

Good Evening, Everybody:

Those ^{wet} optimists who ^{had} ^d hope to be drinking wine by New Year's Day - that is, ~~to be~~ drinking it with due sanction of law - are ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ for a disappointment. Of course, this was several times predicted by ^{practical} ~~pragmatic~~ political observers.

A dispatch to the New York Sun tells us that (the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives today rejected the bill offered by Representative Lee to legalize the manufacture and sale of ~~ex~~ wine.) The Congressmen felt that if they passed such a bill it would certainly be rendered invalid by the Supreme Court, even if President Hoover did not veto it as contrary to both text and spirit of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Chairman Collier of the Ways and Means Committee announced that the vote was fourteen to nine against the Lee bill, which had proposed legalizing ~~natural~~ naturally fermented wine with a Federal tax of twenty cents on each gallon.

At the same time a Committee of Senators was at work on a provision whereby when and if the prohibition amendment is repealed, dry states may be protected.

The beer bill of the Ways and Means Committee, which was reported ^{favorably} yesterday by a vote of seventeen to seven, is going to be the cause of a vehement fight on the floor of the House. It will come up for a vote next Tuesday. The correspondents quote Speaker Garner ~~and his lieutenants and the~~ other Democratic leaders to the effect that they are confident the bill will pass. But there will be no party steam roller to roll over and quench the debate. The opponents of the bill will be allowed to say all they have to say, but they'll be outvoted. That's the prediction of most political observers.

FRANCE

Things are still in a turmoil in the French government. In fact, strictly speaking, there is no French government, at any rate, no Cabinet.

Up to the middle of this afternoon it seemed to be an accomplished fact that the new Premier to succeed Mr. Herriot was ~~Mr~~ M. Camille Chautemps, a colleague of Mr. Herriot.

And ~~Mr~~ ^{Camille} ~~Herriot~~ Chautemps had announced that he hoped to have his former chief in his cabinet with the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

Late this evening, however, a dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union brought the news that Mr. Chautemps had begged off and told the President of the Republic that he refused to assume the responsibility for forming a cabinet, *and that will also be a relief to one radio broadcaster who has difficulty pronouncing his name.* The debt question was the stumbling block. Mr.

Chautemps declined to abandon Mr. Herriot's policy of honoring France's signature ^{by} ~~and~~ paying the debt instalment. He found it impossible to round up enough deputies in the French parliament to support him in this stand - hence his throwing up of the sponge.

A later dispatch brought the information that the President of France had invited Senator Paul-Boncour to form a cabinet. Senator Paul-Boncour is an Independent though he used to be a member of the Socialist party. But he too is in favor of paying the debt. Moreover he is firmly loyal to Mr. Herriot in whose cabinet he was Minister of War.

FRANCE

Cables from Paris today indicate that France may ~~be~~ pay her debt instalment to Uncle Sam after all. This on no less an authority than that of Mr. Camille Chaugemps who is designated as the next Prime Minister of France.

A dispatch to the ~~New York News~~ quotes Mr. Chaugemps as hoping that Mr. Herriot, the retiring Premier, will accept the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. This, however, is contingent on the attitude of the Chamber of Deputies, on their agreeing to pay the United States.

There ~~probably will~~^{is to} be another message from President Hoover to Congress on the subject of the debts. This will be sent in Monday.

~~The~~ dispatch ~~to the Brooklyn Times Union~~ declares that President Hoover is receptive to the idea of discussing a revision of the French debt. That does not mean, however, that he's in favor of a general conference on the debt question. And the report that Mr. Hoover was contemplating another meeting with President-elect Roosevelt on this subject was formally denied today in Washington.

STOCKING - Follow France.

The excitement about the debts has brought about a curious situation throughout the country districts of France. A cable to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger describes it as a "Back to the Stocking" movement.

Everybody knows that the French are a singularly and exceedingly thrifty race. Just as ^{famous}~~noted~~ is the aversion ^{to using} ~~banking~~ ^{the phobia against banks,} which at various times in history, strikes French peasants,

~~for banks~~ They like to keep the money in the old ^{socks}~~stockings~~.

Well, an epidemic of this sort of hoarding has been observed in France recently. The government was about to issue some new hundred franc gold pieces worth in United States money about four dollars. But the fear of this hoarding epidemic has caused the French Cabinet to delay putting these gold pieces into circulation. The reason for the postponement is that these gold pieces would vanish and gravitate into the stockings of the thrifty.

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CINCINNATI

The default on the debt payment by the French seems to have ~~got~~^{got} some goats in Cincinnati. Four hundred office girls employed by one firm in that Ohio City, got together and made a pledge. They bound themselves neither to buy any articles of French origin nor even to accept them as gifts from their best ~~and~~ beaux.

In a southern city a group of club women bound themselves not to travel in France until her debt payment was made.

As Heywood Brown observed the discussion of this debt subject in some quarters of both countries, seems to have reached the silly stage.

PHILIPPINES

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The hopes that were entertained for Philippine independence seem to be postponed again. Yesterday the U.S.

Senate adopted the amendment giving the Islands independence

from now.
~~in~~ eight years. Today the ~~Upper House of Congress~~ *Senators* reversed

themselves
~~it~~ and rejected the amendment.

WEATHER

The weather prophets are certainly turning out to be true prophets this month - I mean those who predicted a severe and early winter. Uncle ~~XXXXXX~~ S-S-Sam's t-t-teeth are ch-ch-chattering, and he's sh-sh-shivering all over today. *Has your car frozen up? Well, mine has. It froze so hard it exploded. But to get away from the person,* Jack Frost has bound the Middle West and the East with iron

fingers. Huge blocks of ice on the Great Lakes made navigation a hazardous affair. The highway from Maine into Quebec was flooded owing to ice jams ^{the} in Kennebeck River.

In Pennsylvania there were temperatures of two above zero - thirty degrees of frost. But that's nothing compared to *up in the Adirondacks.* northern New York, ^{at} Owl's Head the thermometer dropped to twenty-six below zero. Louisville, Kentucky had its coldest weather in four years. Record low temperatures are also reported from Indiana. There was snow in Pheenix, Arizona.

In Ohio the cold was responsible for the death of three people. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an old ~~people's~~ ^{folks} home burned to

the ground while fourteen of the former inmates, old men and women, stood shivering and chattering on the sidewalks, watching the flames destroy the ~~is home~~ *only place they had to call home.*

MURDER

Here's one for writers of detective stories. The body of a murdered man was found in a motor car on a New York Street today. It was wrapped in ^a burlap sack. And the spot where it was found was right in front of police headquarters in New York.

The discovery was not made until about one o'clock this afternoon. A story in the "New York Evening Post" says that it must have been there for sometime while hundreds of policemen passed in and out of headquarters without seeing the gruesome bundle.

I wonder how Sherlock Holmes or my friend Mike Fiaschetti would solve that one.

(7) Then a ^{too} less gruesome crime puzzled the New York ^a cops today. ^{a whole} ~~#~~ truck loaded ~~full~~ of aspirin was stolen by

bandits. The value of the load was not more than ten thousand dollars, but the robbery is giving the cops a headache ~~of the~~ sort they can't cure with aspirin.

VETERANS

There's a proposal on foot in Washington to save the U. S. Government fifty-one million dollars in payments to veterans. General Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs,

proposes to ~~restrict~~ restrict allowances to all ~~the~~ ^{our} former ^{World War} soldiers ~~in the~~

~~that~~ that is, all those not permanently disabled, to a proportion of fifty per cent. *That means* veterans who are less than fifty per cent, disabled, would get no allowance. General Hines

calculates that this would take more than three hundred and fifty-six thousand ^{men} off the Federal payrolls. General Hines

added the statement: "If a man ~~who~~ is only twenty-five per cent disabled, he is able to carry on. In that case the Federal Government should ~~not~~ not be called on to help him."

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Motor car owners may be interested in a new machine which ~~is being~~ ^{has been} devised in England. It tests your ~~driving~~ ^{driving} capacity without your going on the highway at all.

Dr. E.E. Free ~~in~~ "The Week's Science" describes it as follows: The person to be tested sits in a seat precisely like the driver's seat of an automobile, with an ordinary steering wheel in front of him and all the usual controls. In front of him an ordinary highway seems to unroll on a screen, precisely as though the car were being driven along a road. Turns are to be made, other cars passed and so on, just as in actual driving. Most persons experience a complete illusion of actual ^{by} driving a car in this way.

The machine has been used at the National Institute of Industrial Psychology in London. Drivers whose reactions are too slow, too rapid or otherwise improper are detected by means of this machine. It is even possible to stage on the screen what seems to be a collision with another car or a tree ^{or a telephone pole} and thus discover ^{how} ~~what~~ a driver's ~~reaction~~ ^{behavior} would ~~be~~ in a real emergency.

MACHINE..2

Actually the highway scene is a motion picture, which runs off on the screen independent of any motions made by the driver, but they say that the ~~scene is~~ ^{test is} most effective.
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RECEPTION

*There may be a storm outside tonight,
but oh what storm there is*
~~there is a mighty storm~~ in the social teapot

in Washington, D. C. A dispatch to the New York Telegram says it arose over the reception which President and Mrs. Hoover gave at the White House last night for the diplomatic Corps.

Usually the principal guests at these ~~simple~~ diplomatic shindigs are ~~the~~ Washington nobility, the rich, those mentioned in the social register, and those in high office. But on the election campaign ^{tour} this year President and

Mrs. Hoover met a host of people throughout the United States, *people in various walks of life.*
~~of various strata in society in their various towns~~ They not only met them, but liked them and decided they would like to

see them again. So they ordered the White House Social staff to invite a large number of the non social-register ~~people~~ ^{folks} -- just

mat folks -- whom they had met through the Middle West. Some three thousand two hundred invitations were mailed out to the prairies, the mountains, and the valleys of the nation. In fact, like the character in the New Testament, - they went out ⁱⁿ to the highways

and byways *for their guests.*

This rather upset ^{Washington} ~~the~~ traditions ~~of the White House~~

and the President's social staff figured that if anything like a fair percentage of these people accepted, there would not be

enough room in ~~the~~ White House. ^{Whereupon the secretaries} ~~so they~~ cut off many members

of the Washington nobility, thereby causing great wailing and gnashing of teeth in the homes of the socially elect. Telephones jangled and complaints came in. In vain the White House

secretaries explained ^{that} there would be other receptions. ^{Oh ha but} ~~That~~

that ~~didn't~~ pacify the complainants. They wanted in on the

~~diplomatic~~ shindig ^{last night, or nothing,} ~~or nothing.~~

Well, most of them got nothing. But the out of town

people who received their invitations, were delighted and thrilled

even if ^{some of them} ~~they~~ were ~~not~~ able to attend.

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BARTER

The barter idea which is taking such a hold in the United States is spreading to the young. Or rather, I should say, it is spreading to the young in an organized fashion. There never was a time when swapping wasn't a popular pastime among healthy boys.

Well, in the Madison Boys ^{Club} ~~Club~~ in New York City they are carrying out an experiment. The boys ~~are~~ there don't do their swapping as we used to do when I was at school. They have an auctioneer who presides over the bartering. The first of these sessions took place yesterday evening, and within two hours more than two hundred trades were effected. Not a single penny of money changed hands, but plenty of other things did.

For instance, the auctioneer held up a pair of skates owned by a ten year old boy. The affair was ~~a~~ conducted in this fashion: The auctioneer would cry:

"What am I offered for a pair of ice skates?"

One boy held up a knotted ~~x~~ necktie ^{and} a bundle of _λ

old detective magazines. Another ^{lad} ~~boy~~ offered a pocket knife, and a cigar box half ~~filled with~~ ^{full of} marbles. ^{Still} Another ~~chap,~~ ^{chap,} a red head, ^{Offered a torn} ~~old~~ pair of football trousers, and a pair of candlesticks to boot ^{for those ice skates.}

Then the auctioneer~~s~~ said to the owner of the skates:

"Do you see anything you like?"

The boy shook his head. So the auctioneer called out:

"Come on, he doesn't want those things. Make him a combination ^{offer.}"

Up spoke a boy in a loud voice, ^{Said he "I'll} ~~that he would~~ swap one set of mountain goat horns, one box camera, ~~one book,~~ one bag of marbles, ~~and~~ one slightly used harmonica, ^{and one book,} for the ^m ice skates." ~~on~~

^{At that} ~~the~~ owner of the skates cried out; ~~excitedly~~

"You're on!" ~~Let me have that stuff~~ Only I don't want the book."

And that's how it went ~~on~~ for some two hours.

FOOTBALL

There ^{is going} ~~is~~ ^{some of} be something to keep the football fans

excited tomorrow, even though the season is supposed to be over.

^{It's that} ~~that will be the~~ game ^{at} Berkeley, California, between ^{the Golden} ~~the~~ teams

^{Bears of} ~~of~~ the University of California and ^{the fighting lads from} Georgia Tech. According

to the experts the odds on the Californians to win are two to one.

DOG CATCHER

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(1)
a doggy tale from Royal Oak, Michigan.

A dog catcher was driving down town with ten dogs and three cats in his wagon. At one of the intersections his wagon ran into a bus and while they were interlocked, a trolley ran into the whole mess.

The dog catcher was not injured, **But** he took one look at the wreck and decided to get up and go home. The dogs and cats had already done that very thing.

MORONS

Scientists are always finding out amusing things. Humorous fellows -- scientists. A Professor of Psychology at Creighton University in Nebraska has been looking into the question of morons. He listed a hundred of them. And of those hundred he observed that not less than eighty wore "drag" mustaches. I am not quite sure what a "drag" mustache is, but if it's what I think it is I'd better spend the weekend in Omaha arguing with that Professor. But no, on second thought I'm leaving for Pittsburgh tonight, Washington, Pa., and Johnston, mustache and all. So I'll say so long --

SO LONG, UNTIL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.