

1 Good Evening Everybody: Well, there's
2 a lot of zip in the air hereabouts
3 tonight. Old Man Winter seems to have
4 arrived with his whiskers ~~full~~^{full} of icicles.
5 But snappy as the weather is here, it's
6 a whole lot snappier up at White River,
7 Ontario, where the thermometer is reported
8 to have dropped to 26 below. And snow ~~is~~
9 ~~reported~~^{they say, has drifted} as far south as Sunny Tennessee.

10 A twelve hour blizzard has blanketed
11 eastern Canada ~~with snow~~^{top}. A schooner went
12 aground in the gale and four seamen were
13 lost. Several fishing boats are missing ^{tonight.}
14 Cape Breton Island ~~has~~^{been} isolated for a
15 time, ~~when~~^{having} the storm ~~blow~~ⁿ down the
16 telegraph wires. A lot of damage has
17 been done by the unusually high tides in
18 the Bay of Fundy, where the tides are
19 always higher than anywhere else in the
20 world.

21 Up in the Berkshire Hills of New
22 York and Massachusetts it ~~was~~^{was reported to have} so cold
23 today that an Eskimo dog ~~stolen~~^{stolen} five gloves.
24 What he wanted with the fifth one the
25 Associated Press dispatch does ~~not~~^{nt} say.

1 News from Washington tonight is
2 something like those old war ^{time} bulletins
3 ~~that said that things had quieted down,~~ ^{telling us that of the ominous quiet on the Front, the}
4 ~~with everybody preparing for a big~~ ^{quiet that precedes the big offensive.}
5 ~~offensive.~~ President Hoover ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
6 reminds one of Grant, when that famous
7 general said he would fight it out along
8 ~~that~~ line if it took all winter. The
9 United Press states that the President
10 is determin~~ed~~ to fight his big battle
11 with the Senate, right now, and on the
12 issue of unemployment relief. He is said
13 to have privately informed Republican
14 leaders in the Senate that it is up to
15 the Senate to make it war or peace. If
16 the Senate wants to cooperate with the
17 White House, ~~why~~ all well and good. If
18 not, well, the President is ready for
19 battle. And that battle may ^{turn out even to} be the big
20 issue of 1932.

21 The Associated Press ^{informs us} ~~says~~ that Mr.
22 Hoover's unemployment relief program is
23 all tangled up in the web of Congressional
24 politics, ^{just at the moment.} The Senate is getting ready
25 to consider Senator LaFollett's proposal

1 to give the President a vigorous call-down,
2 in return for that vigorous rebuke which
3 Mr. Hoover ~~has already~~ ^{recently} ~~thrown at~~ ^{handed out to} the
4 Senate. The fight, of course, is about
5 the amount of money to be put up for
6 unemployment relief. The Senate has been
7 talking about appropriating a lot more
8 than the President thinks necessary.

9 But at ^{the moment} ~~present~~ there is a lull and
10 all is quiet on the Potomac.

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1 The Statesmen down in Washington
2 ~~are having enough trouble these days without~~
3 ~~have little enough peace of mind these~~
4 ~~anyone introducing ~~any~~ snakes into the scene,~~
5 ~~days, without having snakes to bother~~

6 ~~with~~ But today a five foot snake
7 appeared before the Public Lands
8 Committee of the House of Representatives.
9 That snake was wrapped around a lady's
10 neck and the lady was ^{none other than} Mrs. Ruth Bryan
11 Owen, Congresswoman from Florida, and
12 daughter of the late William Jennings
13 Bryan. Mrs. Owen was arguing for the
14 creation of a national park in the
15 Florida Everglades, and she was telling
16 about the wonders of the proposed park.
17 Among those wonders are snakes. No,
18 not rattlesnakes ^{nor} copperheads ^{nor} water
19 moccasins, but handsome and inoffensive
20 king snakes and to prove her point the
21 Congresswoman turned snake charmer and
22 exhibited a big king snake. ~~She ~~put~~~~
23 ~~it and~~ ^{she} wrapped it around her neck, while
24 the male members of the committee edged
25 away. She offered to pass it around to
them for inspection but they said they
were having enough trouble without
taking on any snakes.

1 On the Topics in Brief page of this
2 week's Literary Digest is the usual
3 collection of bright lines, and the
4 Digest quotes a timely thought from the
5 Tampa Tribune. Here it is:

6 "Everybody hopes that old Santa
7 Claus hasn't joined the ranks of the
8 unemployed."

9 Well, apparently he hasn't. Old
10 Kris Kringle is still hard at work on
11 his old job. There are going to be
12 sixteen million dollars' worth of dolls
13 tucked away in Christmas stockings next
14 week. Dolls--and spare parts for dolls--
15 represent one-fifth of the Christmas toy
16 business this year. And no matter what
17 happens in other lines of business, the
18 selling of toys goes right on booming.
19 Altogether, says the International News
20 Service, something like 88 million
21 dollars will be paid out of Dad's
22 pocketbook this month for toys, and over
23 16,000,000 of that will go ^{just} for dolls.
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In New York two bandits are credited with having made a somewhat tragic error. They held up a man and who did the victim turn out to be? He turned out to be a policeman off duty. The policeman ^{says the N.Y. Eve. World,} beat the bandits to the draw and captured one; and wounded the other.

BANKERS

I don't know if this next one is a record or not, but it ought to be. Ordinarily one banker in jail is enough, but here's a case of 35 bankers in jail. This prodigy occurs over in Paris and is the result of the failure of the Oustric Bank. The collapse of that bank caused a big financial scandal, and three members of the French government were forced to resign on account of it. As you know the Tardieu cabinet was beaten in Parliament recently and France now has a new cabinet. This is said to be partly on account of those same bank scandals. And an Associated Press dispatch states that the French Minister of Justice has hauled up 185 French bankers or financial agents and 35 have already been marched off to the Paris lockup. Just what would 35 bankers, all in jail together, find to talk about.

1 Over in revolution torn Spain the
2 censorship is so strict that it is hard
3 to tell ^{just} what is happening. Martial law
4 is in force from one end of the country
5 to the other, and the Associated Press
6 cables that 75,000 soldiers have been
7 mobilized. The government claims that
8 the revolt has been put down. But a
9 dispatch from Paris to the London Daily
10 Mail ~~claims~~ ^{states} that the revolutionists are
11 getting the upper hand, and that King
12 Alphonso may ~~leave~~ ^{flee} Madrid at any ~~time~~ moment.
13 A detachment of 1,000 men of the Spanish
14 Foreign Legion is on its way from north
15 Africa to Madrid. Some of the
16 Legionnaires, it is said, refused to
17 embark for Spain until they were
18 guaranteed double pay.

19 Ramon Franco, the famous Spanish
20 aviator, who was one of the leaders of
21 the revolt, got away by aeroplane and is
22 safe in Portugal. ^{I mentioned this last night as a rumor but since then} With him are a number
23 of other heads of the revolutionary
24 movement. They have been interned by
25 the Portuguese government.

it has been confirmed.

A late ~~Associated Press~~ dispatch states that the
Republican revolutionists of Spain claim to be in control of
the Province of Valencia. They say they have captured and
executed three loyalist generals.

TURKEY

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1 A while ago I told ~~you~~ about a case
2 that was being tried by an arbitration
3 committee over in Turkey. 12 heirs of
4 Abdul Hamid, the famous old Red Sultan,
5 had been trying to get back some of the
6 property left by the former tyrant of
7 Turkey. According to the International
8 News Service, the suit has been dismissed,
9 and several curious facts have been
10 brought out. A son of the Red Sultan
11 is playing the saxophone in a Constantinople
12 night club. And one of Abdul Hamid's
13 daughters is dancing and singing as a
14 cabaret entertainer in the same gay
15 resort. Think of it! ~~a son and daughter~~
16 A former Caliph who was the religious head
17 of 250,000,000 Mohammedans! His son and
18 daughter now playing and singing in a cabaret
19 on the Golden Horn. This surely is a topsy-turvy
20 old world.

1 From China comes more news about
2 the Communists out there. The Associated
3 Press states that they ~~Communists~~ are
4 reported to have captured the town of
5 Kungan. Meanwhile the Chinese Nationalist
6 government has ordered the suppression
7 of all reports which tell about the
8 movement of Nationalist soldiers against
9 the Communists. *So things seem to be*
10 *just as badly tangled up in China as ever.*

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COLOR BLIND

1 In Germany they are doing something
2 to help the color blind automobile
3 drivers. They have had a few accidents
4 over there because drivers were color
5 blind. Traffic lights at railroad
6 stations will be colored as usual, but
7 the white light for safety will flash
8 intermittently and slowly, while the
9 red light will flash rapidly. If you
10 can't tell the red from the white, why
11 you can ^{at least} time the flashes, or at least that's
12 the German theory.
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SIRLOIN

I always hated to see a ~~xxx~~ good story get chucked out of the window. But just the same there is nothing like the truth. Well, there is a good story about the origin of the word "sirloin". No, not so long - just "sirloin." The tale is told that there was a King of England in ye olden times, and he was a right jolly fellow. He sat at dinner in his castle and the cook brought on a loin of beef. It was so magnificent that the King drew his ~~xx~~ sword and knighted that cut of beef. That made it a sir- Sir Loin, and that is what it has been called ever since.

Well, there is a column in the Literary Digest conducted by Dr. Vizetelly, the famous editor of the Funk and Wagnalls dictionary. Dr. Vizetelly tells how things get their names, and this week he utterly denies that story about the origin of the word "sirloin". He says it is merely one of those things that sound good. The sir in the world doesn't signify knight hood at all. It is merely French for the word "above": in other words "above the loin." And so another pretty bubble is burst.

PIE

Here's another one of those championship affairs - the sort of thing you know that establishes a record. There are a lot of stories about the kind of cooking young brides do and this one is about a pie baked by a young bride. The United Press informs us that the story came out in a Chicago Domestic Relations Court, and that pie which Mrs. Zieba baked certainly must break all records. Six years ago the day after the wedding she baked a pie and placed it before her bridgeroom. Mr. Zieba ate a piece of that pie and he hasn't been the same man since. For six years now he has been laid up, all because of his brides first pie.

BOYS

An eight-year old boy, an orphan in an institution at Parkersburg, Virginia, found a pocketbook. And it had some money in it. He called some other boys, and they all started down to the ice cream store to have a good time. While they were fumbling with the pocketbook, a bystander got a look at it and gasped. There were hundred dollar bills in that pocketbook, 10 hundred dollar bills - and some smaller money besides. The New York Evening Post tells us that a few hours later the police returned the money to the owner. But before the boys lost possession of it they at least managed to have a couple of ice cream sodas, so it all ended happily for everybody.

FIDDLE

1 Out in California a boy stole a
2 fiddle. It was an old Stradivarius
3 worth thousands of dollars. The
4 Associated Press tells us what the boy
5 did with the fiddle. He sold that
6 priceless Stradivarius for a dime.

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1 Now this cow that comes next didn't
2 quite jump over the moon, but she did
3 something almost as extraordinary. Over
4 at Huddlesfield, England, workers in a
5 factory were busy at their machines when
6 a cow came crashing in--through a
7 skylight. Planks and glass came raining
8 down, and along with them came the cow.
9 She landed on some beams and hung there
10 above the factory workers' heads. An
11 International News ^{Service} Dispatch informs us
12 that Bossy got tired of the green meadows,
13 so she ^{somehow} managed to get on top of a low
14 roof and then she climbed to one a little
15 higher [■] until she got right on top of
16 that factory. She strolled around up
17 there and then ^{she} made the mistake of
18 walking onto a skylight. And down came
19 the cow until she got ^{all} tangled ^{up} among the
20 beams. It took ^{an army of} ~~20~~ men with [■] block and
21 tackle to haul her down. In fact it took
22 all the plant's horses and all the plant's men to
23 get that frisky cow down to earth once again.

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END

I told you the other night that the worst mosquitos in the world were to be found up along the Arctic Circle. Well, I knew it would happen. Here are a couple of letters telling me in no uncertain terms that I'm wrong. One, of course, comes from New Jersey. The Jersey skeeter is famous in song and story. At any rate, Arnold Aronsdorf, of Dumont, New Jersey, sends in a little legend from out his way. It seems they had one skeeter out there who was king of them all, and that insect was biting a water bucket. A man hit the skeeter with a hammer, and sort of riveted its beak to the side of the bucket. There was a great whirring of wings, and the man saw the water bucket fly away. That mosquito was just taking it along.

I am also severely criticized by Mr. McSweeney, of New York. He awards the palm and crown, and the gold handled fly-

1 swatter to the West African mosquito.
2 Mr. McSweeney says that he worked out
3 there ^{in the so-called White Man's Grave} with the Rockefeller Institute,
4 and he knows. It is the yellow fever
5 mosquito that they have ~~out there~~ along
6 the ^{dread} Ivory Coast and ~~the~~ Gold Coast ~~in~~ of
7 West Africa, and it's the most deadly of
8 its kind. The huge mosquitos of Alaska
9 are just pleasant little friendly playmates
10 beside his West African brother. Mr.
11 McSweeney concludes his letter by saying:
12 "Look out for the yellow fever of
13 West Africa, and be sure and take an extra
14 dose of quinine before you sign off tonight!"
15 Well, I've dieted on quinine in
16 India, in Burma, in Malaya, and a score
17 of other countries. In fact, I've had
18 more than my share. So if there are any
19 mosquitos lurking around tonight as we end
20 our trek through the day's dense maze of
21 news dispatches, I am quite willing to let
22 someone else have my ~~■~~ share of the remedy
23 advocated by the engineer from West Africa.
24 And in the meantime, I'll buzz around where
25 there are no mosquitos and see if I can
swat a few news items for our next session.
So long until tomorrow.