

INTRODUCTION

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Good Evening Everybody, and Hello Chicago!

1 Well, I've to report this evening that
2 Chicago is still the same great old
3 place. Of course, Chicagoans know that
4 perfectly well. In fact, they never get
5 tired of telling what a grand metropolis
6 the windy city is. At any rate, I'm
7 one old-time Chicagoan who doesn't.

8 It shouldn't be any novelty for
9 me to visit Chicago. I lived and worked
10 here in my cub reporter days and have
11 been here many a time since. But, I've
12 a new slant on the town this time, not
13 exactly an airplane view but almost that.
14 Some of my Chicago friends are putting
15 me up. Putting me up is right. Away
16 up! In fact, in a bungalow on top of
17 the world's tallest hotel. I'm perched
18 on top of the Morrison Hotel, 42 stories
19 up in the air. And from every window is
20 a long vista of the immensity that is
21 Chicago. To the west ^{and south} stretching out
22 beyond Halsted Street, that street of all
23 nations, ~~and to the south~~ miles of giant
24 railway yards, factories, homes and parks.
25 To the north the world-famous Lake Shore

1 Drive. And on all sides the hum of ~~the~~
2 State Street and the busy loop far, far
3 below. And then, of course, there's
4 old Lake Michigan itself. From the dizzy
5 pinnacle of this sky-scraper hotel you can
6 see away out over ~~the calm waters.~~ That
7 ~~is, those~~ waters ^{are} calm and tranquil
8 today, as tranquil as the waters of a
9 lagoon of a South Sea coral atoll.

10 I spent long minutes today looking
11 over the lake, gray in the foreground
12 where it's shallow and shading into a
13 beautiful limpid blue toward the horizon.

14 But wait a minute. That sounds
15 as though I'm going on a verbal jag. I've
16 just been reading a bit of gleaming prose,
17 called "I, James Lewis" by Gilbert ~~#~~
18 Gabriel, the ~~well-known~~ New York dramatic
19 critic. And on a day like this it would
20 take his gleaming prose to describe Lake
21 Michigan.

22 Anyway, I am broadcasting from
23 Chicago all this week, picking up the news
24 of the world as it comes flashing over
25 the wires into our giant metropolis of the
Middle West.

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In coming out here I missed a grand trip on the Leviathan, The big boat is being put back in the trans-Atlantic service. She has been all fixed up and took a ~~xxx~~ spin to Boston over the week-end. I was invited, but Chicago called with her siren voice.

1 In a constant fantastic stream
2 reports keep coming in about the almost
3 incredible case of Ivar Krugar, the
4 Swedish match king. Here are a couple
5 of denials. It had been reported that
6 Krugar had advanced money to both
7 Adolph Hitler, the leader of Germany's
8 Fascist party, and to ex-King Alphonso ■
9 of Spain. But the head of the
10 commission that is investigating the
11 affairs of the Swedish match king
12 declares that these reports are NOT
13 true.

14 What IS true, however, makes a
15 story that would dwarf the
16 inspirations of the most imaginative
17 novelist. (The match king who killed
18 himself in Paris now appears in the
19 light of a colossal swindler. From the
20 ~~result~~ ^{report} of a committee that has been
21 investigating in Stockholm, it would
22 indeed appear that ^{Ivar} Krugar must be
23 rated as the greatest crook in history--
24 ~~the greatest crook in history~~ that is, greatest
25 so far as the magnitude of his devious

1 projects are concerned.)

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3 St. Louis Star is the authority ~~of~~ ^{for}
4 the fact that the investigating
5 committee has found in Krugar's strong
6 boxes a series of forged Italian
7 government bonds. There were 42 of
8 ~~them~~ them, and they were for half a
9 million pounds each. That brings the
10 total face value up to 100 million
11 dollars, and that certainly must be a
12 record for forgery.

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14 found in those ~~strong~~ strong boxes the
15 plates from which these bonds were
16 printed. They have discovered the
17 printers in Stockholm who made the bonds
18 from the plates, and they say that the
19 signatures on these fake securities
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1 They say that the match king
2 was not driven to these forgeries by
3 the stress of the present depression.
4 They date back as far as 25 years
5 ago.

6 Well, during all that time
7 Krugar figured as the man of mystery
8 of world finance. He was the gigantic
9 manipulator of money and industry, but
10 he kept himself hidden, secretive.
11 We now begin to understand the WHY of all
12 that mystery. We also understand more
13 of why the match king killed himself when
14 the tightening coils of financial
15 stringency were threatening to force his
16 collateral and his securities out into
17 the open.

18 Yes, it's time for the makers of
19 fantastic romances to hide their heads
20 when the Swedish match king, the
21 ~~man~~ colossal and mysterious financial
22 giant, is revealed as the ~~man~~ master-
23 crook of all time, with forgeries that
24 come to light 100 million dollars at a
25 crack.

EARTHQUAKE

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1 This evening there are still only
2 vague guesses concerning the damage and
3 the loss of life in the earthquake
4 district out in China.

5 In the northeastern part of the *remote*
6 province of Hupeh the earth shook with
7 prolonged tremors over a period of 16
8 hours. The quake took place twelve days
9 ago, but the Hupeh province is so deep
10 in the *distant* ~~remote~~ interior of Southern China
11 that the news is just coming through.

12 A United Press dispatch to the
13 Indianapolis Times declares that in
14 various communities nearly three-
15 quarters of the houses collapsed, and
16 that the loss of life must be
17 exceedingly heavy. As the earth
18 continued to shake hour after hour, all
19 communications were disrupted. And
20 that's another reason why news from the
21 devastated area has been so long
22 delayed.

1 More indications of possible trouble between Japan
2 and Soviet Russia comes along in the news tonight. The Chicago
3 Daily News prints a United Press dispatch from Moscow to the
4 effect that Soviet authorities admitted today that forces of
5 the Red Army are concentrated along the Manchurian border. Regiments
6 of troops and batteries of artillery are waiting.
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9 Soviet officials are emphatic in denying that Red
10 Russians had anything to do with the recent wrecking of a Japanese
11 troop train in Manchuria. The railroad disaster in which a number
12 of soldiers were killed was apparently the result of a plot. The
13 Japanese claim it was the work of Communists. The Soviets take
14 the stand that the dirty work was done by anti-Bolshevik
15 Russians, with the connivance of some Japanese officials, who,
16 they maintain, want to promote trouble between Japan and Russia.
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20 Well, if the trouble keeps brewing, Floyd Gibbons
21 may have to dash back to the Far East. Floyd is back in the U.S.A.
22 and during the past couple of days occupied this same Morrison
23 Hotel Pent House forty-two stories in the air, where I am. Floyd
24 seems to be in rare form.
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1 Now let's get a mid-western slant
2 on prohibition. I've a batch of returns
3 from towns in the central states, returns
4 in the Literary Digest prohibition poll.
5 Here's Vincennes, Indiana, famous in the
6 early history of America as the scene of
7 some of the exploits of that great
8 soldier George Rodger Clark, the Hero of
9 Vincennes. Well, the modern residents
10 of Vincennes vote 299 for prohibition,
11 1,101 against.

12 Then across the lake, Detroit, Mich- e
13 igan, comes through with a second report.
14 And it just bears out their previous
15 returns in the fact that Detroit is one
16 of the wettest of the wet centers.
17 5,175 x vote dry -- 46,845 wet, about
18 nine to one.

19 But it's a different story in
20 Oberlin, Ohio. Oberlin is a college
21 town and it's dry. This is not
22 unexpected because Oberlin is called the
23 birthplace of the Anti-Saloon League.
24 The Oberlin vote is 178 for the 18th
25 Amendment -- 133 for repeal. Yes,

1 Oberlin proudly supports its famous
2 and powerful child, the Anti-Saloon
3 League.

4 La Crosse, Wisconsin, gives 236
5 votes to the dry cause, 1,750 against.

6 Then here's Pottsville, Pennsylvania
7 with 262 for continuance, 1,596 for
8 repeal.

9 Now for an eastern college town.

10 Here's New Haven, Connecticut, the home
11 of Eli Yale University. At New Haven
12 the vote now stands 930 for prohibition,
13 7,307 against.

14 Montclair, New Jersey, one of the
15 best known of all the suburbs of New
16 York City, 510 dry, and 1,981 wet.

17 Here's the handsome old upstate
18 New York city of Watertown, voting 530
19 for the amendment, 1,476 against.

20 In the mountains of West Virginia,
21 Fairmont votes 703 for, and 1,246
22 against.

23 And let's end our returns by taking
24 a jump right across the continent to
25 Bellingham, Washington, where they vote
515 for prohibition -- 1,430 against.

1 Out in the Hawaiian Islands this
 2 is a hard and nerve-racking day for
 3 Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie. He is
 4 facing a cross examination by the public
 5 prosecutor in that ^{so-called} "honor slaying" case.

6 "The prosecution," ^{states} ~~says~~ the Detroit
 7 News, ~~declares that it~~ "does not believe
 8 the story which Lieutenant Massie tells --
 9 that he held the pistol at the time when
 10 the Hawaiian, Joe Mahahawai, was killed,
 11 but that his mind was blank and he does
 12 not remember what happened. The
 13 prosecution in the cross examination
 14 intends to break down his story. Its
 15 contention is that Lieutenant Massie is
 16 trying to shield the person who really
 17 did the killing.

Bob

LINDBERGH

1 The report on the Lindbergh
2 case tonight is that contact has been
3 reestablished with the kidnapers.
4 Doctor John F. Condon, the man who got in
5 touch with the kidnapers and brought
6 about the paying of the \$50,000 ransome
7 declares today that he is in communication
8 with the kidnapers again. The doctor
9 made this statement into a newsreel
10 microphone.

11 The Chicago Daily News quotes
12 the New York Daily News as declaring
13 that it has information that Colonel
14 Lindberth has put \$100,000 into the hands
15 of agents, as another ransome to go to
16 the kidnapers for the return of the
17 child.

18 At St. Francis, Kansas, authorities
19 are investigating the lynching of a
20 kidnapper. The man confessed that he
21 abducted and killed an eight-year old
22 girl. The authorities succeeded in
23 protecting him for a while from an
24 avenging mob, but finally the crowd over-
25 powered the sheriff and hanged the
kidnapper to a tree.

(Chicago newspapers are all discussing the case of a group of giant utilities corporations which have gone into the hands of receivers. These are great industrial enterprises built up by Samuel Insull, Chicago's ~~great~~ utilities magnate who for years has been one of the dominating figures of the country as a financier and industrialist and patron of the arts. ~~For years~~ It was he who stood behind the Chicago Civic Opera Company.)

Well, Samuel Insull built an immense structure of finance and industry, but now in the stress of the present economic situation, there had to be a general tuning down ~~into~~ to a lower key. These enterprises were too huge for the state of things today and a receivership was inevitable.

The Chicago Daily Times ^{this evening} ~~today~~ prints an article by James Fox, who makes an interesting comment on these recent financial occurrences. "What has happened," he says, "is typical of what happened to

1 most Americans in the thrilling, turgid
2 1920's.

3 "That gaudy decade -- so recent
4 but so far away," the article adds, "was
5 a combination of physical perfection and
6 financial folly in business. ~~On~~ *On*
7 Scientific research and advanced
8 engineering ~~has~~ ^{was} reared an immense structure
9 ~~of industrial and commercial plant in~~
10 ~~America, capable of producing~~
11 ~~continuously a generous income of goods~~
12 ~~and services for the American people.~~

13 "But these achievements produced
14 a mass brain storm, which affected both
15 the masses and their leaders.

16 "Lured on by the vastly improved
17 art of salesmanship which had learned
18 its untapped powers during the "war drives"
19 ~~drives,~~ people stepped out in every
20 direction and pepped up in every way.
21 Motor cars grew in power and speed,
22 dance music acquired quicker and more
23 barbaric beats, parties grew gayer --
24 but it was in Wall and La Salle Streets
25 that the new tempo became a tornado.

1 "The ride is over. The American
2 people find themselves with the finest
3 industrial, mining and agricultural
4 plant on earth. Actual wealth within
5 their grasp is almost incalculable. But
6 because of mental and physical ~~habits~~
7 habits accentuated in the jazz age, they
8 feel ~~like~~ ^{as if} they ~~are~~ ^{were} ruined," although they are not.

9 And that seems to be a vivid way
10 of describing a dramatic situation.

1 Now girls, don't be two-faced.
2 You shouldn't have two faces. You should
3 have fifteen faces. This blythe piece
4 of information comes from London in a
5 United Press dispatch. (to the Chicago
6 Daily Times.) British beauticians claim
7 that a lady should change her face every
8 time she changes her dress. (That is,
9 her face should match the design and
10 color scheme of her gown. For example,
11 with light sports clothes girls should
12 wear a dark make-up.)

13 (With dark evening clothes a light
14 make-up is the correct thing. And so
15 on down the line.)

16 These beauticians figure out that
17 there are fifteen kinds of dress, each
18 of which requires a different face.
19 The prize comes in the face that
20 harmonizes with a scarlet dress. That
21 particular face requires rachel powder,
22 pink rouge, bronze eye shade, bright
23 red lipstick and dark brown mascara for
24 the eyelashes. That would seem to be
25 all the makings necessary for a false
face.

1 The beauticians conclude with a
2 stern warning:(and command:) Don't retain
3 a daylight face if changing into an
4 evening gown.

5 Yes, darling, I'll meet you face to
6 *on Michigan Avenue tonight,* face, ^ but which one of your fifteen
7 faces will I meet?
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 2 Well, so long Chicago, and so long everybody. I'll
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