

Good Evening, Everybody:-

The first item that caught my fancy in today's news has to do with neither war nor world affairs of any sort. It's a vegetable story. No, not spinach. Rhubarb.

The police of Evanston, Illinois, were treated to an unusual spectacle. A young man arrived at the Station House dressed in the most outlandish costume they had ever seen. He had on shoes, ~~skirt~~ shirt and underwear, a straw hat, and what looked at first like a South Sea Island grass skirt. Closer inspection developed the fact that this grass skirt was made of rhubarb -- yes, rhubarb leaves. When the gendarmes had recovered from their surprise, they learned the following tale:

The young man in the rhubarb skirt was a boy from Memphis who had come to Chicago to see the sights. On the outskirts of Evanston bandits held him up, took not only his car, but also his pants. A dispatch to the Detroit News which relates the story, says that the warmhearted constables hired a taxi for the lad, bundled him in, rhubarb skirt and all; and sent him off to amuse the children in the home of some friends.

From ~~rhubarb~~ let's turn to news that ~~Good Evening, Everybody~~ is history, though not new history: - this latest war in South America. While Bolivia and Paraguay are, ~~as the Bible says,~~ girding their loins for a fight, in fact ^{already} ~~actually~~ fighting, the rest of the world is doing its ^{best} ~~darndest to try~~ to stop the ~~warfare.~~ rumpus.

In the ~~First, place,~~ the President of the Council of the League of Nations telegraphed to ~~both~~ the governments of both countries urging them to avoid war. He reminded them ~~also~~ of their international obligations to keep peace. ~~At the same~~ ^{Also} Then too, ~~this~~ Uncle Sam is getting together a concert of neutral nations in the hope of bringing about peace. Uncle Sam has been sending around messages to all the other ^{countries of the Western Hemisphere,} ~~nations north and south,~~ asking them to join in ^{waging peace} ~~this peaceful endeavor.~~ Representatives of the neutral nations held their first meeting in Washington today.

It was also announced that the Spanish government offers to arbitrate the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay. Meanwhile, however, the two nations most concerned are in the

throes of hectic war enthusiasm. In the Paraguayan capital this has risen to such a height that the women are demanding ~~to a right~~ *a place in the ranks of the fighters,* ~~be allowed to join the fighting.~~ A newspaper in ^{one} ~~the~~ town of ~~Concepcion~~ reports that the ladies there have offered to raise a battalion of Amazons for the war with Bolivia. They have asked the government for officers to train them.

Although the mobilization decree has not yet been signed, volunteers have been streaming into the Paraguayan capital all night and all day. Trains from the interior were packed with cheering men.

Meanwhile Bolivia shows not the slightest signs of backing water. She has sent an official reply to the neutral representatives at Washington, repeating ^{her} ~~her~~ declaration that Bolivia must have an outlet to the sea. "We have a right to one bank of the River Paraguay", said the Bolivian government. The communication added ^{the complaint} that Paraguay is concentrating troops in the ^{Gran} ~~the~~ Chaco.

This expresses as well as anything what the quarrel

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is all about. Bolivia is landlocked, and wants an outlet ^{to the sea} for her products. ~~to the sea~~. The river which is running through the disputed Gran Chaco region would solve her problem. ~~Bolivia's~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ borders are seventy-five miles from the Pacific Ocean.

And then, The news from Brazil indicates no let up in the ^{trouble} ~~there.~~ ~~fighting~~ The Federal government announces today that its troops ^{have} ~~had~~ captured an important tunnel on the railway from Rio to Sao Paulo. This was won after ~~heavy~~ heavy fighting.

But the Sao Paulo rebels are also claiming victories and advances on all fronts. They announced that they won the first aerial battle of the revolt which is now in its fourth week. But an official communication states that Loyalist gunboats have captured an important port in the State of Matto Grosso after ninety minutes of heavy bombardment. This port had fallen into ~~the~~ rebel hands some weeks ago.

BONUS

(Here's the gist of today's news about the ragged and distressful Bonus army. The boys today defied the civil authorities of the United States. This they did ~~with~~ with the encouragement of Mayor Eddie McCloskey of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Deputy ~~M~~ Marshals of Uncle Sam from Pittsburgh invaded the Bonus Marchers camp in Johnstown. They had warrants to recover tents and other equipment which was said to belong to the National Guard of the District of Columbia and which Uncle Sam claims some of the boys had stolen. The Marshals were escorted around the camp, but Mayor McCloskey, of the fighting McCloskeys, warned the marshals not to touch anything.)

10 The dispute, says a dispatch to the New York World-Telegram, concerned some twenty-five tents worth about \$126.00 each, each when new. At the time they were turned over ~~the~~ to the boys, these tents were marked: Inspected and Condemned. ^{ff} One member of the Bonus Army was arrested *in connection with this dispute.*

As the authorities have long been fearing, typhoid

broke out in the Johnstown camp today, *only one case so far.*

Q Coroner's jury in Washington, D. C. ^{today,} returned a verdict ~~that exonerated~~ exonerating the Washington police of all blame *in* ~~for~~ the killing of two members of the Bonus army. General Glassford, superintendent of the police, had testified that his men did not draw their guns until they were attacked by an overwhelming force and were in danger of their lives.

Numerous gifts of food have been received by the various ~~bands of~~ ^{*Bands of Bonus*} ~~camp~~ ^{*camp*} ~~of~~ refugees. Governor Ritchie of Maryland has ~~denounced~~ denounced the formation of camps in his state as impracticable and a menace to health. The leaders of the Bonus army, on the other hand, say that the sites of these camps ~~had~~ ^{*had*} been deeded to ~~Commander~~ Walter Waters ~~is~~ ^{*is*} ~~the~~ Commander of the Bonus marchers. Consequently he ~~has~~ has a right to invite anybody as his guest, and there's no law in the state of Maryland that can prevent him.

Despite this attitude of Governor Ritchie, ^{*adds*} ~~says~~ the

^{story}
~~dispatch~~, Maryland's hospitality prevailed. Seventy-five cars bringing visitors and food arrived at only one of these camps. Among the gifts received by the boys was a check for \$100. from William Gibbs McAdoo.

There was excitement in ^{Canada}~~Ottawa~~ today, excitement and one amusing incident. The excitement occurred when Ottawa ~~city~~ police used clubs and fists to break up an assembly of ~~Axis~~~~Ottawa~~~~members~~ six hundred delegates to the Workers' Economic Conference. These six hundred belong to the left wing and are described as Communistically inclined. A dispatch to the Montreal Star relates that police arrested ten men and two women.

The riot occurred, after a deputation earlier in the day, had failed to impress Prime Minister Bennett with their demands.

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The amusing incident occurred when the woman member of the deputation angrily exclaimed: "The workers demand!"¹ at this point she was interrupted by the Prime Minister of Canada who reached across the Conference table and patted her hand.

^{now}
"Now, Mrs. Wilkinson", ^{now, now,}
^ ^ said the Prime Minister

soothingly, "it's much better to be friendly." So saying,
he continued to pat the ladies' hand until she burst out laughing.

In the riot which ensued later this afternoon, there
were no casualties, but a couple of unruly Communists were fanned
with ~~the~~ policemen's sticks.

OLYMPICS

(All the country is excited and ^{and discussing} delighted [^] today ~~over~~
that wonderful [^] surprise finish in yesterday's Olympics ~~mixxxx~~
at Los Angeles. Yes, I mean that hundred meter dash in which
two Negro runners both broke the world's record. ~~Thereix~~
The victory of Eddie Tolan, of Michigan, who ran the hundred
meters in ten and three tenths seconds, was one of the most
sensational finishes ever seen even in the Olympics. Grantland
Rice, in ~~his~~ ^{an} account of the affair ^{in tonight's} ~~for the~~ [^] New York Sun, declares
that only a gnat's eyelash separated Tolan from Ralph Metcalf ^{also of}
~~Michigan.~~ ^{Michigan.} ~~Marquette.~~ He adds that the race looked like ~~that~~ the flash
of two streaks of black lightning thrown against a cloudless
summer sky. And that's some description, isn't it? Another
striking thing is that the experts today are all ~~add~~ eating their
own words with great enthusiasm. Yesterday almost everyone of them
was expertizing that Tolan and Metcalf, couldn't possibly win, and
that the ~~old~~ U.S.A. was in for a severe trouncing.

^{And} ~~But~~ what's the result today? (Uncle Sam leads with

ninety-one points. Germany comes second with forty-one.

France third with thirty-six, and Ireland fourth with twenty.)

Well, the games are just about getting underway now.

If you are all steamed up over them, you will find the whole

story of what occurred today, in your paper tomorrow morning.

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And talking about sports, I read of a new kind of marathon today. There have been all sorts of queer contests in the United States, from chair rocking to the growing of whiskers. But over in Hackensack, New Jersey, they are having a wagon pushing contest.

The story in the New York Sun tells how a group of boys of the average age of 13, are pushing a home-made express wagon up and down a block's length of the old Hoboken Road. At this particular moment they will have completed a full week. They intend to keep it up until school opens in September.

The boys have a trainer, a manager, and everything. They've already broken the world's record. It seems that this kind of contest isn't as new as I thought it was, for a Brooklyn team of eight boys set the record two years ago by pushing a wagon for 105 hours. ^{New Jersey} The boys have beaten that many times already.

The wagon they are pushing was made by one of the boys. It consists of a beer case nailed on to a board which is mounted on four wheels. The way it is pushed, a boy puts one

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foot in the box and propels it with his free foot. In fact, the old push wagon such as boys have been playing with in the U.S.A. for many a year.

The trainer admitted that this is pretty hard on the ~~boys~~ boys' knees. Each boy keeps it up for an hour at a time. But as he goes off shift he gets a rub-down from the trainer. They are keeping it up rain or shine. Four of the boys work on the night shift and three during the daylight hours.

It should be added that they will keep it up until school ^{takes up in September,} ~~time~~, providing the ~~wagon~~ wagon doesn't fall to pieces.

Also providing none of the health authorities in the neighborhood has the sense to interfere.

POLITICS

(There's an interesting political situation in ~~the~~ Democratic ranks in New York. Tammany Hall has come out solidly for the Honorable Jimmie Walker, the popular Mayor of New York City, as candidate for the next governor of New York^{State.} This, the New York World Telegram points out, may put Governor Roosevelt in an awkward position. Suppose the Governor yields to the opponents of Mayor Walker and removes him as mayor. What will he say to having as his running mate on the Democratic ticket a man whom he removed from the mayoralty of New York City as unfit?)

On the other hand, the New York Evening Post reports that the key to this situation is in the hands of former Governor Alfred E. Smith. If Mr. Smith supports the present Lieutenant Governor of New York^{Mr. Lehmann,} for the governorship, he would put a heavy obstacle ~~into~~ the path of the program of Mayor Walker and Tammany Hall.

All of this makes the scene ~~all the~~^{rather} more tense, pending Governor Roosevelt's decision as to Mayor Jimmie. Until he has disposed of the charges against the Honorable Jimmie, nothing

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can be done about the Democratic nomination for the New York governorship. And that decision seems liable to be long dragged out. Mayor Jimmie made his reply to the charges.

Now Judge Seabury ~~is going to~~ ^{has} put in a rebuttal to ~~his~~ ^{the Mayor's} reply.

Then the Mayor will have the right to make a re-rebuttal or a

counter ^{re-} rebuttal or whatever they call it, to Judge Seabury's

rebuttal. How long that ^{rebutting and re-rebutting} will go on nobody can tell. ~~You~~

~~know what lawyers are.~~ At any rate, it looks as though ~~it~~ ^{this}

were going to be an amusing show.

STAMPS

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a precedent

If ~~the President~~[^] means anything, President Hoover will get the fishermen's vote next November. The President's activities as an angler have been almost as well advertised as his engineering record.

On the other hand, it looks as though Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt will get the suffrage of the stamp collectors.

It was the editor of Lynn's Weekly Stamp News published in Columbus, Ohio, who discovered that Mr. Roosevelt is an ardent collector of postage stamps. It seems that there are no less than a million stamp collectors in the United States. Mr. Roosevelt is ~~Mr~~ Member Number Eleven thousand five hundred ^{and} ninety of the American Philatelic Society. That's a five dollar word and means a collector of stamps. The Weekly Stamp News is urging all members of the Society to boost a Philatelic brother.

Here's news that will undoubtedly interest every owner and driver of a motor car, and every mechanic. An English engineer has developed a 24-cylinder car without valves or gearshift. He believes it may replace the present type of motor.

A dispatch to the Newark News relates that the machine operates on the turbine principal, ~~with gasoline for fuel~~ It is said to be capable of smooth, uninterrupted pick-up from standstill to the highest speed.

Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. And the proof of a car is in the driving. — or perhaps I should say, what you can get for it when you turn it in.

CROONER

The crooners, ^{you know} the boys ~~some of~~ you ^{all love} like to hear, ~~so much,~~
are being ~~scientifically~~ ^{by scientists.} investigated. The Physics Department
of the University of Pennsylvania, has been making some ^{solemn} experiments
~~into the subjects.~~ regarding this business of crooning.

One development of these experiments indicates that
if a crooner goes on crooning long enough, he'll end up by croaking
like a frog. This discovery was announced today by a lecturer
at the University of Pennsylvania. He declared that his experiences
have shown that crooning will ruin a singer's voice.

Incidentally, his lecture was illustrated, so to
speak, by a baritone of the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company who
~~gave the illustrations to show~~ ^{warbled - or crooned - to illustrate just} what the lecturer meant.

JUDGE

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No less than 250 ladies sent in their application. Out of those 250 ^{the} ~~this~~ Justice has at last made his choice. So on Saturday he's going to marry the lucky redhead.

The Justice said that in his married life he would make a point of following all the advice he himself has been giving young couples these last thirty-seven years. Whenever he joined a happy pair he always added a few words of wisdom such as - Treat your wife as a mate, not as an idol; the woman's place is in the home. Another of his wise sayings was: the husband's place is beside his wife.

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