

WEDDING

There was a real front page wedding today. The groom bears a name <sup>that is almost</sup> which as I found out in my travels, ~~is~~ as well known in <sup>Singapore</sup> ~~England~~ and <sup>Zanzibar</sup> ~~Tibet~~ as in London and New York City - the name of Rockefeller. In short, it was the marriage of John D., <sup>John D.</sup> ~~Rockefeller~~ the third, to <sup>Miss</sup> ~~Miss~~ Blanchett ~~Forry~~ Hooker. They were married at the Riverside Church, ~~in New York City, the church~~ popularly known as the Rockefeller church. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Harry Emerson Fosdick, who, owing to his long service as pastor of the <sup>oil king's</sup> favorite church ~~of the oil king,~~ has become one of the best known of all Protestant clergymen.

It was not a spectacular wedding. The groom's father, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is <sup>exceedingly</sup> notoriously reserved in his tastes, <sup>he dislikes</sup> ~~and averse to~~ sensationalism and spectacular display. Nevertheless, <sup>nearly</sup> all the world will <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ interested <sup>in that bride</sup> ~~to hear about~~ ~~this wedding and groom.~~

ARMISTICE

*Not that there's any similarity in marriage and war, but doesn't it seem*

~~Yes, it's~~ a long, long time since the World War ended -- November 11, fourteen years ago? *It does to me.*

~~and~~ Here's an item that emphasizes how long ago it was. General von Klück received a cable at his home in Berlin today. That cable came from high army and navy officers and outstanding personalities in American political life. It was a cable of good will. It was signed by some of Uncle Sam's generals and admirals, United States senators, and others. One sentence in the cable reads:

"American veterans look back through the years with respect for their foemen. We salute you and Field Marshall von Hindenburg, and all your comrades."

Of course similar messages have been exchanged by the various service organizations of the Allied nations. But the one I've quoted emphasizes how far we are from the war.

ADD ARMISTICE

Washington reporters are commenting on one vital point in connection with Armistice Day. After fourteen years of so-called peace, the costs of the World War are still unpaid. The amount of debts incurred through the conflict stands today at <sup>hold your breath:</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>^</sup> hundred billions. The New York World Telegram emphasized <sup>s</sup> ~~^~~ this figure. Three hundred billions!

The World Telegram also points out that the nations of the world are spending more today on their armies and navies than they were before the great war. The world's armament bills <sup>now</sup> ~~today~~ <sup>^</sup> amount to five and a half billions a year. In 1913 they were only spending the comparatively mild sum of two ~~and~~ three-quarter billions.

That seems to be the upshot of what four years of World War have taught us.

## DEBTS

Political observers have been predicting for sometime that Europe is going to make a concerted drive on Uncle Sam to scale down those debts. Well, here it is. The prophecy has come true. First John Bull and then France. John Bull told his hard luck story yesterday, and notified both France and Italy what he was doing. Thereupon the French government announced officially that it too would ask the United States to reconsider the entire debt question.

There are two sides to these European debts. The observers divide them into political and commercial debts. The political debts, of course, being the moneys that foreign government<sup>s</sup> owe to the United States government. The commercial debts ~~x~~ on the other hand, are those which the foreign countries owe to banks and private investors in America.

When the last <sup>U. S.</sup> ~~United States~~ budget was made<sup>up</sup> the Treasury counted on receiving a certain amount of money from European government<sup>s</sup> by December 15th. The outlook according to

today's news is that the chances for Uncle Sam's receiving any of those instalment payments are less than slim.

Clinton Gilbert wires the Philadelphia Ledger from Washington that the most probable immediate solution of this terrific debt question will be a moratorium until Mr. Roosevelt takes office in March. Gilbert points out that whatever is done will have to accord with the ideas of the President-elect. He says further that Mr. Roosevelt's attitude towards the debts was not made very clear during the campaign, although he did declare against cancellation.

The amount due to Uncle Sam from France and Great Britain on December 15th is one hundred and twenty-three millions.

CUBA

The casualty list from that Caribbean hurricane which tore over a part of Cuba is growing every day. According to latest rumors <sup>tonight</sup> the number of dead may reach ~~to~~ the neighborhood of two thousand.

~~According to~~ <sup>states that</sup> The New York Sun the Province of Camaguey was swept by the most devastating gale in the history of the

island. ~~The New York Times~~ <sup>Another</sup> reports <sup>has it</sup> that a column of water twenty feet high tore into the city of Santa Cruz del Sur.

<sup>An unknown</sup> <sup>people were</sup> ~~The~~ number of injured. ~~is even higher~~ Innumerable houses were destroyed, ~~and~~ <sup>Cubans</sup> Thousands of ~~people~~ today are without homes.

IRELAND



The Irish Free State is facing a farm bankruptcy.

~~So says a dispatch from London to the Philadelphia Public Ledger~~ Tomorrow John Bull <sup>attempting to apply his</sup> ~~puts into effect~~ new tariff rates on all imports from Ireland into Great Britain. The rate on live stock has been doubled and that on dairy products has also been <sup>in</sup> ~~de~~creased. The British government announced that still higher duties will be levied on other Irish goods.

The farmers, <sup>of Ireland</sup> ~~of course~~, are the principal sufferers by this tariff war.

PRINCE

<sup>still</sup> There's a great <sup>going on</sup> to do in Northern Ireland over

the Prince of Wales. The new Parliament buildings are

to be opened shortly in Belfast, ~~which is the~~ capital

<sup>the</sup> of Northern Ireland. <sup>The plan had been for</sup> ~~it is proposed that~~ the Prince <sup>to</sup> ~~should~~

preside at the opening ceremonies.

But the suggestion ~~was~~ aroused furious protests

<sup>and daily these protests are growing more furious,</sup> among the Irish. The Nationalists throughout Ireland ~~are~~

<sup>are busy</sup> ~~are~~ agitating <sup>the</sup> against the coming of the British Crown

Prince to Erin. <sup>More</sup> ~~meetings~~ <sup>meetings</sup> ~~are being~~ <sup>are being</sup> ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup> all over the

~~land~~ in Ireland today.



Julian  
Duguid.

Nov. 11, 1932.

EXTRACT FROM RADIO TALK - NOVEMBER 11, 1932 - NEW YORK

MR. LOWELL THOMAS; now will you tell us something of this big cat which your friend Tiger-Man hunts with spear and bow and arrow?

MR. JULIAN DUGUID: Certainly, Mr. Thomas. The jaguar, or tiger, as we call it in South America, is a very much larger and fiercer animal than we realize in civilization. In the Xarayes Marshes, the exact geographical center of South America, the tiger weighs 300 to 350 pounds; the size of a medium Bengal tiger or African lion. Lately we took a *skull* to Rowland Ward, the great English taxidermist, and he was quite frankly amazed. No zoo in the world, even in Brazil, has any jaguar bigger than a good leopard. Sometime we hope to bring back a worthy specimen alive.

Now as to the danger of killing it with a spear. Tiger-Man's experience has shown that 7 out of 10 spring upwards when they charge, landing on the man from above; 3 run in and bite the ankles like a dog. So a spearman, whose weapon is seven feet long with a foot of sharp steel on the tip, has only those few yards in which to make up his mind. So far Tiger-Man has guessed correctly. It is my earnest hope that he will continue to do so.

WALKER

No matter how sincerely ex-mayor Jimmie Walker

of New York tries to avoid the limelight, it still beats

on him <sup>furiously.</sup> On the front pages of the <sup>morning</sup> ~~morning~~ newspapers <sup>today</sup> we

read that, without any announcement at all, he had sailed

on the Conte Grande of the Italian Line on his way to pay

a visit to the Maharajah of Mysore, one of the ~~great and~~

fabulously wealthy of the ~~still~~ independent princes of India.

(8) I have been in the Maharajah's state a number of times. <sup>And</sup> It is one of the largest and most advanced in Hindustan. It is tropical India, just north of the Equator — a region of jungles, backwaters and lagoons of the Malabar Coast, and some of the most ~~and~~ splendid palaces in all Asia. Riding in golden howdahs on ~~pony~~ <sup>pony</sup> ~~back~~ <sup>back</sup> elephants Jimmie ought to have one ~~of the~~ <sup>of the</sup> magnificent time.

~~The Honorable Jimmie we heard was definitely and~~

At any rate we heard recently that he Jimmie had conclusively <sup>retired to</sup> private life. The announcement was that after

his extended visit to the Maharajah <sup>of Mysore</sup> whom he had entertained

in New York during his reign as chief magistrate of the city -

after that visit Mr. Walker would reside permanently in

Paris. An unofficial surmise accompanied the announcement

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that he probably would be the Paris representative of several American film interests. At any rate, Jimmie is out of politics and apparently wanted no publicity.

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But sometimes, as some people <sup>have</sup> found to their cost and others to their advantage, the surest way of getting publicity on the North American continent, is to try to avoid it. The minute the newspapers discovered Jimmie was sailing on the Conte Grande, a corps of correspondents was dispatched to report his movements, his diet, his exercise, and last but not least - oh very far from least - his costumes, - *and - his companions.* So far the boys seem to have been out of luck. Jimmie has kept in seclusion aboard the Italian liner, and all the efforts to discover what he is eating, what he is wearing, what he is reading, <sup>^</sup> *and whom he is talking to,* <sup>^</sup> if any, have been of no avail.

Whatever happens, we ~~wish~~ shall miss Jimmie Walker in America. I say advisedly America because I observe that my newspaper colleagues in Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa,

LEAD FOOTBALL

Of all the exciting football games on tomorrow's schedule, I suppose none will arouse more sentimental interest than the ~~big~~ battle down in Tiger Town. As John Kieran of the New York Times puts it: "Eli Yale has been pushing the Princetonians all over the gridiron in recent years." But the Tiger thinks he can take a fall out of the Bulldog this season. *Tomorrow will tell the tale and for a change they say the Princeton Stadium is about sold out.* Then there is that Colgate-Syracuse pigskin debate for

upstate New York supremacy. Colgate has not been scored upon this whole season. The Columbia-Brown game ought to be a corker. <sup>TP</sup> Holy Cross goes into its ~~game~~ <sup>tussle</sup> with Harvard minus the guiding genius of a chief coach. It will be interesting to see what difference that makes. <sup>TP</sup> Folks in the South say the ~~big~~ gridiron tournament of the day will be the one between Tennessee and Vanderbilt. <sup>TP</sup> ~~It~~ <sup>but</sup> seems to me ~~tomorrow's~~ <sup>tomorrow's</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> toughest battle ~~of the day~~ will be the encounter between the football giants of Pittsburgh and Nebraska.

FOOTBALL

Terry McGowan of Long Island jokingly writes me that he thinks the widely-heralded fighting football team from St. Mary's, California should not be called "The Gaels." He calls attention to the fact that the St. Mary's team is made up largely of chaps whose names are Vivaldi, Brovelli, Canrinus, Nichelini, Steponvich, and so on. And for the same reason he wants to know why the lads from Notre Dame are called the "Fighting Irish." Well, perhaps some of ~~you~~ you folks can tell him.

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I THINK WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE THE PRIZE TONIGHT  
TO A LAWYER IN MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS -- I MEAN TONIGHT'S  
COPY OF THE BOOK TALL STORIES.

MR. A. L. CAMPBELL OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS, WRITES,

" I HAVE A HOUND DOG. A NO-ACCOUNT HOUND DOG, JUST A LAZY  
WORTHLESS BUM. HE GOT SO DIRTY AND HAD SO MANY FLEAS THAT  
I DECIDED TO GIVE HIM A BATH IN GASOLINE. WHEN I DIPPED

HIM IN BLUE SUNOCO IT FILLED HIM SO FULL OF PEP

~~THAT~~ *He licked*

*all the neighborhood dogs and that*  
NIGHT HE TREED NINE COONS. <sup>^</sup>

ROOSEVELT

When a man becomes president-elect of the United States, the slightest departure from his routine becomes a matter of news. For instance, on the front page of the New York papers tonight was the information that Governor Roosevelt is in bed with a slight cold. It was announced at the same time that there is nothing serious about it. Mrs. Roosevelt said to the reporters:- "I'm going to make Franklin stay in bed all day. He's been on the go for a long time, and I believe he deserves a rest without interruption." And from that it looks as though the next big chief of the U. S.A. has a big chief over him -- from time to time.

As for Mr. Hoover, his friends say he's looking happier and better than he has for a long time.



PRESIDENTS

Washington business men are ~~very~~ anxious that the inauguration of the president next year be celebrated with old time pomp and ceremony. The Washington Advertising Club has telegraphed Mr. Roosevelt to that effect.

Washingtonians ~~today~~ are recalling the <sup>social</sup> customs of various presidents. <sup>For instance</sup> Theatrical people are wondering how much a patron of the arts the new president will be. Theodore Roosevelt ~~it seems always~~ attended the theatre with a flourish and was proud of never delaying the rise of the curtain. Woodrow Wilson was ~~always~~ <sup>ed</sup> imagining he could slip quietly into his box without attracting the audience's attention with the result that he frequently stopped the show in the middle of the performance.

*So what will the President-Elect*  
~~And by the way, this is the end of my~~

*do?*  
~~performance, so I'll have to say so long until tomorrow.~~

AIRPLANE

By the way, ~~there is~~ One of the most remarkable air-planes ever built ~~in America~~ being exhibited ~~over~~ at Holmes' Airport in connection with the <sup>air Show of the</sup> Big Sisters of Queens, <sup>Long Island.</sup> ~~air show~~

~~tomorrow and Sunday.~~ <sup>It's a</sup> This Bellanca monoplane is more than seven years old. <sup>And it made history. It's</sup> ~~It is~~ the same ship that Colonel Lindbergh tried

to purchase for his flight to Paris, and was later flown ~~by~~ <sup>to Germany</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>In fact</sup> Colonel Clarence Chamberlain. ~~to Germany.~~ It has made two

trans-Atlantic flights, <sup>and</sup> holds a number of other world's distance and endurance records, <sup>What is more it is said to</sup> containing the original motor, ~~and records~~ <sup>seven years old.</sup>

~~With~~ <sup>With all the service it has given it is</sup> now ready to make a world mystery flight ~~with~~ <sup>at</sup> Captain Erroll Boyd, ~~at~~ <sup>the controls.</sup> Incidentally a <sup>museum</sup> in Philadelphia has offered \$20,000 for that ship.

~~Just~~ Imagine that! The identical motor in which Clarence Chamberlain made that flight to Germany. ~~Incidentally~~ <sup>The</sup> big day of the meet at Holmes Airport will be Sunday, ~~Not only~~ Colonel Chamberlain ~~and Major Brooks~~ will be there, <sup>Lon</sup> ~~but Lewis~~ Yancy in his autogyro, <sup>2.</sup> Roger Williams, Ruth Nichols, and ~~xxx~~ a whole host of other top notch pilots.

ARMISTICE

And here's another Armistice Day story.

A hundred and twenty-five penniless veterans of the World War held their own Armistice Day service on the banks of the Hudson River this morning. They were all in rags. One man had a battered, dented bugle. Another in the party lowered a torn American flag, while the sound of taps came from that old bugle. There were no speeches. But for one minute the veterans, now down and out, stood in silence. Then they went about their day's work of gathering driftwood, and others returned to their huts, and to their stoves made out of old tin cans. All had papers showing their honorable discharge from the army.

That's one side of the Armistice Day celebration. <sup>now</sup>

is another: Tonight in nearly every great ballroom in America, from the gorgeous gold room of the Waldorf in New York, to the St. Francis in San Francisco, more fortunate veterans of the World War will dance with their ladies, ~~and~~ swap stories of the old days (although they don't do much of that), and at midnight salute the colors.

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SAILORS ARMISTICE

Did you know that Indianapolis is the largest city in the world not located on navigable water? <sup>Altho</sup> One of my great grandfathers lived <sup>there</sup> ~~in Indianapolis~~ before <sup>Indianapolis</sup> ~~there was~~ <sup>was born,</sup> ~~such a place,~~ and I didn't know it. The information has just reached me in connection with an announcement to the effect that the first <sup>World War</sup> reunion of Naval <sup>ever</sup> Veterans <sup>to</sup> be held ~~since the World War~~ is now under way in Indianapolis. Ex-sailors from all parts of the country have arrived ~~in Indianapolis~~ on their land legs, not their sea legs. The news dispatch states that many other organizations are <sup>represented there,</sup> ~~mentioned~~ such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

And now on my land legs, not my sea legs, I'm going to hop it for Youngstown, Ohio, where I have a little date tomorrow. So, along until Monday.