerland. With Germany saying: Nix,  
12 on reparations, - Raus mit 'em - We won't  
13 pay any more reparations - why, that  
14 kind of music from Berlin makes it look  
15 as if a reparations conference ~~was~~ <sup>might be</sup> fairly  
16 useless. Just the same, John Bull thinks  
17 ~~it~~ that the big pow-wow should be held,  
18 ~~after all~~ anyhow.

19 One illuminating bit of news  
20 comes <sup>in a report from</sup> ~~from the directors in~~ the World  
21 Bank for international settlements. The  
22 Associated Press quotes ~~a report~~ <sup>it</sup> as  
23 approving the finding of the Young Plan  
24 committee. ~~What~~ <sup>And</sup> what did the Young  
25 Plan Committee find? The answer is -

1 that Germany can't pay those reparations.  
 2 ~~This is now approved of by the Bank for~~  
 3 ~~International settlements, which is the~~  
 4 ~~finest organization formed to handle~~  
 5 ~~reparations payments.~~

6 And that seems to be quite in  
 7 tune with the loud No, ~~Nix, No In,~~ that  
 8 comes from Berlin.

1 A bit of clever maneuvering  
2 seems to be going on between Chancellor  
3 Bruening and Hitler, the chief of the  
4 German Fascists.

5 Handsome Adolf today in  
6 conjunction with Herr Hugenburg, another  
7 Conservative leader, made a statement  
8 over Chancellor Bruening's head to  
9 President Von Hindenburg.

10 Not long ago Bruening had an  
11 interview with Hitler in which he  
12 asked the Fascist Chief to join him  
13 in supporting ~~President~~ Von Hindenburg  
14 for re-election. I guess the Chancellor  
15 was trying to put Hitler in a hole -  
16 something like saying to a ~~fellow~~ <sup>chap</sup> - "I  
17 want you to do as I tell you" - ~~xxxxxx~~  
18 and then tell <sup>ing</sup> him to do something that  
19 he already <sup>intends</sup> ~~wants~~ to do. <sup>And indeed</sup> It would seem  
20 as though Hitler and his ~~backing~~ <sup>following</sup> of  
21 ex-soldiers would naturally support  
22 Germany's great old warrior.

23 Well, Hitler and his partner,  
24 Hugenburg, have responded with another  
25 maneuver. The International News Service

1 cables that they haven't replied to  
2 Bruening at all. They go direct to  
3 Von Hindenburg, right over the  
4 Chancellor's head, and tell Germany's  
5 grand old man that they will support  
6 him for re-election. *But they want the*  
7 *world to know that they are not doing*  
8 *it because of Bruening.*

1 It would seem as if the Japanese  
2 had stubbed their toes <sup>a bit</sup> ~~rather severely~~  
3 in Manchuria. A United Press cable  
4 from Mukden dated tomorrow -- yes,  
5 tomorrow, for it's ~~is~~ already January 12th  
6 on the other side of the world, Well  
7 anyway, ~~that~~ United Press cable from  
8 Mukden declares that the Mikado's  
9 soldiers have captured the strategic  
10 city of Chinsi. But before they did  
11 that two companies of cavalry and  
12 artillery were attacked by 1,000 disbanded  
13 Chinese troops. And the cavalry and  
14 artillery were badly beaten up, and  
15 driven off the field.

16 An Associated Press cable declares  
17 that a company of Japanese infantry and  
18 a detachment of engineers were virtually  
19 wiped out by an overwhelming force of  
20 bandits. These reports follow upon the  
21 heels of earlier statements telling of  
22 small forces of Japanese that were  
23 severely handled by the enemy. Of course,  
24 they are only minor reverses, but they all  
25 add to the ugly situation in Manchuria.

1           It seems as if we haven't come  
2 to an end of that affair in Manchuria,  
3 in which the Japanese soldiers beat up  
4 an American vice-consul.

5           An International News Service  
6 cable from Tokio declares that the  
7 Japanese government intends to proceed  
8 in a way that is quite without precedent.  
9 They are going to try the two soldiers  
10 involved before a court martial. The  
11 interpreter, who is said to be even more  
12 guilty than the soldiers, will be tried  
13 before a civil court.

14           The peculiar part of this  
15 procedure comes in an article of Japanese  
16 military regulations which holds  
17 commanding officers responsible for all  
18 the acts of their soldiers. By finding  
19 the two soldiers guilty, the court martial  
20 will at the same time find the higher  
21 officers guilty. And the higher officers  
22 will be scheduled for punishment. They  
23 say that the punishment will be a  
24 reprimand.  
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1 There's some more arresting news  
2 from India tonight, and it's the British  
3 government, <sup>as usual</sup> that's doing the arresting.

4 (The wife of Mahatma Gandhi was taken  
5 into custody today by the police. She  
6 was taken to jail, at the town of  
7 Bardoli, along with a number of other  
8 Nationalist leaders.)

9 The International News Service  
10 explains that Mrs. Gandhi has been helping  
11 ~~to~~ drum-up a no-tax campaign among the  
12 Bardoli peasants. The Hindu farmers  
13 have been lined up in a concerted refusal  
14 to pay their taxes. The campaign began  
15 today.

16 It is believed that Mrs. Gandhi  
17 will get a prison sentence. The  
18 British-Indian ~~authorities~~ authorities are  
19 following a policy of handing out jail  
20 terms to all the agitators arrested,  
21 unless they apologize for their  
22 activities in the civil disobedience  
23 campaign. It is unlikely that Gandhi's  
24 wife will do <sup>much</sup> ~~any~~ apologizing.

25 More police restrictions were



1 ■■■ clamped on at Bombay, <sup>today.</sup> The Associated  
 2 Press cables that even the smallest  
 3 meeting or procession is <sup>now</sup> forbidden, and  
 4 the authorities are dispersing groups  
 5 that gather in front of shops. Many of  
 6 the shops are being picketed by  
 7 agitators who are ■■■ enforcing the  
 8 boycott against English-made goods.

9 At the capital city of Delhi fifty  
 10 arrests have been made during the past  
 11 four days. Throughout Bengal, Gandhi's  
 12 followers are resisting the regulations  
 13 issued by the government. <sup>TP</sup> There have  
 14 been disturbances here and there <sup>in India.</sup>  
 15 The most serious occurred at the sea-port  
 16 ~~town~~ <sup>city</sup> of Karachi, where thirty persons  
 17 were injured <sup>today</sup> when the police charged a  
 18 public demonstration.

19 With Mrs. Gandhi, as well as the  
 20 Mahatma, in jail, it's as if the British were  
 21 ~~organizing~~ organizing family parties  
 22 in jail.

Christopher  
Morley

Editor,  
"Saturday  
Review of  
Literature."

Jan. 11, 1932.  
p. 10

1           And here's another family matter -  
2    a Swiss Family Manhattan matter. And  
3    that reference concerns a certain benign  
4    and famous gentleman who is sitting  
5    here beside me.

6           He is Christopher Morley, Editor  
7    of the Saturday Review of Literature,  
8    one time Belasco of Hoboken, and author  
9    of many things, including "Swiss Family  
10   Manhattan". I don't dare call that a  
11   whimsical book. Chris hates being  
12   called whimsical. Let's call him  
13   lightly fantastic.

14           So I won't ask Chris~~x~~ to be  
15   lightly fantastical now. That would be  
16   like saying to a professional comedian  
17   "Go ahead, make me laugh, I dare you."  
18   I'll just ask Christopher Morley, or  
19   shall we say Professor Morley, to say  
20   something grumpy and mean and ornery.

21           Go ahead, Chris, be mean and  
22   ornery.  
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1        Our friend, Lowell Thomas, is a  
2 collector and distributor of facts, but  
3 he eases his mind now and then with  
4 little excursions into Fiction, which  
5 he calls Tall Stories. The international  
6 fable to which he referred - thank you,  
7 Lowell, for not calling it whimsical,  
8 may justly come under that heading as  
9 its action begins on top of the Empire  
10 State Building. But the story I want  
11 to tell here is much closer the ground  
12 and is entirely on the level. I tell  
13 it with some hesitation because it is  
14 completely true.

15        All my mature life I have been  
16 criticized in the matter of trousers.  
17 I don't know why, but there is something  
18 about those parallels of cloth that  
19 causes them to lose their conformation  
20 as soon as I put them on, and become  
21 obtuse and corrugated cylinders.

22        But the other day I visited the  
23 capitol at Washington, for the first  
24 time in many years. They have there a  
25 Hall of Statuary, a national shrine where

1 great statesmen of this country are  
2 represented in marble. Most of the  
3 images are erect on pedestals,  
4 perpetuated in the characteristic  
5 emission of rhetoric. But one statue,  
6 the most impressive of all, is of a  
7 figure seated in a chair. It is the  
8 late Senator La Follette, and shows him  
9 all ready to spring to his feet in  
10 argument. As I saw this figure,  
11 magnificently executed by Jo. Davidson,  
12 it struck me there was something  
13 strangely familiar about it. Then I  
14 realized what it was. There, in  
15 dazzling white marble and beautifully  
16 creased, was a pair of my trousers.

17 I had quite forgotten the  
18 episode. Several years ago, in Paris,  
19 my wife and I paid a visit to Jo.  
20 Davidson's studio. "Just the man  
21 I wanted to see", said Mr. Davidson  
22 to me. "I'm working on the statue of  
23 Senator La Follette. It's practically  
24 finished, but the Senator had to go  
25 back to the States and I'm not satisfied

1 with the trousers. I need a good pair  
2 of American pants. Sit down and let  
3 me see how they look."

4 I tried to protest, but you  
5 know how persuasive sculptors are.  
6 Fortunately it was a new suit, and still  
7 firmly pressed. Mr. Davidson  
8 silhouetted them into his clay.

9 As I admired that fine statue  
10 in Washington the other day, and  
11 recognized the familiar lines of my  
12 favorite pair of blue-grey tweeds, I  
13 said to myself - Is not that one of  
14 destiny's most honorable recompenses -  
15 that a man who in actual life is  
16 reproached for the informality of his  
17 bags, should contribute a pair of them  
18 to the very seat of Government. No  
19 matter how depressed I may sometimes  
20 be, I console myself with the thought  
21 that I have a pair of trousers, in  
22 perennial marble, in the Capitol in  
23 Washington.

24 But there is one sad after-  
25 thought. Senators who are dubious about

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foreign entanglements will be grieved to learn that those were a pair of English trousers, fresh from a tailor in London. Perhaps there's a moral in it. This is now an international world, and whether it's trousers or tariffs, things will only get better by international cooperation.

1 Well, Chris, that was lightly fantastic all right,  
2 but let's go on to something fantastic and dark.  
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4 The Paradise of the Pacific is not so much of a  
5 Paradise just now. An ugly spirit of hatred and anger is brooding  
6 over the flowery islands of Hawaii.  
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8 In Honolulu today white women did not venture out on  
9 the streets alone. Navy patrols are marching through the city.  
10 An air of hush and tension prevails everywhere. It is reported  
11 that the United States fleet will not hold maneuvers that were  
12 scheduled off Hawaii, or if it does, the ships will not put in at  
13 Honolulu. There is fear that if American sailors go ashore there  
14 may be ugly bloodshed.  
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17 Meanwhile, in Washington, a move is on to hold a  
18 Congressional inquiry into the situation at Honolulu to find out  
19 the cause of the ugly state of affairs out there in that Paradise  
20 of the Pacific.  
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22 The U. S. Senate today passed a resolution ordering  
23 the Department of justice to make an immediate investigation  
24 into the trouble. The investigation is to look into the way the  
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law is being enforced, and to report on the situation as it  
now exists between the Navy and the natives of the Island.

Ka - K - Ka - choo !

1 Yes, I still have it -- I mean that  
2 cold. I'm still talking like a ~~honking~~  
3 bassoon. All of which signifies what  
4 everybody knows -- how hard it is to ~~get~~  
5 ~~rid~~ <sup>shake</sup> off a cold.

6 I must say I haven't been neglected.  
7 I've had lots of help. In the first  
8 place, at Christmas, ~~some~~ <sup>a</sup> kind Santa  
9 Claus sent me a ~~small~~ <sup>fine hot air</sup> heater for ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> car.  
10 This benign friend said he hoped the  
11 heater would help me ~~to keep from getting~~ <sup>steer clear of</sup>  
12 a colds. I'm sorry to say I left the  
13 heater lying around the office <sup>a bit too long,</sup>  
14 forgetting to put it into use <sup>because it hasn't been cold,</sup> and maybe  
15 that's why I got a cold.

16 Then <sup>when I caught one a</sup> ~~after I was all stuffed up,~~ a  
17 radio friend wrote in and told me how my  
18 voice sounded, and said he was sending  
19 me a gift which I probably could use.  
20 The gift consisted of ~~several~~ <sup>a stack of</sup>  
21 handkerchiefs. ~~I could use them at~~  
22 ~~right. In fact,~~ I've got one ~~of them~~  
23 handy right now.

24 And then of course, I received  
25 several sets of instructions telling how

1 to cure a cold. And some of them  
 2 included fine, old-time remedies --  
 3 mustard plasters, mustard footbaths,  
 4 hot lemonade <sup>+ honey,</sup> and so forth and so on.

5 And then along came my old friend  
 6 the Literary Digest. That magazine seems  
 7 to have an uncanny faculty for printing  
 8 things that hit one personally. In this  
 9 ~~■~~ week's issue there's an article giving  
 10 a few facts about <sup>that universal curse of mankind,</sup> the common cold. For  
 11 example, it tells us to do our coughing  
 12 and sneezing in private. ~~-- at home, or~~  
 13 ~~at least in a handkerchief.~~ Quoting  
 14 Health News, the Literary Digest points  
 15 out that the common cold is a  
 16 contagious malady, and that a person  
 17 with a cold should keep out of the  
 18 vicinity of other people.

19 Well, that leads us to one of the  
 20 beneficial features of the radio. It is  
 21 impossible to broadcast a cold -- ~~that is,~~  
 22 ~~I mean in a contagious sense.~~  
 23 ~~in such a way that the radio audience is~~  
 24 ~~able to catch it.~~ The germs of the  
 25 ~~unlike words the cold bacillus of the~~  
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All of which leads me to say (sneeze) -- and,  
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.