

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 Official action was taken in
2 Washington today concerning the election
3 of Senator Bankhead, of Alabama. Senator
4 Hastings, of the Senate Election Sub-
5 Committee, formally questioned the
6 validity of the voting which sent ~~the~~ Mr.
7 ^{Bankhead} ~~Senator~~ to Washington. The matter has
8 been under investigation for some time.

9 During the Congressional election
10 last year, a lively battle was waged in
11 Alabama for the Senatorial toga. The
12 scrap was between Mr. Bankhead and
13 Alabama's old-time fire-eater, Senator Tom
14 Heflin, and ~~apparently~~ the fight was so
15 bitter that some of the boys forgot to
16 adhere strictly to the Alabama election
17 law. — at least so says the Senate sub-committee.

18 The Associated Press quotes ^{the} ~~a~~ report
19 today as stating that there was a
20 universal disregard of election laws,
21 and circumstances indicating "some
22 fraud." *Those are the words.*

23 Among the violations of the election
24 law are mentioned the failure to number
25 the ballots in ink, the breaking of seals

1 on ballot boxes, votes cast for people who
2 had been out of the state for as long as
3 ten years, and voting by people who did
4 not pay their poll taxes.

5 The investigators counted up the
6 illegal votes which they had discovered
7 and declared that after these had been
8 thrown out, the result of the election
9 was not changed. In other words, even
10 if you don't count the improper votes, why
11 Mr. Bankhead beat Senator Heflin just the
12 same.

13 It is remarked, however, that if the
14 matter were investigated still further,
15 many more illegal ballots might be
16 discovered -- enough votes, ^{possibly} ~~in fact~~, to
17 change the result of the election.

18 Furthermore, Senator Bankhead is
19 accused of having spent from 1500 to
20 2500 dollars more than the amount Alabama
21 permits candidates to hand out for
22 election expenses. The Alabama law, *we are told,*
23 disqualifies any candidate who spends
24 more than 10,000 dollars.

25 ~~The indications tonight are that~~

Some think that

1 Senator Bankhead will be seated when the
2 Senate meets next Monday. He will take
3 his place in the law-making body, and the
4 question of his election will be debated
5 at ~~some~~^a later time. On the other hand
6 there are reports that the Republicans in
7 the Senate may try to keep Mr. Bankhead
8 from taking his place.

HOUSING

The American home was the subject of extensive deliberations in Washington today. President Hoover's conference on home building and home ownership is in session.

The committee today called for the abolition of slums, and advocated a program of single family houses for cities, houses grouped around schools, churches and recreational centers. That, they say, is the solution of the housing problem in American cities.

The United Press tells how President Hoover addressed the conference last night and talked about his idea of encouraging home building by the formation of a system of home loan discount banks - that is, banks that would be specially formed to finance home building.

1 A loud call was sounded ~~at~~ today
2 ~~Chicago~~ in favor of a waterway from the
3 Great Lakes through the St. Lawrence
4 River to the ocean.

5 The Great Lakes, St. Lawrence
6 Tidewater Association held a meeting of a
7 council of states. Eight governors
8 were there and also ^{other} delegates representing
9 twenty-three states.

10 The International News Service
11 quotes the meeting as calling upon
12 Congress to make a reasonable treaty with
13 Canada as soon as possible, a treaty
14 which will provide a twenty-seven foot
15 channel by which ships may navigate
16 from the Great Lakes to the ocean. It
17 was declared that ^{this will enable} the farmers of the
18 Middle West ~~will~~ ^{to} save ten cents a bushel
19 on the transportation of grain, ~~and that~~
20 ~~this would come to~~ ^{for} a total of one hundred
21 and fifty million dollars a year.

22 And so, they ^{recommend} ~~says~~ that ~~the~~ the
23 United States and Canada ~~should~~ get
24 together as soon as possible and lay
25 plans for the ^{St. Lawrence} waterway.

1 Tonight the Mooney case out in
2 California is tangled in a bit of
3 perplexing confusion. ^{The confusion has to do with} ~~It concerns~~ Charles
4 M. Fickert, who, ^{years ago,} as prosecuting attorney
5 in San Francisco, convicted ^{Tom} Mooney of
6 the Preparedness Day bomb explosion.

7 A good deal has been made during the
8 past couple of days of the fact that in
9 all the agitation that has gone on in
10 Mooney's behalf, Prosecuting Attorney
11 Fickert stuck by his guns and did not
12 say anything in behalf of the prisoner --
13 that is, until Mayor Walker of New York
14 arrived in California several days ago to
15 plead Mooney's case. Mayor Walker
16 telegraphed to Mr. Fickert, asking for his
17 opinion, and in reply he received a
18 letter in which the former prosecutor
19 made a statement in favor of Mooney's
20 release. This has been hailed as a big
21 success for Jimmy Walker.

22 Today, however, Fickert comes out
23 with something quite different. He
24 declares that he believes Mooney is guilty,
25 and should serve his sentence. The

1 Associated Press quotes him as saying
2 that the wording of his letter to Jimmy
3 Walker was unfortunate. He explains that
4 he wrote it hastily, and that it doesn't
5 quite say what he meant to say. He
6 admits that he did ~~might~~ write the
7 following words to Mayor Walker:- "In my
8 opinion, you are probably right in
9 maintaining that it would be to the best
10 interest of the State that executive
11 clemency should be granted to Mooney."

12 He now explains that he made that
13 declaration conditional upon the opinion
14 of former-Governor Young of California.
15 What he meant to say was that if former-
16 Governor Young believed Mooney innocent,
17 why then it might be ^{best} ~~right~~ to ~~release~~
18 ~~him~~ the prisoner.

19 The former-prosecutor's statement
20 today seems to indicate that he believes
21 that Oxman, the chief witness against
22 Mooney, told the truth at the trial. His
23 former letter to Jimmy Walker, however,
24 contains this statement:- "I believe
25 that Oxman was nothing more or less than

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1 a publicity-seeking romancer."

2 There seems to be a contradiction,
3 ~~there~~, but, on the other hand, the wording
4 ~~throughout~~ is such that ~~various~~ *there is*
5 *plenty of room for misinterpretation.*
6 ~~statements might mean almost anything.~~

7 It does seem to be clear, however,
8 that former-Prosecutor Fickert is
9 reversing his statement in favor of
10 Mooney, and that still further confuses
11 that already confused case in California.

1 Reports are coming in this
2 evening - new ones are flashing across
3 the wires right now - about a revolt
4 in the Republic of San Salvador.

5 A heavy censorship has been
6 clamped down and direct news is lacking. *But*
7 Reports are coming in ~~xxxxxxx~~ by
8 round-about ways.

9 The Associated Press wires that
10 messages received in Mexico City
11 indicate that San Salvador is in a state
12 of rebellion tonight. The State
13 Department in Washington has received a
14 cable from the American Minister
15 declaring that a revolutionary movement
16 began last night.

17 Reports have ^{*across the border from*} leaked ~~out of~~ San
18 Salvador into Honduras, declaring that
19 government troops fired on mobs in the
20 city of San Salvador today, and that
21 ^{*The I. N. S. advances*} twenty people were killed. [^] The explanation
22 ~~is made~~ that the troops in two forts near
23 the capital of the country began the
24 revolt, and that civilian forces have
25 joined them.

1 Just how serious the situation
2 is cannot quite be determined. All
3 that we have are fragmentary reports
4 breaking through the heavy veil of Salvadorian
5 censorship.

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1 If you ^{would like} ~~want~~ something to look at for ^{interesting}
2 a minute or two, ^{something that will give you} ~~and derive~~ at a glance
3 more illumination than I could give ~~you~~
4 by talking for half-an-hour, ~~why~~ just
5 turn to page 5 of the new Literary Digest,
6 ~~which~~ ^{that} came out today.

7 We've been hearing about Tsitsihar,
8 and we've been hearing about Chinchow.
9 They're a couple of colorful, bizarre
10 names. But what do they mean? Of
11 course we know that they're a pair of
12 towns in Manchuria which have figured
13 importantly in the trouble between China
14 and Japan.

15 Well, on page 5 of the ^{new} Literary
16 Digest is a big map of Manchuria. It's a
17 railroad map, and that's what makes it so
18 instructive. The quarrel in Manchuria
19 chiefly concerns itself with railroads.
20 The Literary Digest map shows us vividly
21 what a puzzle it all is. There are
22 Chinese railroads, Japanese railroads,
23 and Russian railroads. Then there are
24 lines which are controlled by China but
25 were built by Japan. In these the

1 Japanese have an interest. There are
2 railroads which are owned jointly by
3 Soviet Russia and China.

4 Now these lines cross each other in
5 a tangled network of steel rails and
6 wooden ties. They also make a tangled
7 network of political interest.

8 ~~And now~~^{As} for Tsitsihar and Chinchow,
9 The Digest map shows clearly their
10 relation to the whole scheme of things.
11 Each city is on a Chinese railroad, but
12 neither is far from a line in which the
13 Japanese have an interest. One is in
14 northern ~~Manchuria~~^{central} Manchuria, the other in southern
15 ~~Manchuria~~ Manchuria, but they're both alike
16 in having the same relation to the
17 complicated railroad layout of the
18 disputed province.

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1 Another bit of illumination on the
2 subject of Manchuria comes in an
3 International News Service cable from
4 Tokyo. It tells us how much the
5 occupation of the disputed sections is
6 costing Japan. The Tokyo government
7 has made plans for a bond issue to cover
8 the expenses of the Manchurian campaign,
9 and that bond issue comes to 17½ million
10 dollars.

11 That's not such a tremendous lot as
12 war budgets go, but the Mikado and his
13 people will have to make a whole lot of
14 Manchurian profits to balance off
15 that 17½ million dollars, which ~~is~~ comes
16 to ~~more~~ 35,000,000 yen — and that's
17 a lot of yen.

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2 ~~He~~ Seymour of West Hartford, Connecticut,
3 was out in Oregon, and there he lost a
4 small trinket which he rather cherished.
5 It was a key, a Phi Beta Kappa key -- the
6 emblem of membership in the learned
7 fraternity which is restricted to
8 college students who have achieved high
9 scholastic marks. Yes, Colonel Seymour
10 lost his Phi Beta Kappa key in Oregon
11 and hasn't seen it since.

12 Recently he received a letter from
13 Shanghai, in which Doctor Frances W.
14 King of the Margaret Williamson Hospital
15 ^{told} ~~tells~~ of a curious thing. The Doctor
16 observed a ^{Chinese} coolie employed by the
17 hospital at Shanghai wearing a curious
18 ornament. It was a key, a Phi Beta Kappa
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asks the Doctor in Shanghai.

You bet the Colonel does. The Associated Press adds that the key is on its way from Shanghai to Hartford.

The interesting question is, how did that emblem of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity get shanghaied all the way from Oregon across the Pacific to China, and come into the possession of a Shanghai coolie? There's probably an odd story tucked away somewhere.

There's one for the classes in short story writing to dope out.

1 From a number of members of the Tall
2 Story Club I have received clippings of a
3 tale which seems to have been printed
4 far and wide in Pennsylvania.

5 It is sent in by Mrs. B. E. Decker,
6 of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; by Nicholas ~~B.~~
7 Allard, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; and
8 by John ~~O.~~ Armstrong, of Lancaster,
9 Pennsylvania. Sam ~~A.~~ McCoy, the editor
10 and publisher of the Moorefield Examiner
11 shoots along a clipping out of his own
12 West Virginia paper.

13 Well, the incident happened in
14 Maryland. ^{Yes, and} The United Press nominates Roy
15 Perviance of Hagerstown, ^{md.} for the
16 Presidency of the Tall Story Club. Roy
17 lost his hunting license, and here's the
18 way he explained it. It's a trifle
19 humiliating for Roy, but it certainly is
20 a proud thing for the squirrel.

21 Roy was out hunting. He was a bit
22 tired and lay down to sleep under a tree.

23 "When I awoke," he relates, "my
24 attention was attracted by a noise in the
25 ~~tree~~ ^{branches} above, and upon looking up, I saw a

1 squirrel trying to pull something ^{over the} ~~over the~~
2 entrance to ^{its} a hole. ~~In the tree.~~ It was
3 my own hunting license. The squirrel had
4 stolen it out of my coat pocket. It
5 looked as if he were trying to fasten it
6 over the hole, presumably as a house
7 number."

8 Pretty soon the squirrel became
9 frightened and disappeared ~~in the hole,~~
10 with Roy's hunting license and all.

11 Well, as Exalted Giraffe of the Tall
12 Story Club, ^{I second the motion made by the United Press.} ~~hereby elevate Roy to the~~
13 ~~rank of Exalted Anantas.~~

1 Now where's my hat. Of course,
2 it's about time for me to be ~~xxx~~ ^{on my way} going,
3 but this next bit of news also inspires
4 me to look over in the general direction
5 of my hat.

6 It is an Associated Press wire
7 from Washington which tells how
8 Congressman Vincent Carter of ~~W~~ Wyoming
9 went to a rummage sale. He dropped in
10 merely out of curiosity and watched a
11 large crowd of women buy odds and ends
12 of this and that. It was for the
13 benefit of a hospital at Ketchikan,
14 Alaska.

15 You know how people donate
16 articles for which they have no further
17 use, to a charitable cause, ~~at~~ ^{when} a rummage
18 sale ~~was~~ held. Well, Congressman
19 Carter is a courteous statesman and when
20 he found himself in the gathering of
21 ladies he took off his hat and kept it
22 off. In fact, he placed it on a counter,
23 and then walked around to see what was
24 happening. When he came back he asked:
25 "Where's my hat?" But the hat had

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1 disappeared.

2 In less than no time the
3 Congressional headpiece had been snatched
4 ~~off~~^{up} by an enthusiastic auctioneer and
5 auctioned off among the other odds and
6 ends. It was a good hat. I suppose
7 it was a new hat, and it fetched a
8 few sheckles for the benefit of the
9 hospital in Alaska.

10 The Congressman, after he had
11 discovered the melancholy fact, was
12 somewhat distressed. But what could he
13 do? The hat and its purchaser had
14 disappeared.

15 He looked around ~~xxxx~~ in the
16 ~~ab~~orted rummage hoping he might be able
17 to purchase a substitute headpiece. All
18 ~~xx~~ that they had for sale was a high
19 silk topper of ancient vintage. It
20 was offered cheap, but the Congressman
21 felt he would look altogether too much
22 like Daniel Webster if he walked down
23 the street in that exalted plug hat. So

24 He went home ^{a sadder but wiser legislator.} bare-headed, and the next
25 time ^{the gentleman from Wyoming} ~~he~~ goes to rummage sales he's going

to keep his hat on, ladies or no ladies.

After which I'll echo the Congressman's plaintive
question - where's my hat - and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.