

Good Evening, Everybody:

1           An old dispute between Texas  
2 and Arkansas seems to be in danger of  
3 flaring up again.

4           The United Press reports that  
5 the Texas Rangers have set up their  
6 headquarters on 4600 acres of land  
7 near the city of Texarkana. This is  
8 disputed land. A long controversy has  
9 been going on about it. The trouble is  
10 caused by the fickle ways of the Red  
11 River which is the boundary between  
12 Texas and Arkansas. The river has a way  
13 of changing its course. Fifteen years  
14 ago it made an abrupt shift with the  
15 result that those 4600 acres of land  
16 which had previously been in Arkansas  
17 ~~xxxx~~ are now in Texas.

18           The Arkansans claimed ~~that~~ the  
19 land <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ still theirs, but the Texans  
20 point out that the River remains the  
21 boundary between the two states <sup>which makes the</sup>  
22 <sup>disputed land a part of the Lone Star State. The</sup>  
<sup>argument</sup> ~~The dispute~~ has been cropping  
23 up on and off <sup>for years.</sup> ~~ever since~~. Not so long  
24 ago occurred what was called a Battle  
25 of Bridges in which Texas and Arkansas

1 had a row about the bridges across the  
2 Red River, and now Texas seems to be  
3 taking up a strong position by locating  
4 the headquarters of the Texas Rangers  
5 on the ~~disputed~~ 4600 acres that constitute  
6 the apple of this southwestern discord.

1 Near Hamilton, Ontario, hundreds  
2 of farmers are standing on guard these  
3 days. ~~These~~ farmers are frightened and  
4 angry. They are armed with pitchforks,  
5 scythes, and shotguns. They are  
6 protecting their barns.

7 The International News Service  
8 explains that a firebug has been busy.  
9 He had been setting blazes all over  
10 Wentworth County, <sup>Ontario,</sup> He has been specializing  
11 in barns. Thirteen fine <sup>big</sup> barns have been  
12 burnt in the past few days, with ~~xxx~~ a  
13 loss of more than a hundred and fifty  
14 thousand dollars.

15 Posses of men have been  
16 searching the countryside for the maniac.  
17 The farmers are afraid to keep their  
18 livestock in the barns, for fear of  
19 fire, and they are standing guard, *ready to*  
*give any marauder both barrels.*  
20 ~~Even the children are on the look-out.~~

# KIDNAPPERS

1 And now comes what seems to be a  
2 case of rough on kidnappers.

3 Four men were sentenced in New  
4 York today to sixty ~~x~~ years a piece in  
5 prison. And those are long terms. They  
6 are getting the heavy dose for a recent  
7 sensational kidnapping case.

8 Charles M. Rosenthal, a New  
9 Yorker, was kidnapped and held for two  
10 weeks. His family paid a large ransom  
11 to get him out, and ~~that's why~~ as  
12 the International News Service tells us,  
13 the judge said today: ~~"It will be sixty~~  
14 ~~years a piece"~~ for <sup>each of</sup> you four men ~~the~~ <sup>the sentence</sup>  
15 will be sixty years!"

*But the Chicago*

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~~Well, the~~ Judge didn't have anything to say to Scarface Al Capone today. His Honor was scheduled to pronounce sentence on the Big Shot, but that has been put off until tomorrow.

The International News Service explains that Capone appeared in court. His lawyers made a long argument before the Judge. His Honor said he would reserve decision, ~~and announce the~~

~~Sentence tomorrow.~~ *on the big gangster will be passed tomorrow.*

# ROBBERY

Tonight's news dispatches include

1        ~~Here's~~ another freak robbery  
2 story, and I don't suppose any of you  
3 would mind being burglarized in <sup>the following</sup> ~~this~~  
4 fashion. Two young men walked into a  
5 drug-store at Danville, Indiana. They  
6 said they wanted change for a \$20 bill.  
7 And they laid the <sup>twenty</sup> ~~\$20 bill~~ on the  
8 counter.

9        A. G. Kelleher, the clerk, opened  
10 the cash drawer for the change. The  
11 two young men whipped out guns and  
12 said, "<sup>Forks over</sup> ~~Give us~~ the money in that drawer, ~~and~~  
13 ~~and make it snappy.~~"  
14 ~~And~~ the clerk obeyed. He scooped  
15 out the money and handed it to the  
16 robbers. It amounted to \$11 in all. The  
17 two burglars were so nervous that they  
18 hurried out, leaving the \$20 bill on the  
19 counter.

20        And that, as the United Press  
21 points out, left the clerk with a profit  
22 of nine dollars.  
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1            Now come a few emphatic words  
2 about the business situation. They're  
3 from Charles M. Schwab who spoke today  
4 at the semi-annual meeting of the  
5 American Iron and Steel Institute.

6            Mr. Schwab believes that  
7 everything is set for a radical  
8 improvement in business conditions. He  
9 said that things were set <sup>that way</sup> in this country  
10 last spring. Business was improving.  
11 Then came the financial crisis in  
12 Europe with Germany and England in a *jam*,  
13 ~~bad way~~, and that delayed the American  
14 recovery.

15            The United Press quotes  
16 the steel magnate as saying that he has  
17 seen the country pull through too many  
18 crises to be a pessimist now.

19            *In other words, says Charley*  
20 *Schwab "cheer up."*

1           Those conversations in Washington  
2 are going strong. I mean the talks  
3 between Premier Laval of France and  
4 President Hoover. Nothing definite has  
5 been given out, except that all  
6 questions of international importance  
7 are being frankly discussed. They come  
8 under three headings: disarmament,  
9 reparations and war debts, and  
10 international co-operation to restore  
11 prosperity.

12           One line of comment is that the  
13 Premier and the President are agreed that  
14 something should be done in all three  
15 matters, but that they are not quite in  
16 harmony on the subject of HOW. They  
17 are saying, "Yes, we know what should be  
18 done, but how are we going to do it?"

19           William Phillip Sims, the foreign  
20 editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers,  
21 gives the opinion that on disarmament,  
22 for instance, both France and the United  
23 States are eager for a cut in the  
24 military establishments of the nations.  
25 But the American idea is that the way to



1 disarm is to disarm. And that also will  
2 bring international security.

3 But the French don't believe that  
4 ~~international security~~ security will be a  
5 necessary result of disarmament. They  
6 think that national security should be  
7 established first, and then it will be  
8 time to disarm.

9 Meanwhile, a good deal of  
10 attention is being paid to Premier Laval's  
11 pretty daughter, Josee Laval. She is  
12 only 19 and seems to be thrilled by  
13 Washington, especially by the shops.  
14 She has been skipping <sup>gaily</sup> around with the  
15 daughter of the French ambassador, and  
16 ~~they seem to be having a grand time.~~  
17 *captivating everyone with her charms.*

1 Now comes ~~the~~ word about  
2 unemployment relief, and it is cabled from  
3 a country where there isn't supposed to  
4 be <sup>much</sup> ~~any kind of~~ unemployment.

5 An appropriation was approved  
6 today in Paris. It calls for the  
7 expenditure of three billion francs,  
8 approximately one hundred and twenty  
9 million dollars. It is to be spent for  
10 public improvements throughout France,  
11 roads, harbors, schools, hygiene,  
12 agriculture, and civil aviation. And  
13 one of the big ideas, says the International  
14 News Service, is that all this work  
15 will help to relieve unemployment.

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1 Things ~~xxxxxxx~~ looked pretty  
2 bright over at Geneva earlier in the day,  
3 but then they <sup>darkened a bit</sup> ~~took a slight turn for the~~  
4 ~~worse~~. The last word seems to be that  
5 Japan is blocking the proposal that  
6 Japanese troops get out of the disputed  
7 parts of Manchuria by November 16th.

8 It looked for a while as if  
9 everything might be settled. The  
10 Associated Press reports that the  
11 Japanese delegate spoke as if his country  
12 ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> ready to yield to the demand made  
13 by the League of Nations, that is, the  
14 demand that Japan must withdraw her  
15 troops by November 16th.

16 Then Dr. Sze, the Chinese  
17 delegate, announced in the name of his  
18 government that the proposal was O. K.  
19 He said it didn't accomplish all that  
20 China wanted, but nevertheless the  
21 Chinese government would accept.

22 But right after that the  
23 Japanese delegate came back to the  
24 contention which Japan has made all  
25 along. It is, says the International

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1 News Service, that before the Japanese  
2 get out the Chinese government will have  
3 to make full and complete guarantees  
4 that the Japanese residents in Manchuria  
5 will be safe and unmolested.

6 And that's the way things stood  
7 when the League Council ended its  
8 session this evening. Foreign Minister  
9 Briand of France called upon the Chinese  
10 and Japanese to reflect overnight.

11 The League Council will meet  
12 again tomorrow morning.

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F. Gregory  
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Crossword puzzles

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Tell story

1           These are active days for the Tall  
2 Story Club. It seems that local chapters  
3 of the truth-telling brotherhood are  
4 being established at various places.  
5 Take Fanwood, New Jersey, for instance.

6           The exalted Ananias there is F.  
7 Gregory Hartswick, of cross-word puzzle  
8 fame. Greg is one of the group of three  
9 who created the cross-word puzzle fad.

10           But Greg is also a tall-story  
11 teller of great talent. He <sup>has come in</sup> ~~is really the~~  
12 ~~one~~ to give a report on the organization  
13 of the Fanwood, New Jersey, Chapter of  
14 the Tall Story Club.

15           ~~Go ahead Greg.~~

16           So Exalted Ananias Hartswick —  
17 pro-ceed —

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1 Well, it was inevitable that Fanwood  
2 should have a Tall Story Club. Last  
3 Saturday night the inhabitants listened to  
4 the broadcast of the foundation of the New  
5 York Chapter. And the question immediately  
6 arose, Was Fanwood to be behind New York?  
7 The answer was, NO! NEVER! Don't  
8 Fanwoodites talk as tall as the citizenry  
9 of New York, or any other place? Yes,  
10 they do.

11 And so the Fanwood branch of the  
12 Tall Story Club was promptly formed. Let  
13 me give you an extract from the minutes  
14 of the first meeting.

15 The assembled tall-story tellers  
16 unanimously agreed that Fanwood is a  
17 great and flourishing community. In fact,  
18 Fanwoodites remind one of the Californian  
19 who went to a ~~fun~~ funeral. After the  
20 sermon the parson asked if any friends of  
21 the deceased would like to speak. There  
22 was silence for a moment, until the native  
23 son arose and said:

24 "If no one has any remarks to make  
25 about the dear departed, I'd like to say

a few words about California."

And so, the Fanwoodites, had a few words to say about Fanwood. Commissioner Sheelen told how a stranger to the town said to him the other day:

"What do you think about the depression?"

"The Commissioner thought for a moment in a puzzled way, and then said:

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book - "Tall Stories," as the exalted manual of Fanwood  
Chapter of the Tall Story Club.

1 Well, Gregg, ~~that certainly was~~  
2 ~~tall, but~~ here's one ~~that~~ the International  
3 News Service passes along which will make  
4 your Fanwood Tall Story ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
5 tellers pale with envy.

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6 This is an example of the great  
7 Chinese whopper, and it's told by Fong  
8 Sai Cook.

9 Mr. Fong is being held by the  
10 Immigration authorities in San Francisco.  
11 They are going to deport him back to  
12 China. The <sup>officials</sup> ~~immigration authorities~~ asked  
13 him to explain how he got into this  
14 country, and here's the explanation  
15 Fong Sai Cook ~~has to~~ give:

16 "I came on a big steamer", he  
17 declares. "Outside of the Golden Gate  
18 the steamer sank and went to the bottom.  
19 Everybody was drowned except me. I swam  
20 ashore with my trunk."

21 Yes, that certainly is the  
22 great Chinese whopper, but Fong Sai Cook  
23 is sticking to his story. *He's a celestial*  
24 *Ananias.*

1           And another story of Chinese trying  
2 to get into the country comes from  
3 Miami, Florida, <sup>today,</sup> Ten starving Chinamen  
4 have just been rescued from an  
5 uninhabited island off the Florida  
6 coast. The United Press describes them  
7 as hungry, thirsty, and badly bitten by  
8 swarms of mosquitos. They say they were  
9 landed off a boat on Tuesday night.  
10 They had paid from 200 to 400 dollars  
11 each to be put ashore on the United  
12 States.

① 13           They were merely ~~landed~~ <sup>put</sup> on the  
14 deserted island, and left there. The  
15 authorities gave them food and water, and  
16 tonight they are in a local jail.  
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1           And then there's another strange  
2 story of an alien in the United States.  
3 It tells of the case of Najib Saab-  
4 Aboond. The immigration authorities are  
5 trying to deport Najib as an undesirable  
6 alien. Yes, they want to send him back  
7 to his own country. But now they find  
8 that his country has gone out of  
9 existence.

10           The New York Sun explains that he  
11 comes from a part of Syria which used to  
12 be recognized as a country. But since  
13 the World War it has been under a French  
14 mandate, and the inhabitants have been  
15 given two years to register as French  
16 citizens.

17           Najib has been in the United States  
18 since 1911, and his status now is that  
19 of a man who is a citizen of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ country  
20 ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> has gone out of existence.

21           And my status now is that of a  
22 man who has run out of time — and  
23           Solong until tomorrow.  
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