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Good Evening, Everybody:

American history was ~~being~~ made today. ~~and~~ The Twentieth Amendment was added to the Constitution of the United States when the legislature of Missouri ratified. This, of course, is the amendment of Senator Norris which eliminates the ~~Lame Duck~~ Duck session of Congress and advances the date for the inauguration of ~~xxxx the new~~ presidents.

Missouri was the thirty-sixth state to add its ratification to this amendment.) As a writer on the Jersey Journal phrases it, Missouri's shot killed the ~~Lame~~ Duck. There was quite a scramble among the states to get on the band wagon. The legislatures of both Massachusetts and Nevada were ready to act today and each one of them wanted to be the thirty-sixth. But Missouri beat the other^s to it ~~by advancing the~~ ^{meeting} ~~two~~ ^{two} hours ahead of time.

The ratification will not be proclaimed until certified copies of the acts of the legislatures have been ~~deposited~~ deposited with the State Department at Washington.

BEER

The Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate reported ~~that~~ ^{on} the beer bill today with a recommendation that it be passed by the Senate. We learn from a telegram to the Newark News that the Committee ~~recommends~~ ^{urges} the legalization of not only beer, but wine of a strength of ~~3.05~~ ^{three and 5-hundredths} per cent. As many wine consumers have been observing, the provision to legalize wine of such a strength is more of a joke than anything else. As any wine grower will tell you, a wine that is only ~~3.05~~ ^{the} per cent. ~~strong~~ in the first place won't keep -- it will ~~very~~ quickly turn to vinegar. In the second place it does not fall in the category of drinkable beverages. — so my wine-drinking friends tell me.

JAPAN

~~There were~~ ^{More} significant developments in the Far Eastern situation, ~~today~~. In the first place the police of Yokohama advised Uncle Sam's Consular officials ~~there~~ to remove their wives to a place of safety. This in spite of the fact that the Japanese authorities have placed a guard around the U. S. Consulate.

We are informed by a cable to the "New York World Telegram that the strike of the Japanese employes of the Singer Sewing Machine Company which was a strictly non-political affair when it started, is now taking on a strong anti-American color.

Uncle Sam's Consular officials took the advice of the Yokohama police and removed their families to a safer place.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, the Japanese Consul asked special protection from the San Francisco Police during a proposed demonstration of Communists. The Mikado's Consul informed the American authorities that among the Communists planning this demonstration were Chinese, Negroes and Japanese.

Then there was a stirring scene in Tokio at the session

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of the Japanese parliament. The spokesman of the party opposed to the military clique that no^w controls Japan, made a bold speech in the Japanese diet today. It was the strongest criticism of Japanese policies and diplomacy that has ever~~x~~ been heard. It urged the Mikado's Cabinet to give up the notion that the Japanese Army ~~was~~^{is} almighty. It deplored the control of Japanese diplomacy by the high officers of the ~~Japanese~~ Army. The spokesman also declared that the policy pursued by ~~the~~ the Militarist clique in Manchuria was threatening the peace of the world and likely to bring on another war of all nations.

At the same time news of a more peaceful kind comes from Peiping. There it is said that the Chinese authorities are considering direct negotiations with the Japs. This is a proposition that the Chinese hitherto have resolutely declined.

This news comes on top of an early report that the Japanese invasion of the province of Reyho has had the effect of uniting all Chinese parties in a ~~determined~~ determination to

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resist any further aggression by the Mikado's troops.

Meanwhile, however, the Japs were pressing their attacks on Chinese forces in the Reyho province with more energy than ever. With cavalry and bombing planes they are extending their operations.

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Then ^{too-} the Japanese Consul General in New York

made an interesting announcement. He reports that on the one hand since the State of Manchukuo was erected, that part of the world has experienced what he describes as a boom.

Exports from Manchukuo having ^e increased forty-six per cent ~~xxxx~~ and imports into the ^{new} state have risen one hundred and nine per cent. This, however, has not in any way benefited Uncle Sam. The amount of goods he has sold in that part of the world has dropped twenty-two per cent.

LONDON

An important announcement affecting both John Bull and Uncle Sam was made today in London. From this we learn more details of the coming conference between the two governments on the debt problem. It informed the public that President-elect Roosevelt had stated that he would be glad to receive representatives of the British Government early in March. But also that Mr. Roosevelt wished it understood that the discussion "must be concurrent with and conditional upon a discussion of world economic problems and methods of improving the world situation."

As previously indicated, the probability is that Prime Minister Ramsay McDonald himself will come to Washington at the head of the British delegation.

UNION

A new combination of European nations has been suggested. Its author is no less than Professor Miklas, President of the Austrian Republic. President Miklas' idea is that all the Central European states "from the North Sea to the Adriatic, and from the Rhine to the Transylvanian Alps" should get together in an economic union.

The New York Sun points out that such a union would include Germany, Austria ~~Hungary~~ Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, and Czecho-Slovakia. In fact, you might say that it would cover the states that used to be Austria Hungary with Germany thrown in. *I wonder what France will have to say about that?*

RIOTS

The popular week-end pastime in Europe today seems to be rioting. In Berlin, for instance, three people were dead and almost fifty others were recovering from injuries after Sunday's fighting between the Hitlerites and their opponents.

Then a dispatch to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger relates that more than a hundred Irishmen are nursing cracked heads after the week-end political meetings in Dublin and elsewhere throughout the Isle of Erin.

ASTOR

News was made public today of an interesting international marriage. The bride was the former Muriel Astor, daughter of the late John Jacob Astor and sister of Vincent Astor. The bridegroom was Mr. Raimund von Hofmannsthal. ^{He} ~~The groom~~ is the son of the late ^{Hugo} ~~Hugo~~ von Hofmannsthal, the great Viennese poet and dramatist, author of the librettos of many great operas. The marriage took place Saturday in Newark, New Jersey, but they managed to keep it dark until today.

It was not the first journey to the altar for Mrs. von Hofmannsthal. In fact, ^{it} ~~she~~ was only last December that she secured a divorce from her first husband who rejoices in the imposing name of Prince ^{Sergay} Serge Obolensky Neledinsky-Meletzky.

~~Ex~~ The Prince Serge Obolensky Neledinsky-Meletzky traces his ancestry all the way back to Rurik, founder of the Russian monarchy *who had a much simpler name.*

WEDDING

Two weeks ago I happened to mention the romance between a German prince and a girl of middle class origin. Well, the wedding took place yesterday. The prince of Stolberg married the twenty year old daughter of an obscure government civil servant. The German aristocracy gave the affair the strict go-by. There was no glittering display of military uniforms at that princely wedding. The silk stocking crowd thought it was just too shocking that this prince was deliberately marrying the girl he loved instead of the Crown Princess of the Netherlands, whom all his family and friends thought he ought to marry.

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LANDLORD

~~A hard luck story~~ In the New York Evening Post tonight I found a hard luck story of ^a different kind. A few months ago everybody was talking and writing about the hardships of the poor tenant who can't pay his rent. Well the gist of the story in the Evening Post is that few people think about the hardships of the property owners who can't collect their rent. Last year in New York City alone forty-two thousand owners asked for tax reductions. This year there are no less than a hundred and fifty-five thousand who've made that appeal.

Whenever any landlord ~~and~~ [^] tenant dispute comes up there's one side which is usually sure to get the worst of it from public opinion, and you can bet it ^{'s} ~~is~~ not the tenant. As the story ^{states} ~~in the New York Evening Post points out,~~ the average landlord is not the bloated ogre and capitalist that he's represented. Most landlords are conservative men and women who have saved moderate sums of money and put it into real estate in the belief that it was the safest investment. Today, as the New York Evening Post points out, it is the landlord who's most in need of help. *Pity the poor landlords.*

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WEATHER

The weather is certainly playing some curious pranks ~~xxxxxxx~~ of its own this month. On the North Atlantic seaboard the thermometer is ^{so} high that people ~~was~~ talking about the ~~xxx~~ January heat wave. As a matter of fact, it's almost approaching a record for January.

Meanwhile, out in sunny California three people died of exposure to the cold. ^R So there's ~~plenty of~~ contrast for you.

The fog that has been hanging ~~xxx~~ like a blanket over Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, went north today as the result of which Uncle Sam's Coast Guardsmen have been exceedingly busy off the Massachusetts coast. Both men and ships are reported missing and Coast Guard cutters are searching the waters all along the New England shore.

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~~WALDORF~~

J. B. M.

Here's what sounds like a prosperity item. Maybe!

I saw it in a newspaper called Business Machines. It was handed to me by my engineering friend, E.J. Tate of Endicott, New York. Mr. Tate along with five hundred other gentlemen representing sixty-seven different countries of the world are holding ^{an International Business Machines} a convention ~~at~~ the Roof Garden, of the Waldorf-Astoria. These gentlemen from the ends of the earth are interested in precision machines, machines that do uncanny things. ¶ The item stated that the wealth of the United States totals more than three hundred billion dollars, which means more than two-thousand six-hundred dollars for every man, woman and child in the land.

¶ Dr. Karl Koch, a scientist from Berlin is among those at the J. B. M. Convention. It is his first ^{visit to} ~~time in~~ America. He says he had heard about our sky-scrapers and had expected them to be inharmonic, incongruous, ^{perhaps monstrous} but he says that to his surprise he finds them much higher than he had expected and so beautiful that they took his breath away.

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EMPLOYMENT

A paragraph from Washington, D. C., reflects a certain degree of encouragement. According to figures received by Uncle Sam's Department of Labor employment has increased in some industries, principally, the field of automotives. This also has resulted in increased demands for certain steel products.

Conditions are ^{likewise} ~~also~~ reported as fairly satisfactory in boot and shoe ^{plants} ~~factories~~, and jobs have been more numerous in certain textile mills.

OIL

A new oil field has been thrown open in the U. S. A. ~~and~~ **I**n Montana of all states. It is expected that at least a hundred new wells will be drilled and completed in the neighborhood of Cut Bank, in a state most people consider devoted principally to the production of copper and livestock.

A story in the "New York Sun estimates that more than a thousand men will get employment there in the next few months, and that two million dollars will be invested.

3 ~~xx~~ High grade oil was discovered in the Cut Bank area late last fall. It wasn't exactly news to geologists because a government expert declared thirty-four years ago there were large quantities of oil and gas in that region.

Incidentally, the Black Foot Indians have a reservation adjoining these oil fields and they expect to benefit from this development. *In other words more Heap Big Indians in high-powered cars.*

MOTOR BOAT SHOW

It seems as if I've just got to keep on talking about shows of one sort or another. The other day it was the automobile show, and now it's the motor boat show. This year's exhibition of power craft is under way at The Grand Central Palace -- going full speed ahead.

Those who have something of the Ancient Mariner streak ~~in us~~ will get a real salt breeze sensation from that nautical panorama of boats, which range all the way from Eskimo kayaks to huge palatial yachts, with all the latest gadgets and modern devices to make boats go faster and smoother.

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They are designing and building motorboats especially for children today -- pint-sized play-boats. And a curious fact I learned ~~in~~ at the show is that in the last few months world speed boat records have been set at such inland places as Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Danville, Illinois. That's a curious illustration of the way the popularity of motorboating spreads no matter what the economic condition.

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ZANESVILLE

WHAT ^{Folks in} ~~THE~~ INDUSTRIAL CIRCLES CONSIDER RATHER AN UNUSUAL CEREMONY
HAS ~~JUST~~ BEEN HELD IN ZANESVILLE, OHIO. THE GREAT PLANT OF
^{American}
THE ROLLING MILL COMPANY HAS JUST COMPLETED SEVENTEEN MONTHS
OPERATION, MORE THAN A MILLION MAN-HOURS OF WORK WITHOUT A
SINGLE LOST TIME ACCIDENT. THIS IS SAID TO BE AN ALL-TIME
RECORD IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY. AND WHAT MAKES IT MORE UNUSUAL
~~STILL~~ IS THE FACT THAT IT OCCURRED ~~AT A TIME~~ WHEN PART TIME
EMPLOYMENT HAS TENDED ^{TO} INCREASE ACCIDENTS. BRYCE
BROWNING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMS ME THAT THE
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL GAVE A SPECIAL AWARD TO THE STEEL
PLANT FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

PAWLING

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When I went home to the country for the week end, on Railroad Avenue I heard two things that interested me particularly: One was that the American Legion is circulating a large certificate worth a dollar. Each person who gets it must regard it as too hot to hold. He must endorse it and then buy something right away quick. The idea is to see how many endorsements can be put on that dollar certificate in two weeks. It seems like an excellent way to stimulate buying.

The other thing I heard was that two ladies settled a quarrel in front of a village grocery store. The trouble all started over a pinochle game. They renewed the argument on the street and one woman had ~~xx~~ her arms full of groceries. In one hand she had a sack of ripe tomatoes.

Zip - Bang - Squash. She sailed the whole sackful right into the other woman's face. *And I'll bet that gave her as much satisfaction as melding 400 in spades.*