

Good Evening, Everybody:-

Over in London two interesting people had a meeting today. And by the way, ^A man has been discovered who ^{didn't} ~~doesn't~~ know who Charlie Chaplin ^{was} ~~is~~. The man is Mahatma Gandhi.

Charlie said he'd like to meet the little Holy Man from India. The word was passed along to Gandhi.

"And who is Charlie Chaplin?" asked the Mahatma in a mild mystified way.

When told that Charlie Chaplin was the clown who ^{Oh, yes,} made all the world laugh, why Gandhi said: "Yes, ^{I'd} ~~he'd~~ like to meet ~~Charlie~~ ^{him}."

And so, ~~as the International News Service relates,~~ the Holy Man and the Clown had a chat today ~~in a house~~ over in London.

^{says the Assoc. Press,} They met ⁱⁿ a house deep in London's East End, an area of tenements ~~houses~~ and poor people, and all the children ⁱⁿ the neighborhood knew about it. Were they interested? I'll say they were. The meeting of Charlie Chaplin, who wears the funny baggy pants, with the little ~~man~~

1 brown Mahatma, who wears no pants at all
2 -- why that made the kids come swarming
3 for blocks and blocks along those dingy
4 streets. They pushed and crowded for a
5 glimpse of Charlie Chaplin. There was
6 almost a stampede when Charlie drove up.
7 Four children were hurt.

8 Well, what did Charlie say to the
9 Mahatma, and what did the Mahatma say to
10 Charlie? There are millions of people in
11 the world who will be interested in that.

12 *Well, the Int. News Service tells us.*
Charlie told Gandhi that he wanted
13 to ask him a question. He said he never
14 could understand Gandhi's viewpoint about
15 abolishing machinery and going back to
16 hand production. He knew that Gandhi
17 had the interests of the millions of
18 India at heart, but why did he want to
19 deny them the blessings of our machine
20 civilization? Machinery was saving
21 mankind untold labor, and wasn't
22 machinery to be used to give leisure and
23 happiness to the millions of struggling
24 human beings?

25 Gandhi replied that machinery was

1 depriving the immense masses of India of
2 the most precious thing of all --
3 employment. He pointed out that a
4 couple of villages of Lanc^{ashire}~~ashire~~
5 could manufacture enough cotton goods^s for
6 all of India, and what was that doing
7 except depriving millions of Hindus of
8 employment? The point that Gandhi made
9 was that what the masses need is not
10 leisure, but employment.

11 And right there a halt was called,
12 because the Mahatma remembered that it
13 was time for him to say his prayers. He
14 asked Charlie to wait a moment, and then
15 the little Holy Man from the East bent
16 his head for a minute and prayed
17 silently, according to the ancient custom
18 of the Hindus. The world's favorite
19 clown sat watching, silently.

20 Well, that was the meeting between
21 the funny little fellow with the funny
22 hat, funny mustache and funny pants, and
23 the little brown man in the loin cloth.
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1 Things were comparatively quiet
2 today in the New York Stock Exchange.
3 The market slumped a bit at first and
4 then came back. There were no startling
5 fluctuations, just a quiet drop of prices
6 and a rise in values just as quiet.

7 In London things were quiet too.
8 The British are facing their financial
9 difficulties with a stolid calm. The
10 Associated Press announced that the
11 London Stock Exchange will reopen
12 tomorrow.

13 The British government is
14 talking about calling a world conference
15 to discuss the gold situation. The
16 proposition is to have the representatives
17 of the governments and also of the principal
18 banks of the world ^{come together. The idea is to} ~~to gather and~~ see what
19 ~~can be done to distribute gold among the~~
20 ~~nations in such fashion as to prevent~~
21 ~~disastrous panics.~~ The United Press
22 declares that the idea would be to
23 redistribute gold as a means of untangling
24 the financial and economic situation
25 which confronts the world.

1 And by the way, that mutiny in the
2 British Navy was finally liquidated
3 today. The question of how much
4 the sailors' pay is to be cut was
5 settled. It was announced in London
6 that the reduction of pay in both the
7 Navy and the Army would be ^{only} 10 per cent.

8 Italy appears ~~prominently~~ in the
9 financial news this evening. There
10 have been rumors that Mussolini's
11 government would follow England's
12 lead and would also abandon the gold
13 standard. But this is denied. The
14 International News Service quotes
15 ~~Mussolini's government~~ ^{Rome} as announcing
16 authoritatively that Italy would not
17 abandon ~~xxx~~ the gold standard, but would
18 absolutely guarantee the present value
19 of the lire at its present rate of
20 ~~xxx~~ 19.05 to the dollar.

1 There are signs of peace in that
2 ugly ^{outbreak} ~~trouble~~ between China and Japan.
3 The Japanese ~~xxxxxx~~ government announced
4 today that it was ~~xxx~~ willing to have a
5 mixed commission of Chinese and Japanese
6 get together and work out a settlement
7 of the dispute that has led to war and
8 blood-shed in Manchuria.

9 The Associated Press explains that
10 the idea originated with T. V. Soong,
11 the Chinese Minister of Finance. He
12 proposed that both China and Japan should
13 allow their difficulties to be arbitrated
14 by a commission. And now Japan has come
15 back with a snappy O.K., saying, "All
16 right, let's leave it to an impartial
17 commission to decide who's right."

18 Well, one good thing at least has
19 resulted from that war-like movement of
20 Japan in seizing the city of Mukden and
21 starting a young war in Manchuria. A
22 proclamation was issued in China today.
23 A proclamation of peace. Canton has a
24 ~~xxx~~ government of its own which has been
25 fighting with the Nationalist government

at Nanking -- just a bit of Chinese civil war. But what civil war has been declared off. The revolutionary authorities at Canton have announced that peace will be made right away with the Nanking government so that China in its present trouble with Japan can face the enemy united and with everybody pulling in the same direction.

The Proclamation by the Canton authorities declared that the Cantonese have been informed by General Chang-kai-Shek that he was going to resign. The revolutionary government at Canton has been fighting especially against Chang-kai-Shek.

At Geneva today China made a formal appeal to the League of Nations to step in and demand that Japan withdraw ~~for~~ her troops from Chinese territory, and the League this afternoon formerly called upon China and Japan to stop their row.

Meanwhile, in Manchuria the Japanese are in full control, although a bit of fighting is still going on. The United Press reports that Japanese troops supported by bombing planes have

1 ■ occupied the large Manchurian town of
2 Kirin, which is in the northwestern part
3 of the province. Reports of fighting
4 come from various sections, with
5 Japanese aviators attacking and
6 scattering Chinese troops.

7 However, the situation seems to
8 be simmering down to a point where
9 negotiations will be the next step --
10 probably very talkative, long drawn-out
11 negotiations.

12 And just as a starter Marshall
13 Chang, the military governor of
14 Manchuria, threw a dinner party for the
15 local ~~Japanese~~ Japanese diplomatic representative.
16 And things were talked over with
17 much waving of chop sticks.
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1 In Texas today Governor Sterling
2 signed the Cotton Bill, the measure
3 according to which the cotton crop will
4 be cut down next year. The bill provides
5 that the acreage to be planted in cotton
6 in Texas in 1932 shall be 30 per cent
7 less than the acreage planted this year.
8 In that way, comments the International
9 News Service, they expect to peg-up the
10 price of cotton a notch or two.

1 Well, the American Legion had
2 its big ^{parade} ~~day~~ today, That is, it was
3 the biggest day of the present
4 convention, at least so far as Detroit
5 is concerned.

6 ~~The~~ big parade ^{went off with a bang.} ~~was held.~~ The
7 Legionnaires mustered their forces and
8 marched through the streets of Detroit
9 with a brave show of strength. There
10 were scores of bands and spectacular
11 floats. The United Press describes
12 the huge crowd that jammed the streets
13 watching the Legionnaires march by.

BLOODHOUNDS

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1 This next dispatch has a somewhat
2 terrifying sound. It tells of
3 bloodhounds chasing thirteen boys in
4 Oklahoma.

5 They had a prison break in the
6 Oklahoma reformatory. Thirteen boys
7 and young men made a getaway. They
8 captured three prison employes whom
9 they took away with them. With their
10 prisoners they made their way into the
11 foothills of the Wichita mountains.
12 There they released the three prison
13 employes^e unharmed.

14 And so, as the United Press
15 relates, the bloodhounds were put on
16 the trail. The dogs, accompanied by
17 prison guards and police, went sniffing
18 along through the hilly country,
19 tracking down those thirteen youths
20 who escaped from the Reformatory.

TALL STORY

Well, the marvel to me, Major, is how under the sun you managed to park that bus of yours on the icy top of Mount Blanc. It sounds almost like a tall story. It isn't. But here is a Tall Story.

Great snakes! Yes, that's the right exclamation to start with. The Tall Story Slub has instructed me to announce the election of a new officer. He is Harry L. Flournoy of the Charleston Gazette of Charleston, West Virginia. And Harry is hereby appointed Curator of Reptile-ology, or in other words, the Exalted Snake Doctor of the Tall Story Club.

Harry conducts a column called "Stuff from the Sticks" in the Charleston Gazette, and he specializes in snake stories -- very tall.

For example, he tells how Long Kelly of Standing Rock, West Virginia, saw a snake swallow a hen's egg. And then what happened was interesting. The egg, which was pretty far along, proceeded to hatch inside the snake. The chick, finding itself in the dark, thought it was still inside the egg-shell and that the right thing to do was to peck its way out. The chick pecked its way right out of the snake's side, and old Mr. Snake

1 had to swallow the chick all over again.

2 And then Harry Flournoy quotes
3 Lushmore Lucas on the subject of that
4 old Southern question -- can a rattlesnake
5 snake lick a razorback hog. The story
6 tells of a tremendous fight between a
7 rattler and a razorback. The ~~razorback~~
8 razorback was getting the worst of it and
9 started to run. The rattler chased old
10 Mr. Hog for 8 miles, and then the razor-
11 back climbed a tree. The rattlesnake
12 thereupon knocked the razorback out of the
13 tree with a rock.

14 The new Curator of Reptile-ology
15 of the Tall Story Club tells us that it
16 was a remarkable sight to see that
17 rattler pick up the rock, ^{take a long wind up,} and heave ^{the rock} ~~it~~ at
18 the razorback ^{in the tree.}

19 Yes, I think the elevated brothers
20 are quite right in electing Harry
21 Flournoy to the lofty post of Exalted
22 Snake Doctor.

1 Let's see. Here's a bit of news
2 about two chaps that got into an
3 argument ~~about~~^{over} religion. Yes, they
4 argued religion hot and heavy. The
5 United Press tells us the result. One
6 fellow lost an ear. His name is Ahmed
7 Hassas. His left ear was knocked off,
8 cut off, or bitten off, whatever it was,
9 by Nasser Maki. I don't know just what
10 theological point they were debating,
11 but I suppose it was some intricate
12 problem of the Mohammedan faith, such
13 as whether Burak, the horse on which
14 the Prophet ^{Mohammed} rode to Paradise, was black
15 or white.

16 Well, where did this hot and
17 heavy argument about religion take place?
18 In Arabia? No, it took place in Canton.
19 No, not Canton, China. It was in Canton,
20 Ohio. Meaning that two wandering
21 followers of the prophet happened to
22 stray somehow into the wide spaces of the
23 Middlewest and there they staged a battle
24 because of some ancient point of religion
25 that agitates the wide eastern world of
Islam. And tonight one of them, Haji Nasser Maki,
of Mecca and points East is in an Ohio hoosegow.

GOLF

Here's a unique golfing incident, a most peculiar hole-in-one. It was accomplished by Aaron Pride, of Westbrook, Maine.

The United Press comments that Mr. Pride points with pride. He made a midiron shot. Straight ahead was George Allen. No, George wasn't beamed or anything like that. The golf ball landed in a pocket of his knickers. It hit square at the opening of the pocket and went on in. How's that for a hole-in-one.

1 Next comes ^{the} a story of Mrs.
2 Stieglitz and the elevator. Mrs.
3 Stieglitz recently moved into a new
4 apartment in Brooklyn, and there she took
5 ~~her~~^a friend ~~with her~~ to see how fine
6 everything was. Mrs. Steieglitz was
7 especially proud of the elevator.

8 It was one of those automatic
9 contraptions. You get in and push a
10 button and it takes you to the right
11 floor. However, it DIDN'T take Mrs.
12 Stieglitz to the right floor, or rather
13 I should say it DID take her to the right
14 floor.

15 Anyway, the New York World-
16 Tele gram relates how Mrs. Stieglitz
17 proudly ushered her friend into the
18 elevator and then pushed the button for
19 her apartment. The elevator went up and
20 stoppe d at the wrong floor. Mrs.
21 Stieglitz pushed the button again and
22 the elevator went to another floor, which
23 was still ^{the} wrong one. Mrs. Stieglitz
24 was a bit annoyed now and she began
25 pushing some more buttons. The elevator

1 went up and then it went down.
2 Bewildered and frantic Mrs. Stieglitz
3 just kept on pushing buttons and the
4 elevator kept on going up and down.
5 Mrs. Stieglitz was screaming now, and
6 so was her friend. But she still kept
7 on playing a tune on those buttons.

8 Finally Mrs. Stieglitz must have
9 run out of buttons---because the
10 elevator stopped. It stopped at the
11 right floor.

12 I suppose the moral of the story
13 is---don't try to play the piano on
14 those push-buttons you find in an
15 automatic elevator.

16 That's got me kinda nervous,
17 but luckily I'm on the main floor
18 here at the radio show and won't
19 have to take the elevator. I think
20 I'll duck out of this glass enclosure
21 and join the folks on the floor and
22 take a look at this ever-changing
23 magic of radio. Meanwhile, so long,
24 until tomorrow.
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