

Good Evening, Everybody:

A terrific storm visited the north over the week-end. A dispatch to the Toronto Star reports that communication lines in Nova Scotia are crippled. This is the second week-end storm in succession to affect those parts. ~~of the country~~

Rain fell in torrents and a wind estimated ~~as high as~~ ^{at} eighty miles an hour whipped enormous waves over the ~~water~~ ^{wharves} and coastline. In several sections miles of railroads ^{miles of} and highways were swept away. ~~Lxx~~ Late crops were pounded into the ground. Schooners were driven ashore. The Fertile ^{the beautiful ~~the~~ land of Evangeline, one of the} Fruit Belt of the Annapolis Valley, ^A suffered heavy loss.

loveliest valleys
I have ever visited,

MONTREAL

An unusual step is being contemplated in the Dominion of Canada, ~~that is~~ the appointment of a railroad czar who will dominate railways in Canada, ^{much} as baseball is ruled ^{in the U.S.A.} by Judge K. M. Landis. ^{Greenhow Mountain}

A dispatch from Ottawa to the Montreal Star states that this recommendation will be made in the ^{report} ~~part~~ of the Royal Commission on Railways, which is expected to be made public in a ^{few} ~~couple~~ of days.

ENGLAND

Thirty-four ^{people} are in the hospital, and forty-four
in jail in Liverpool, ^{England,} as the result of ~~the~~ riots. A dispatch
to the ^{N.Y.} Evening Post describes conditions there as amounting
to a Communist reign of terror. For four days the industrial
suburb of Birkenhead has been the scene of street fighting and
looting, ^{over unemployment relief.} It broke out again this morning, but order was
finally restored at eight o'clock. Nevertheless, police on
motorcycles and vans are patrolling the streets every minute.

ARMAMENT

Uncle Sam will take no part in Europe's dispute over Germany's claim for equality of arms. The announcement of this fact from Washington is interpreted as a rebuke to the speech made by ~~by~~ Ambassador Edge in Paris. In that speech our Ambassador hinted that the United States would back France in any argument.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post puts it that the American Government would regret any political dispute in Europe which might retard the course of disarmament. Otherwise this country is not interested in the controversy over Germany's demand. This was stated today on high official authority.

It is expected that the British note, which put John Bull side by side with France in ^{opposing} ~~closing~~ Germany's demand will have the effect of postponing action by the German Republic. This was learned today by political observers in Berlin. England's answer has for the time being thrown the diplomatic machinery of Germany out of gear.

ROBOT

A twentieth century Frankenstein ~~eroped~~ cropped up in today's news ^{from} ~~in~~ England. You remember your old friend Frankenstein, the man who created a monster which eventually turned upon him and tore him to pieces?

Well, a ^s dispatch to the Boston Traveler reports that an inventor who lived ⁱⁿ ~~in the City of~~ Brighton, ^{the Atlantic City or Asbury Park} ~~has~~ made a robot -- a mechanical man which he ~~had~~ christened Alpha. The inventor was showing Alpha off to a crowd of spectators. Alpha told the time, read newspapers, answered questions and achieved several other astonishing feats.

Alpha was then ordered to fire off a revolver. Whom do you suppose he shot? Yes, you guessed it, Alpha shot his master instead of the target. The wound is not as serious as the damage ^{the} ~~w~~rought on Frankenstein ^{of fiction} ~~by his master monster,~~ but it was enough.

TAXES

One of the results of the Maine election last week seems to have escaped a general observation in curious fashion. This was the referendum on the extra gasoline tax. This ~~xx~~ tax was rejected by an enormous majority of the voters of Maine.

This referendum is particularly interesting because it reflects the attitude of the public ~~in~~ towards ^{heavy} gasoline taxes ~~by~~ ^{some} contrasting with the attitude of ^{some} legislators. Every time a manufacture ^s ~~and~~ sales tax has been suggested, a powerful lobby has been on the spot to oppose and defeat it. Consequently ~~legislators, most of whom are bad lawyers,~~ ^{that rate} ~~adopt the policy of soaking the motorist.~~

One consequence of this unequal ~~and inequitable~~ system of taxation is that an increasing amount of bootleg gasoline is getting on to the market. Not only bootleg ~~gasoline~~ ^{also} but [^] adulterated gasoline.

^{minds} ~~informed~~ Evidently the voters in Maine ^{had made up their} ~~were unusually well~~ informed on this subject. [^]

↑ important

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A colorful festival is being celebrated this evening in every American city where there's an Italian colony. It is the feast of San ^{Genaro,} ~~Genaro~~. We would call him ^{Saint} ~~San~~ Januarios. For months the citizens of the various little Italys scattered over the cities of the United States and Canada have been preparing for this feast. They have processions with elaborate floats, the streets are all dolled up, extra performances are put on at the marionette theatres which are quite a feature of Italian life, bands play, and everything is done that the Italians most enjoy doing, ^{— including multo vino.} It's on such occasions that one can observe with interest the enviable capacity of the Italians for gaiety and for enjoying life.

SQUIRREL

A story from East St. Louis today reads like a curious sequel to the item we had ~~the other day~~ ^{last week} about ~~the~~ squirrel hunters in Ohio.

A five year old boy was playing in the basement of his home in East St. Louis. He was suddenly attacked by a large red squirrel. The boy rushed screaming out of the basement and up to the porch on the second story of his home. The squirrel followed him and bit the youngster twenty-five times.

The boy's screams reached his ~~six~~ father's ears. He rushed on to the porch and found his son severely injured.

The squirrel then turned on the father and bit him on the finger. The man had a tough time grabbing hold of the ~~squirrel~~ ^{animal} ~~and~~ and throwing him off the porch. ~~on to the ground.~~ ~~ix~~ So

a bunch of neighbors armed with rifles, shotguns and clubs were ~~taken~~ ^{on a wild hunt} ramsacking the district today for ~~that~~ ^{one} red squirrel.

WOOD

our old friend
Out in Michigan, ^x Gar Wood is making a determined effort to establish a new world speed record for motor boats. A story in the Detroit News says that he drove his Miss American the Tenth at a terrific pace on the St. Clair River today. Unfortunately, there was an error in the timing system. So it's ~~is~~ impossible to determine whether Wood ~~had~~ ^{Gar} achieved a speed of 144 statute miles an hour or 127 nautical miles. So at present the record of 119 3/4 statute miles an hour, ~~which is~~ held by Kaye Don of England, still stands.

BASEBALL

On the sporting pages of the newspapers, the principal topic these days seems to be the approaching World Series.

The dopsters are trotting out ^{reams of} the figures, ^{They} and are giving

us all sorts of expert inside stuff, ^{They are} prognosticating the

result of the series with the enthusiasm of a Gypsy fortune

teller reading the palm of a lovely girl, while the lovely

girl's fiance is footing the bill. The experts generally

~~pick~~ pick the Yanks to beat the Cubs. Of course the

Cubs haven't quite ^{sewed up} ~~got~~ the National League pennant as yet,

~~while~~ There is that old familiar mathematical chance that

they may still lose ^{out} ~~it~~, but the baseball sharks ^{seem to be} ~~are~~ unanimous

in saying that the ^{Chicago} Cubs are as good ^{as} ~~as~~ the Yanks, ~~anyhow~~ ^{Les in.}

Westbrook Pegler, ^{cryptic} ~~on~~ ^s ~~the~~ ^{writer for} ~~page~~ of the

New York Evening Post, has an article ^{tonight on the topic} ~~on the subject~~ of

goofiness in baseball. Expert Pegler points out the im-

portance of goofiness to the national pastime and goes on to

remark that ~~some~~ some folks are saying ~~that~~ Yernan Gomez, the

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star ~~left~~ left hander of the Yankee pitching staff, is inclined to be a wee trifle goofy. This Expert-Pegler utterly denies. He admits that the young Southpaw does go in for fancy clothes, brilliant shirts, ~~mix~~ neckties and an extensive wardrobe of tweeds, serges and worsteds, but argues that if a man nowadays has more than one suit of clothes, that ~~is~~ ^s no sign ~~that~~ he ~~is~~ ^s goofy, ~~that's~~ ^{it's a} sign ~~that~~ he ^s a genius. Also, Southpaw Gomez is reputed to be engaged, to be married, to a beautiful musical comedy star. Expert Pegler denies that this is a sign of goofiness. He seems to think it ~~is~~ merely a case of good eyesight.

But it is conceded ^{that} ~~that~~ with a reputation for goofiness pitcher Gomez still adds a ^{highly desirable splash} ~~bit~~ of color to the ^{forthcoming} World Series.

~~And~~ ^{And} talking about things goofy, ~~and gaffy, I am~~ ^{quite} reminded a number of radio listeners have asked me to give the result of ^{my own sand-lot} ~~the~~ game yesterday, ^{— the one} between the Saints and the

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Sinners, the Saints being baseball play^{ing} ^{farmers} ~~ing~~ of my own
neighborhood and the Sinners being ^{merchants and other rajahs from} ~~residents of~~ the neighbor-
ing village of Pawling. We, ^{the saints,} ~~went~~ won last week, but yesterday

the Sinners had their revenge ^{sure} ~~as~~ ^{as Sinners usually do when} ~~dealing with world-be saints,~~ The score was twenty-three to

eighteen. There was a wild ninth inning which ended with the

Saints hollering, "Kill the umpire." ^{Strange words to}
come from the mouths of Saints.

ROOSEVELT

(Governor Roosevelt's stumping tour has taken him now as far as Montana. He told the miners of Butte today that if he were elected President he would call a conference to make an attempt to stabilize the price of

silver. *And that certainly must have brought lots of applause from my old mining colleagues in the West.* Before he went to Montana Mr. Roosevelt had

invaded the territory of Senator Borah. ^{And} The dispatches

say he was ~~quite~~ enthusiastically received in Idaho.

VETERAN

There was a somewhat unusual birthday party in
Where is Wampsville? Why in New York State.
Wampsville. [^] The hero of the occasion was ~~and~~ John Smith,
^{name} *Wampsville*
the same [^] as the celebrated boy friend of ~~the~~ Pocahontas..

(5)
Three times during the Civil War this John Smith
tried to enlist in the Union army. Each time he was turned
down on the ground that his health was too frail.

Well, today the same John Smith celebrated his
hundredth birthday. ~~He must have been~~ a pretty healthy
invalid, *and another illustration of how army
doctors go wrong.*

LAWYERS

Here's an item that ^{us} ~~one story~~ from Washington may give ^{we} ~~you~~ some information as to how part of the money ~~that you~~ pay to Uncle Sam every year is spent, ~~by your government~~. Hundreds of Thousands of dollars are paid ^{annually} ~~every year~~ to lawyers who win war rick suits for war veterans. Last year the total number of fees collected by attorneys was over \$800,000.

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It may also interest you to learn that one lawyer, the son of a Federal Judge, won a ten thousand dollar judgment for a negro client. The negro in question did not serve in France. He received his injury while falling over a garbage can ^{during} ~~while in~~ ^{camp days} training at Fort Sherman. For this the lawyer, ~~whose~~ father ~~incidentally was threatened with impeachment about two~~ ~~years ago~~, gets the sum of one thousand dollars, and his client nine thousand.

FEUD

It's been quite a while since we had any feud news from Kentucky. But today the town of Manchester in that state is being patrolled by national guardsmen.

Early this morning as Frank Baker, the commonwealth attorney of London, Kentucky, stepped out of his uncle's house in Manchester, he was instantly killed by rifle fire. The shots *came* ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~were fired by~~ men barricaded in the Clay County Court House. Another ~~man~~ ^{chap} went to help him, and he too was killed. Still a third was seriously wounded by the snipers.

For four hours those two bodies lay in the street, while the ambushed murderers fired at anybody who approached. Finally the Governor sent the troops, but the snipers escaped.

FARM STRIKE

News of the ^{midwest} farm strike has been ^{this} ~~quite~~ recently.

But it looks as though it were about to become lively again.

The Farmers Holiday Association of Minnesota ^{has} started its blockade of the City of Worthington in ^{southern part of} that state. There are more than two hundred farmers picketing the ^{nearly} highways. ~~around~~
~~the city.~~

In Iowa the roads were flung open temporarily ^{by the pickets,} today. But this is merely in preparation for a general farm strike movement throughout the middle west ^{according to an} ~~announcement~~ ~~was~~ made following a weekend meeting of the Executive Committee of the Farm Holiday Association.

DAVIS

New York today was treated to an unusual spectacle. A United States Senator, a former cabinet minister under three presidents, went on trial ~~today~~ in the Federal court. Yes, Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, the popular ex-iron worker, ~~popularly~~ ^{sometimes affectionately} known as Puddler Jim.

He is charged with having participated in lotteries operated by the Loyal Order of Moose ~~the~~ ^{a fraternal} order ~~for~~ ^{of} which ~~Grand~~ ^{Senator} ~~General~~ Davis is Director General.

It was indicated today that the principal character witness for Senator Davis may be no less a celebrity than the Honorable Calvin Coolidge.

TREASURE HUNT

A famous old treasure has found its way into the news again. This is the treasure of Randé which was sunk two hundred and thirty years ago off the Spanish port of Vigo.

In 1702 a fleet of Spanish galleons loaded with ingots of gold and silver from the West Indies, was nearing its home port. Just as it reached the Strait of Randé near Vigo, the fleet was attacked by a squadron of English and Dutch pirates. The Spaniards fought desperately but were overpowered. Rather than give the rich cargo to the enemy, they sank twelve galleons.

Ever since then the engineers of many nations have been trying to salvage this treasure. In 1882, for instance, the International Submarine Company of Philadelphia, had ^a shot at it, but without success. And now several applications for concessions to look for this treasure once more have been filed with the Republican government. The treasure is estimated at more than a hundred million dollars. All the hunters have been able to find so far have been cannon, ammunition and small arms.

BALD

It seems I did the picturesque community of Greenwich, Conn., a grave wrong the other day. When I was talking about the baldheaded club I made a mistake in saying that John Rodemeyer, the found^{er} of the club, lives in New Haven. Mrs. W. H. Patman writes to tell me that in Greenwich they don't like that. They are proud of their bald magnificoes. Baldheaded John belongs to Greenwich, says Mrs. Patman. He's editor of the News and Graphic. In fact he is one of the best known editors and humorists in Connecticut, a state where humorists bloom on every ~~shiny bald-pate and all~~ crossroads. Westport swarms with 'em. Mrs. Patman concludes by imploring me to give John back to them, shiny bald-pate and all.

Well, there you are. I trust Greenwich will consider itself profoundly apologized to. I suppose I really ought to shave my own head in penance. So I'll just run along now and do that; and -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.