

1 Good Evening Everybody:

2 Let's start off with today's most
3 important bit of news. [President Hoover
4 has just given out word that an agreement
5 has finally been reached between the
6 United States and France on the subject of
7 the Hoover Plan. The President says it's
8 an agreement in principle. The salient
9 fact is that Germany will be required to
10 pay some money. But this money will be
11 immediately loaned right back to Germany.
12 The morning papers, tomorrow, will be full
13 of the details.

14 And here is another important bit
15 of news: It comes from Russia, and it
16 tells of a change of front on the part of
17 Stalin, the Red dictator. The United
18 Press calls it a new era in the Soviet
19 government's basic social attitude.

20 Stalin made a speech before the
21 economic leaders of Russia on June 27th.
22 That's ten days ago. But the news of
23 this remarkable address has been kept back
24 until now. Just why is not made clear.

24 At any rate, the Red dictator
25 addressed his fellow Bolshevik leaders
and had some savage things to say about
the way things were being run

1 in Russia by means of endless discussions
 2 and an endless writing of papers and
 3 reports, *with all kinds of elaborate committees,*
 4 *talkin' & talkin' and talkin' - endless red tape.*
 5 "We cannot govern this way any
 6 longer, comrades", Stalin
 7 declared, and he demanded that the boys
 8 on the committees who do the discussing
 9 and write the papers, should cut it
 out and go back to work.

10 But the most vital part of the
 11 proclamation by the Red dictator
 12 deals with the subject of wages. ~~Now~~
 13 *Wages and money and such things are not*
 14 *supposed to flourish in a socialist*
 15 *state, but Russia has not been able to*
 16 *get along without them. Wages, however,*
 17 *have been equal. Every man has been*
 18 *paid the same, with the exception of*
 19 *foreign experts, and so on. ~~but~~ Stalin*
 20 *declares that this ~~too~~ has to be changed.*
 21 *He says the Soviets will have to get*
 22 *away from the idea of paying^a man*
 23 *according to what he needs instead of*
 24 *what he earns. And he wants to*
 25 *inaugurate a new system of paying*

1 skilled workers more than common labor.
2 He wants to develop what he calls a new
3 intelligentsia, that is, a class of
4 technicians and engineers who will get
5 more pay than ordinary labor. Stalin
6 declared ~~x~~ that the idea of equal pay
7 for everybody is ~~xxxx~~ ridiculous and
8 Utopian.

9 This is regarded as an
10 abandonment of the policy of the iron
11 fist, and of using the iron fist to
12 put socialist doctrines through at any
13 cost. And there was one other
14 exceedingly important item which points
15 to the abandonment of the iron fist.

16 The Red dictator made
17 proposals to go easy on non-Bolshevik,
18 non-Communist, and non-Socialist Russian
19 engineers and technical experts. Stalin
20 declared that men who were not
21 Bolshevists often were more capable and
22 more efficient than members of the
23 Communist party who are full of
24 Socialistic doctrine. He proposes to
25 hand out decent treatment to the useful

1 classes of society who do not believe
 2 in Communism ~~the doctrines.~~

3 The Red dictator concluded his
 4 address with a statement which does
 5 not indicate that the famous five year
 6 plan is such a howling success as some
 7 people have said. Stalin insists
 8 that the five year plan ~~was~~ still
 9 possible of achievement, but that it
 10 ~~would~~ ~~require~~ ^{will} require the maximum
 11 energy of the entire population.

12 The Associated Press, in
 13 reporting the declarations made by
 14 Russia's Iron Man, interprets it as
 15 a swing to the right - and it certainly
 16 does sound like that.

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1 Trouble has flared up in Korea.
2 Of course, as the International News
3 Service reminds us, Korea is now held
4 by the Japanese, and the Koreans don't
5 like ^{their Japanese masters.} ~~them~~ But the present outbreak of
6 the Koreans is not against the
7 Japanese. It's against the Chinese.

8 Chinese immigrants have been
9 flocking into Korea. ^{And} the native
10 Koreans have become antagonistic. X
11 Trouble has been brewing for some time,
12 and last night in the town of Heijo, ^{Hayeo} a
13 mob of five thousand raging Koreans
14 stormed into the Chinese quarter. They
15 ^{dragged} ~~grabbed~~ the Chinese from their houses,
16 and manhandled them. Twenty-nine
17 Chinese were killed.

18 The Japanese authorities are
19 worried about the situation. They are
20 afraid the next thing will be that the
21 aroused Koreans will turn against their
22 Japanese Overlords.
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DIGEST

I have been waiting for somebody to do me a favor -- I mean tell me what the Jewish newspapers have been saying about that Wailing Wall controversy. Many of us, I suppose, have been puzzled by that Wailing Wall. We know that the ancient Wailing Wall is a sacred place for the Jewish people -- also that just recently it has again become the subject of bitter controversy between the Arabs and the Jews. Also, quite recently, the British government handed down a decision that the Wailing Wall was legally the property of the Arabs, but that the Jews were entitled to conduct their religious observances at the holy place-- and they could go right on wailing and chanting before those massive stones.

And now along comes the Literary Digest with a resume and gives us some fascinating bits from the Jewish newspapers.

What fascinated me most was a quotation that the Digest gives us from an article in the American Hebrew.

We are told that ever since the conquest of Jerusalem by the Arabs in 637 A. D. no one even thought of questioning the right of the Jews to gather at the Wailing Wall for worship and

lamentation -- that is, not until 1912.

And even before the Arab conquest there is evidence that the Jews had the right to gather at the Wailing Wall -- although it sometimes cost them a little money.

Saint Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin, writes that in the year 392 the Jews had to pay a price to the Roman guards for permission to wail and lament at the Wall.

Well, the translator of the Latin Bible adds this moody bit of comment. Speaking of the Jews, St. Jerome says: NOT EVEN WEEPING IS FREE TO THEM. And that's a powerful bit of rhetoric.

Well, what happened in 1912?

The Zionist movement got well under way that year and the Jews began to immigrate to Palestine. That stirred up the hostility of the Arabs, and they pressed forward the claim that the Wailing Wall was a holy place for Mohammedans. They said the Wailing Wall was called "Burak." Now "Burak" was the name of Mohammed's horse, and the legend is that as the Prophet made his famous journey through the skies he stopped at the old site of

Solomon's Temple and tied his faithful horse Burak at a place which the Mohammedans identify as that same Wailing Wall.

And that made it just a bit embarrassing.

Well, I for one want to thank the Literary Digest editors for that illuminating article in this week's copy of the magazine.

It answered several questions that had been troubling me.

ZIONIST

~~Meanwhile,~~ A gathering of Zionist representatives from all over the world has come together at Basle in Switzerland.

The Associated Press explains that the purpose of the meeting is to create a world wide federation of Zionists, which will bring together the activities of all the various associations working for the re-establishment of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

GOLF

Well, for you golf fans I suppose the big news of the day is outcome of that long-drawn out National Open tournament. Yes, it finally came to an end this afternoon. Billie Burke of Greenwich, Connecticut, finally defeated George Von Elm.

According to the International News Service it was the most prolonged and strenuous battle in the history of golf.

mis-judgment of the sports writers concerning Schmeling. Without being an expert, I myself thought he was a bit of a leidekrantz or limburger champion and so did a lot of you folks.

But the way the big German who looks like Dempsey disposed of the flashy Stribling, well, that was enough to convince the sports writers and the rest of us for that matter that we were all wrong, Mabel -- we were all wrong.

The sporting pages also carry many mentions today of the name Brooklyn. There are remarks about Wilbert Robinson, and Lefty O'Toole and Babe Herman. In other words there's a chorus of praise for the Brooklyn Baseball team, commonly known as the Robins or the Dodgers.

The Brooklyn Baseball Fan is a peculiar variety of the genus homo. He can make more noise per square inch when his team is winning than anybody else in the world, even including the Boston Baseball Fan.

And the marvellous and wonderful thing about the Brooklyn Fan is that he never loses hope. No matter how badly

the hometeam is going he always believes it's sure to win the pennant.

Well, old Gus H. Fan, over in Brooklyn, is up on his hind-legs roaring his head off. We all know how feeble the Robins or the Dodgers were in the early part of the season. They couldn't pitch, they couldn't hit, they couldn't field. They couldn't run bases. But they certainly could pull bone-head plays.

That's all past and gone, however. Of late the Dodgers have been off on a gorgeous winning streak. And the grand crown and the climax came in a double-header on Saturday and a single game yesterday.

Just whisper into the pink-shell-like ear of Mr. Gus H. Fan of Brooklyn, that the Robins knocked off the New York Giants for three straight games. Thereupon Gus will just do a hand-spring and wander down Flatbush Avenue muttering in a goofy way.

1 Well, when they get through with
2 ■■■ the old girl you'll scarcely know
3 her. She's going to have her face
4 lifted. They're going to iron out the
5 crows' feet and those deep circles under
6 her eyes -- to say nothing of removing
7 her double chin and smoothing out that
8 turkey-gobbler effect in her neck. They
9 are also going to wash the old girl's
10 face.

11 Her frock is a bit frayed and
12 torn, and they are going to have it
13 mended. They are going to brighten the
14 light she holds and put a crown of
15 scintillating diamonds around her head.

16 Who's the old girl that's going
17 to be beautified so strenuously? Why,
18 the Statue of Liberty. The United Press
19 tells us that the beautifiers are going to
20 charge 30,000 dollars for the job.

21 The Statue of Liberty seems to
22 have been going to the dogs of late. The
23 Goddess is getting a bit frowzy. She's
24 getting old.

25 The Commander of the military area

1 in which the Goddess stands is General
2 Hanson Ely, and the General seems to be
3 an admirer ~~of~~ of feminine beauty. Anyway,
4 he thinks the Statue of Liberty should
5 be beautified. He has observed that the
6 flood lights that illuminate the Statue
7 of Liberty are all wrong -- and you know
8 what a bad light will do to a girl's
9 face. At night the Goddess out there in
10 New York Harbor looks as if she had a
11 double chin and gaunt hollow cheeks. So
12 the General has called in electrical
13 experts to give her a face lifting by
14 means of light. It's to be an
15 electrical beauty bath.

16 And then, as the New York Evening
17 Post tells us, time and weather have
18 caused a few holes to appear in the
19 stately robes. ~~F~~ These are to be mended.

20 3 The light which she holds as a beacon
21 above the harbor is getting dim. They
22 are going to give her a new light which
23 will shine with a flashing brilliance.

24 And then they are going to put a
25 crown of diamonds -- I mean electric
lights -- around her head. These will

flash off and on intermittently and give the impression of sparkling jewels.

Yes, it's a long time since Miss Liberty first arrived on the scene out there in New York Harbor. How old is she? Why she's nearly 45; and so it's just about time she had a beauty treatment.

You ~~know~~ won't know her when they get through with her. She'll be restored to glorious youth, with a smooth young face, a flawless robe, a flashing beacon in her upraised hand, and a glittering diadem on her brow.

1 And now I'm going to have one
2 swell time. Yes sir, I got permission.
3 I've ~~got~~ an O.K. from headquarters.

4 What kind of a swell time, ask
5 you? Well, ~~I'll tell you.~~ ^{here's how.} You know
6 those oblong green pieces of paper Uncle
7 Sam issues, worth one dollar? Well, I can
8 call them what I please -- bucks,
9 simoleons, and plenty of other words.

10 ~~I'll tell you how it all came~~
11 ~~about.~~ A letter came to the Brooklyn
12 Eagle. It was from a highly educated
13 gentleman who is a defender of good
14 English. He told the editor of the Eagle
15 that ^{one} Lowell Thomas in ^{recounting} ~~telling~~ the news
16 spoke of a dollar as a ^{buck or} simoleon. He
17 said that was slang and shouldn't be used.

18 This defender of good English
19 observed that one of my colleagues here
20 at the Literary Digest is Doctor Vizetelly,
21 who has devoted his life to the study and
22 the ~~promoting~~ ^{tag} organizing of good English, and
23 that I ought to go to Doctor Vizetelly
24 and have him tell me how wrong I was
25 about simoleon.

1 Well, the ^{ancient and honorable Brooklyn} editor of the Eagle sent
 2 the letter along to the famous lexico-
 3 grapher himself and asked him whether it
 4 was permissible to use simoleon or other
 5 slang terms. Doctor Vizetelly replied,
 6 and his letter is printed ^{on the first page of the} ~~in~~ the Eagle
 7 this afternoon. ~~Here's what the famous~~
 8 ~~lexicographer has to say:~~

9 "Slang" ^{says the Doctor,} is more than a sideshow
 10 of speech. Slang and the saxophone are
 11 akin, for they both serve as a means of
 12 expressing every move of the human heart."

13 The Doctor goes on to remind us
 14 that the term "spondulicks" for money
 15 was used by George Augusta Sala in the
 16 Illustrated London News for December 8th,
 17 1883, and Mark Twain used "spondulicks"
 18 in HUCKLEBERRY FINN in 1884.

19 "Now," comments Doctor Vizetelly,
 20 "if SPONDULICKS was good enough for these
 21 good people, have we become so pure in
 22 our colorful speech that BUCKS and
 23 SIMOLEONS are offensive to our superior
 24 ear?"

25 ~~And then~~ The learned Doctor tells

us of the many words we have used to signify money. He gives us a list of those names, and here's where I have my good time, reeling them off. Doctor Vizetelly says money has been called: brads, bucks, dimes, dooterumus (or shortened to doot), greenbacks, hardscales, hardstuff, mopusses, rags, rocks, scads, shinplasters, shot, simoleons, soap, spelter, spondulicks, spoons, stamps, stuff, sugar, tin, etc.

But wait a minute, it seems to me that I see a strange light in the eyes of Neil Enslin, the announcer here. He's a Scotsman, and I'm afraid all those terms for money have disturbed his poise a bit. I think I'd better hurry away for he looks as if he were making up his mind to touch me for 5 shinplasters. And so I guess I'd better make a quick getaway -- so,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.