

Good Evening, Everybody!

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Good Evening Everybody:

I suppose this evening's keynote should be "GOODBYE FOREVER", that is, goodbye to the 71st Congress of the United States. It said farewell to the country and passed out of existence at noon today.

And that leaves the halls of Congress vacant until next December, when the 72nd Congress will go into session. The last hours of the dying Congress were marked by a combination of bitterness and friendliness. There was a lot of bickering and tangling of political threads. The United Press informs us that the most important fact was that Congress did not pass the Muscle Shoals bill over the President's veto. There was a vote and the Muscle Shoals advocates ~~could not get together~~ ^{failed to assemble} the two-thirds majority necessary to pass

1 a bill over the protest of the President.

2 In the Senate the session ended
3 with a filibuster. Senator Thomas, of
4 Oklahoma, announced that if the Senate
5 didn't take up a bill having to deal with
6 oil, why he'd stop everything else by
7 making a speech and just keep~~ing~~ on
8 talking. The Senate didn't consider the
9 bill, and Senator Thomas tied up the
10 proceedings by talking right on to the
11 closing hour.

12 According to the Associated Press,
13 these obstructive tactics caused the
14 Senate to fail to adopt a notification
15 informing the President that the Senate
16 had finished its term. It has always
17 been the rule for the Senate to notify
18 the President, and this is the first
19 time that the Upper House has failed to
20 do this.

21 In the House of Representatives the
22 session ended with loud singing. A
23 couple of orchestras were pressed into
24 service and the Congressmen were the
25 chorus. They sang Sweet Adeline, Silver

1 Threads Among the Gold, The Sidewalks
 2 of New York, and similar ^{barber shop} classics.
 3 Several solos were sung, one by
 4 Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, of
 5 Florida, the daughter of William Jennings
 6 Bryan.

7 As the minutes moved toward noon
 8 the friendliness and the singing became
 9 more hilarious, and then the 71st
 10 Congress passed into history with
 11 everybody ^{chanting} ~~singing~~ the sonorous strains
 12 of GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

1 I see that the quarter, the twenty-
2 five cent ^{coin of the land - the well known two-bit piece,} ~~piece, two-bits~~ is going to
3 have a new face. At present when you
4 pitch **■** heads with a quarter it's a full
5 figure of Liberty or a head with classical
6 features that's on top.

7 An Associated Press dispatch states
8 that Congress ~~has~~ passed a bill to place
9 the head of George Washington on the
10 two-bit piece. This will be in
11 commemoration of the 200th birthday
12 anniversary of the First President which
13 occurs in 1932.

14 Well, "heads" will be George
15 Washington, but "tails" is still a matter
16 of doubt. They haven't decided what is
17 to go on the reverse side of the twenty-
18 five cent piece. That's up to the
19 authorities of the Treasury Department.

20 *Whatever happens, I hope it*
21 *will always be a case of "heads*
22 *you win."*
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1 All day a wild storm has been raging
2 along the New England coast. At Hampton
3 Beach, New Hampshire, the ~~wild~~ *furious*
4 Nor~~the~~aster was combined with the highest
5 tide they've had in those parts in forty
6 years. The raging seas swept right on
7 over the beach.

8 According to the International News
9 Service fifteen cottages fell into the
10 sea.

11 The breakwater at Great Boar's Head,
12 New Hampshire, was smashed down. The
13 mad surf even hurled stones against the
14 line of houses near the shore.

15 At Nahant, Reviere, and Winthrop,
16 cottages were swept away and in some
17 places people were marooned in their
18 houses when the storm-beaten sea surged
19 over the shore.

20 Between the tide and that howling
21 Northeaster, even the old-timers shook
22 their grizzled whiskers and marvelled
23 at the fury of the storm.

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AIRPLANE

A couple of burglars tried to steal an American military airplane. They didn't succeed, but just the same the United States Government is minus one plane.

It happened at San Jose, Costa Rica. A plane, belonging to the Marine Corps carried Colonel Cruse, the American military attache, and landed him at San Jose. A Costa Rican chauffeur and a mechanic forged a permit that got them through the police guard stationed around the American plane.

According to the United Press, they climbed in and started off. Apparently they didn't know how to fly or even flutter. Because they had no sooner taken the machine off the ground then they proceeded to take it for a nose dive. The plane was a complete washout.

The chauffeur and the mechanic are in the Costa Rican cooler, and the police are trying to find out just why they wanted to steal that plane when they didn't know even how to fly.

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This evening the famous Einstein is leaving us. He sails tonight.

David Sentner of the International News Service had an interview with the renowned discoverer of relativity and the gist of Einstein's farewell message to America was that he had been treated royally. In fact, he had been treated too well. He has been entertained so much that all he needs now is sleep. He says he is going to get plenty of it as the big ship ^{glows} ~~drives~~ its way across the Atlantic.

OLD SAWS

It seems that there are a lot of mistakes floating around. We used to think they were true, but a professor tells us they're all wrong. Whats all wrong? Why those old proverbs, adages, the old saws which were supposed to represent the wisdom of past generations.

According to the Associated Press, Professor Jenkins, of Cornell, tells us that those old saws are not only incorrect but they also have a bad effect on people.

For example, there's the one which states that "practice makes perfect". The Professor says that's responsible for a lot of dub golfers. No matter how much they practice tee shots and putts they'll never be anything like perfect. They'll still be duffers, says the professor.

Then there's the one about "you can't teach an old dog new tricks". Professor Jenkins says discourages a lot of people. And it's all wrong, because folks in middle

1 life can often learn new things quite
2 as well as they could in youth.

3 A crack is also taken at "early
4 to bed and early to rise makes a man
5 healthy, wealthy, and wise." Science
6 apparently has discovered that some
7 people can go to bed very early indeed
8 and get up just as early, and they'll
9 be ~~nothing~~ neither healthy, nor
10 wealthy, nor wise.

CORN-PONE

There is one burning issue of the day about which I have been keeping a discreet silence. It's the great corn-pone and pot-liquor controversy which has been agitating the southern states.

As a native and resident of mid-western, western and eastern states I didn't feel sufficiently informed on the subject of old southern customs to say anything about such a matter as corn-pone and pot-liquor, and so I ~~went~~ waited for the new Literary Digest to come out. Today I looked through an advance copy of the new Digest, the March 7th issue.

The Digest gives an outline of how the great argument arose. Governor Huey Long of Louisiana started it all by saying that corn-pone should be dunked in the pot-liquor. Instantly the Atlanta Constitution leaped forward with the proclamation that corn-pone should not be dunked, but should be crumbled in the pot-liquor.

Whereupon the South was divided into two camps, the Dunkers and the Crumblers.

In the Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary corn-pone is defined as "bread made of corn meal and sometimes with milk and eggs; also a loaf of such bread."

Well, to my untutored western mind that sounds like nothing more than corn bread.

The Digest quotes the New York World as saying that pot-liquor is the product of a mess of greens boiled with a piece of pork or a hog jowl. Some indignant Southerner complained that pot-liquor was not in the Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary but Dr. Vizetelly, the managing editor of the big book, points out that the word "pot-liquor" is among those present in the Standard. However, if you look for it under "P-O-T-L" you won't find it. It's among the subordinate words listed under the heading of "Pot".

Dr. Vizetelly states that dunk is not yet in the dictionary. He says it comes from the Pennsylvania Dutch who spell it "dunke". The learned doctor adds that the past participle is gedunkt - and that's all right by me.

The Digest goes on and quotes Governor Alfalfa Bill

Murray of Oklahoma. Alfalfa Bill says that corn-pone should be crumbled as a food for human beings, but it may be dunked as food for hound dogs.

The Virginian Pilot of Norfolk is quoted by the Digest as pooh-poohing the whole controversy. The Pilot says that it's all a species of traditional southernism that is part and parcel of the old Massa tradition which has vanished.

Meanwhile there is a similar controversy agitating Sunny Italy. It's about spaghetti, not about how to eat spaghetti, because every Italian knows that.

I told sometimes ago how the Futurist poet Marinetti has renounced spaghetti, saying that as a food it isn't so much.

Well, that has caused a perfect furor in Italy, especially in Naples which is the native habitat of spaghetti.

But now the ancient city of Genoa has entered an indignant protest because Marinetti not only condemns spaghetti but he also condemns ravioli. And Genoa is the birthplace of ravioli - that is, if ravioli can be said to have been born which is a point to be considered.

According to the Associated Press the Genoese point out that Christopher Columbus ate Ravioli, and ~~xx~~ as we all know, he discovered America. If Christopher Columbus hadn't eaten ravioli he wouldn't have discovered America, and if Columbus ~~xxxx~~ hadn't discovered America where would Tony sell his bananas?

Anyway, in 1492 Columbus he ate ravioli, and that's a mighty powerful argument.

At any rate the topic of the hour in Italy is ravioli - and the topic of the hour in America is corn-pone.

1 Information is leaking out about
2 the terms of the naval agreement
3 between France and Italy.

4 An Associated Press dispatch from
5 Rome states that France is to have
6 a warship ^{tonnage} total of 670,000. ~~tons~~. The
7 Italians are to have 441,000 ^{tons}. The
8 French quota, however, includes 84,000
9 tons of obsolete ships, while the
10 Italian obsolete tonnage ^{age} is only 5,000.

11 So-far as efficient fighting
12 ships go France has a tonnage of
13 ~~586,000~~ 586,000 and Italy 436,000. This
14 gives France the edge by 150,000 tons.

15 That makes it clear that Italy
16 has temporarily given up her claim to
17 have a fleet as big as France. The
18 Italians point out, however, that they
19 have not really sacrificed their claim to
20 naval equality with France, because the
21 agreement is to be in force only until
22 1936, when a new treaty will be
23 negotiated.

24 Thus, the superiority of the
25 French navy over the Italian is only
temporary.

1 An International News Service
2 flash from Rome states that it has been
3 semi-officially announced that France
4 and Italy have agreed that neither
5 nations is to build more than
6 130,000 tons of warships each until
7 1936.

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10 And this comes to us as a
11 strange campaign of non-violent revolt
12 and civil disobedience.

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14 Press, Gandhi's Nationalist party, which
15 is now at peace with the government,
16 is prepared to enter a new big
17 conference in which the leaders of the
18 Indian people will negotiate with the
19 British authorities for the purpose of
20 making India a self-governing dominion
21 in the British Commonwealth of nations.

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1 Just at noon today in a stately
2 palace out in India two men put their
3 signatures at the bottom of a sheet of
4 paper.

5 Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian
6 nationalist leader, and Lord Irwin,
7 the British Viceroy, signed an agreement
8 which puts an end to the rebellion
9 in India.

10 And thus comes to a ^{close} ~~an end~~ that
11 strange campaign ^{of} non-violent revolt
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18 Indian people will negotiate with the
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20 making India a self governing dominion
21 in the British Commonwealth of nations.

22 Any way it is now to be hoped
23 that India will be free both of
24 violence and non-violence,
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RUBBER WHEELS

An Associated Press dispatch brings news that in France on the railroads they soon may have dining cars with rubber wheels.

Well, my experience with French railroads is that they can do enough bouncing without having rubber wheels. And then, why pick on the dining cars? I suppose they'll carry the idea further and have rubber soup plates, and then the bullion will bounce into your lap with a truly exhilarating abandon.

But, on second thought, rubber wheels may be preferable to square ones.

1 A famous war bird is dead - a
2 pigeon.

3 The British used carrier pigeons
4 a good deal to carry messages through
5 shell fire. Scores of birds were
6 used. Some were killed, but a number
7 survived the war, and they were
8 pensioned off and provided for as
9 honored veterans of the World War.

10 A whole pigeon colony of these
11 birds was kept at Twickenham. One of
12 the best known of these was Rupert
13 ~~which~~^{who} had gone back and forth scores
14 of times through the shell streaked
15 sky above the battlefield of Ypres.

16 But now, according to the
17 United Press, Rupert has come to a
18 tragic end. He survived all the terrors
19 of war, but at last an old ~~xxx~~ tom cat
20 got him.

21 Rupert was taking it easy on a
22 perch ~~xxxx~~ when a tom cat sneaked
23 up and that was the end of Rupert.

24 There is grief at Twickenham
25 and many a former Tommy would like

1 to get his gun sights lined up on
2 the murderer. If that should happen -
3 ~~it would mean lights out for one Mr.~~
4 ~~it will be the end of the Tom cat.~~ ^

1 We now come to the subject of
2 green whiskers--in other words,
3 detectives, sleuths, gum-shoe artists,
4 disciples of Sherlock Holmes, and so on.

5 I've heard of amateur detectives
6 being told that they'd have to wear green
7 whiskers as a disguise. Why? Well, so
8 that in watching a suspect the detective
9 can lie in the grass and not be
10 recognized.

11 According to the New York Sun
12 detectives down in Mexico City are using
13 all kinds of elaborate green whiskers.
14 For example, if you should happen to see
15 an Indian maid coming along with a basket
16 of flowers on her head, why the chances
17 are that Indian maid isn't an Indian
18 maid at all. She's more than likely a
19 Mexico City sleuth, in disguise.

20 Wearing all varieties of green
21 whiskers, the detectives go sleuthing
22 around among the peons in search of
23 local malefactor s. ~~They're said to be~~
24 ~~especially successful when disguised as~~
25 ~~Indian maids.~~ According to the New York

1 Sun, a number of dangerous criminals
2 have been apprehended when they sidled
3 up to a comely Indian maid who turned
4 out to be a Mexico City Sherlock Holmes.

5 And now I think I'll step out of
6 my disguise as a purveyor of the
7 evening's news, take off my broadcasting
8 green whiskers, and say so long until
9 tomorrow.