

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

1 Here's an eye-witness account of
2 the attempt to bomb the Mikado ~~of~~
3 ~~Japan~~ in ~~Xiak~~ Tokio today. It was
4 given to the International News Service
5 by James ~~E.~~ Vierhus, ~~the~~ Tokio
6 representative of an American Tractor
7 Company.

8 He was standing in a ~~big~~ crowd
9 along the street, watching ~~the~~^a procession
10 of carriages go by. It was the Mikado
11 on his way to ~~the~~ a Military review.

12 "I was watching the parade of
13 imperial coaches," relates the American,
14 "when I noticed a young man about fifty
15 feet away swinging his arm over his
16 head. A moment later a cylinder about
17 a foot long sailed through the air
18 and landed under one of the carriages.
19 I instinctively covered my eyes with
20 my arm, but the explosion that followed
21 was hardly louder than that of a giant
22 firecracker. The procession did not
23 even stop. Two policemen seized the
24 bomb-thrower and rushed him away."

25 Well, the assailant in question

1 was a young Korean, at least so say the
2 Japanese police, ^{as quoted} ~~according to an account~~
3 ~~given~~ by the Associated Press.

4 A second infernal machine was
5 found in his pocket. Apparently he wasn't
6 much of a bomb maker because the missile
7 he threw didn't do any damage or hurt
8 anybody.

9 Immediate political action followed.
10 The cabinet of Premier ~~XXXXXX~~ Inukai
11 ~~immediately~~ handed in its resignation.
12 But this is regarded as merely in
13 accordance with ~~the~~ Japanese custom.
14 Whenever there is an attempt made upon
15 the life of the Mikado ~~why~~ the Government
16 immediately resigns.

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1 (Japan's reply to Uncle Sam's latest
2 protest seems to be NO. Officials in
3 Tokio tonight are studying the protest
4 which was handed to the Japanese foreign
5 office today by the American ambassador.

6 The Associated Press wires that
7 Washington has made a formal protest
8 about the Japanese seizure of Manchuria.
9 The United States government invokes the
10 Kellogg Peace Pact^s and also the 9-Power
11 Treaty. In that 9-Power Treaty the ~~nine~~
12 nations agreed to respect the
13 territorial integrity of China.)

14 Japanese official opinion seems to
15 be that the treaties have not been
16 violated. They say that all Japan is
17 doing is enforcing her rights in
18 Manchuria -- rights, in fact, that have *also*
19 been guaranteed by formal treaties.

20 A United Press cable from Paris
21 declares that the French foreign office
22 announced today that it had no intention
23 of following the lead of the United
24 States. The French government will have
25 no part in calling upon Japan to fulfill

1 its obligations under the 9-Power Treaty.

2 They say that this new protest on
3 the part of the United States has been
4 brought about by ^{complaints} ~~protests~~ which American
5 business interests are making. They say
6 the State Department has received a
7 flood of protests from American firms
8 in Manchuria which claim that their
9 business is being interfered with and
10 handicapped by the Japanese.

11 Meanwhile, ~~in~~ Tokio seems to
12 meditate further action against China.
13 Manchuria has been completely occupied
14 by the Japanese, but there is a
15 possibility that the troops of the Mikado
16 may seize Chinese ports. The Japanese
17 want to do something about the boycott
18 which the Chinese have declared against
19 Japanese goods. That boycott is said to
20 be hitting Japanese commerce pretty hard.

1 Here's one of the most fantastic
2 political stories that has come along
3 in many a day. It tells of a plot in
4 Hungary, a plot to put a Japanese on
5 the Hungarian throne. Now that does
6 sound wild and woolly.

7 An article in the New York
8 Evening Post explains that the
9 conspirators, who seem to be fanciful
10 fellows, fell back on the old
11 historical fact that the Hungarians
12 are originally an Asiatic people, that
13 the Magyars ~~were~~ entered Europe as a
14 nomad tribe from Central Asia. Of
15 course, the present day Hungarians
16 are a much mixed race, and not any
17 more Asiatic than most Europeans.

18 But anyway, the leaders of the
19 plot said that since the Hungarians
20 were historically an Asiatic people,
21 why, the natural thing for them was to
22 have an Asiatic king. So they picked
23 out the strongest nation in Asia and
24 decided to put a Japanese on the
25 throne. They planned to overthrow the

1 present regime at Budapest and offer
2 the Hungarian crown to a member of the
3 royal Japanese family.

4 Well, that's fantastic enough,
5 but the story goes on to relate that the
6 plot has ended in a melodramatic
7 application of the old Austro-Hungarian
8 code of honor.

9 The police arrested the
10 conspirators. One was a former General.
11 ~~In the Austro-Hungarian army.~~ He was *confined*
12 ~~to~~ ^{to} a prison cell. ~~when~~ Two brother
13 officers entered. With great ceremony
14 they gave a revolver to the prisoner and
15 left. They say the prisoner knew what
16 that meant. He ~~was~~ understood what he
17 was required to do and he did it.

18 It is explained that in the
19 old Austro-Hungarian Army, when an
20 officer had violated the code of honor
21 his brother officers passed judgment
22 on him, and if they condemned him to
23 death, why, a committee visited the
24 doomed man, placed a revolver on his
25 table, and left.

1 The authorities officially deny
2 that this is what happened to the former
3 General who was in prison. But in
4 Budapest people in the "know" nod
5 their heads wisely and say the former
6 General committed suicide in the old
7 traditional fashion.

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1 The French authorities claim
2 that ~~the~~^{today's} attempt to kill the Italian
3 Consul General in Paris was not the
4 result of anti-Fascist activities.

5 Signor Gentile^a, the Consul
6 General, was entering the Italian
7 Consulate ~~today~~ when a man fired four
8 shots at him with a revolver. Three of
9 the bullets went wild, and one struck
10 the diplomat~~x~~ in the leg, inflicting a
11 slight wound.

12 The United Press identifies the
13 assailant as an Italian professor who
14 was recently dismissed from his post at
15 the Italian School in Paris. They say
16 that he believed that the Consul General
17 was responsible for his dismissal, and
18 was angry about it. And so the claim is
19 that the attack was merely the result
20 of a private grudge.

1 In the offices of the Literary
2 Digest we have been interested in the
3 advance notices that have been coming
4 through concerning the ~~New York~~
5 Automobile Show, which opens ^{here in N.Y.} tomorrow.

6 There is one thing about it that
7 hits ^{me — and that's} ~~a fellow right between the eyes~~
8 the ~~big~~ optimistic way in which the
9 automobile industry is tackling ^{the coming year,} ~~things~~
10 The experts expect 1932 to be a
11 prosperous year. And they give some
12 ~~mighty~~ acute reasons for their belief.

13 They point out that during the
14 past year a lot of folks have been ~~xxx~~
15 hanging on to the old car instead of
16 buying a new one. And the old car has
17 been running and giving pretty good
18 service. ~~But it~~

19 ~~That in itself speaks well for~~
20 ~~the American automobile industry. But~~
21 ~~the old car~~ won't ^{do} ~~go~~ forever. A lot
22 ~~of us have been getting plenty of service~~
23 ~~out of xxx a five-year-old bus and giving~~
24 ~~it a lot of hard use.~~ And so along about
25 now that five-year-old bus is getting

1 to the point where we can clearly see
2 it is time to buy a new car.

3 The cost of upkeep on the old one
4 is too much. It's ~~is really~~ cheaper to
5 buy a new one.

6 Well, while we are in that state
7 of mind along come the new 1932 models
8 ~~as will be~~ ^{for} displayed in automobile shows
9 ~~in various parts of~~ ^{across} the country ~~continent.~~

10 My personal reaction is one of
11 wonder at the way the automobile has
12 improved in the last year. The whole
13 machine from bumper to trunk-rack has
14 been stepped up and refined. The ~~xxx~~
15 contrast between the new 1932 model^s and
16 that car we bought five years ago is
17 ~~rather~~ startling.

18 ~~The automatic clutch and starter~~
19 ~~had not reached the blue-print stage~~
20 ~~five years ago nor was shadow-proof~~
21 ~~glass included as standard equipment.~~

22 ~~And in 1927 it would have seemed~~
23 ~~like a dream to talk about a car in~~
24 ~~which you could sit and adjust the seat~~
25 ~~for safe and comfortable driving. That's~~

1 All over this country thousands
2 of people are going to be watching for
3 the morning papers. The news columns
4 tomorrow morning are expected to shed
5 ~~some~~ important light on the trend of
6 national politics.

7 Right now in Washington ~~a host~~
8 ~~of~~ the moguls of the Democratic party
9 are getting ready to sit down at the
10 festive board, for the annual Jackson
11 Day dinner.

12 This is always a time for the
13 Democratic leaders to make important
14 speeches and issue declarations of
15 policy. ~~This being presidential year,~~
16 ~~with a particularly wild and woolly~~
17 ~~campaign in the offing, why the Democratic~~
18 ~~announcements are expected to have a~~
19 ~~vital bearing upon the campaign.~~

20 In national politics just now
21 there's one large and imposing question
22 mark. The name of that question mark is
23 Alfred E. Smith. Nobody seems to know
24 just what stand the former governor of
25 New York intends to take with regard to

1 → Democratic nominations for the
2 presidency. Ex-governor Smith has never
3 said a word that would indicate that he
4 himself is out for the nomination. At
5 the same time he has not declared that he
6 ~~wasn't~~ looking for ^{it} ~~the nomination~~. He
7 has not declared his preference for any
8 of the possible candidates. Briefly,
9 Al Smith has been preserving a policy
10 of deep silence.)

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11 Well, the United Press lists
12 Ex-governor Smith as one of the speakers
13 at the Jackson Day dinner tonight, and
14 he has declared that in his address to
15 his fellow Democrats he will ~~qualify~~ ^{clarify}
16 his policy somewhat. That sounds as
17 though he might come right out and
18 speak his mind concerning the Democratic
19 nomination. It may be that the great
20 question mark will come forward with an
21 answer.

22 And that's why the morning
23 papers tomorrow are going to be so
24 interesting. We'll be waiting to see
25 what Al Smith has to say tonight.

1 Well, we've been hearing a good
2 deal about that giant finance corporation
3 with which President Hoover intends to
4 help the banks and thaw out the ^{country's} frozen
5 credits. But there's another huge
6 financial scheme which is being pushed
7 by Progressive elements in Congress. The
8 current Literary Digest calls it "that
9 5½ billion dollar depression cure."

10 It is the proposal sponsored by
11 Senator ^{Bob} La Follette of Wisconsin to put
12 out a 5½ billion dollar prosperity bond
13 issue, and use the money to finance an
14 immense program of construction and ^{thus}
15 ~~improvement for the purpose of~~ providing
16 jobs for the jobless.

17 "If," argues Senator La Follette,
18 "we could sell 25 billion dollars worth
19 of bonds during the World War for ~~the~~
20 purposes of destruction, we certainly
21 can float a short-term issue of
22 government bonds for constructive
23 purposes."

24 And the Senator goes on to estimate
25 that if the ~~xxx~~ scheme were put through

1 it would provide work, directly or
2 indirectly, for 4½ million people, and
3 would thereby boom business and start
4 prosperity on its way back.

5 The Literary Digest points out that
6 already, before the bill has been put
7 before Congress, the plan is being
8 attacked by the Hoover administration.
9 A report by the Committee on Public
10 Works of the President's organization for
11 unemployment relief, declares *as follows!* -

12 "The problem of unemployment can
13 not be solved by any magic of
14 appropriations from the public treasury."

15 And the report goes on to explain
16 that -- "the hardships of the depression
17 are, in reality, the readjustments being
18 made in the endeavor to meet new and
19 changing conditions" -- to which the
20 Chicago Evening Post responds that some
21 of these drastic remedies that are being
22 proposed may in the end come nearer to
23 killing the patient than ~~to~~ curing him.

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RALPH H QUINN BUSINESS MANAGER CINCINNATI POST.

RETAKE

1 I received in the mail today a
 2 most formidable looking document. It's
 3 a legal paper drawn up with the thorniest
 4 kind of legal technicalities. It's a
 5 certificate of incorporation sent me by
 6 J. Purdon Wright, of Baltimore.

7 Well, briefly, a new corporation
 8 has been formed. Its purpose is given
 9 in one of the clauses of the certificate,
 10 ~~a clause~~ which reads: ~~as follows:~~

11 "That the purpose for which
 12 the corporation is formed and the objects
 13 to be carried on and promoted by it are
 14 as follows:

15 "To sponsor luncheon clubs
 16 and ^{other} ~~for~~ groups in cities and towns
 17 throughout the various states, ~~of the~~
 18 ~~United States~~, fostering good fellowship
 19 and cordial feeling among its members.
 20 through the medium of social activities
 21 and contacts, which shall be advanced by
 22 the exchange of anecdotes, incidents,
 23 narratives, tales and stories of facts
 24 and events, with the liberty of
 25 exaggerating and elongating truths to the

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1 borders of fiction and beyond."

2 Well, Well, ^{and} ^{noble} the name of this new
3 and hilarious corporation is: -

4 Tall Story Luncheon Club of America, Inc.
5 Its address is 908 Maryland Trust
6 Building, Baltimore, ~~Maryland~~ Its
7 purpose is to do its share in the rise
8 and triumph of the great American
9 whopper.

10 Well, that idea of forming
11 local tall story clubs in various
12 cities is certainly catching on.

13 In the town of Garrattsville,
14 New York, the local Tall Story Club
15 gathers around the stove of the general
16 merchandise store. They say the tallest
17 talker in those parts is George Howard,
18 owner of Crystal Lake, who knocked them
19 all off their feet one evening with a
20 yarn about Tom Rarick, Game Warden at
21 Cooperstown, New York.

22 According to the way George
23 told it, the doughty Game Warden was
24 rowing a boat out on the lake when he
25 saw a duck flapping and squawking out

1 on the water. He went to the duck,
2 lifted it up and found a 35-inch
3 pickerel had swallowed the bird's
4 foot. Then to his astonishment he
5 discovered that a big ~~xxxx~~ turtle had
6 hold of the pickerel's tail. A large
7 eel was wrapped around the turtle and
8 in the eel's mouth was a hook with a
9 line attached to it.

10 The Game Warden followed up
11 the line and came upon a fisherman
12 hidden in the bushes. It was a man
13 fishing without a license. And so the
14 Game Warden took along with him the
15 duck, the pickerel, the turtle, the
16 eel, and the ~~xxx~~ unlicensed fisherman,
17 whom he compelled to fork over a
18 twenty-five dollar fine. ~~They claim~~
19 ~~this is a record for New York State~~
20 ~~Game Wardens, and I believe it.~~

21 Well, I've got a little more time
22 for fishing and hunting myself, now that
23 I'm having Saturday's off for awhile.
24 And maybe I ~~can~~ too can catch a duck, a pickerel,
25 a turtle & an eel — anyway, ~~and a toad~~
So long until Monday.