

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

1 There's startling news from
2 Honolulu.

3 It sounds like a good old-time
4 melodrama. The story begins with
5 tragedy and ends with a hurrah of
6 happiness -- in the best tradition.

7 Ten years in prison for all four
8 defendants was the first thing that
9 flashed over the cable. Of course
10 there had been rumors and many
11 petitions for a pardon for Lieutenant
12 Massie, his mother-in-law, Mrs.

13 Fortescue, and the two U. S. blue
14 jackets who helped ^{in the killing of} ~~them to kill~~ the
15 half-caste, Joe Kahahawai. In fact
16 ~~according to a U.P. dispatch to the N.Y. World-Tel,~~
17 Judge Davis, [^] did not impose the sentence
18 until after a conference. Emerging
19 from the conference Prosecutor Kelly
20 intimated that either a pardon or a
21 commutation would be granted by
22 Governor Judd.

23 But the news of the ^{ten year} sentence
24 did not have time to cool off before
25 it was announced that the Governor had
commuted it from ten years to one hour,

1 the one hour to be served in the
2 custody of the bailiff of the court.

3 Well, you can imagine what
4 cheering ~~xxxx~~ there was in many parts
5 of Honolulu. And ~~to tell the truth,~~
6 there will be millions in the United
7 States who will feel like sending
8 congratulations to those four people.
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POLITICS

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~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:~~

(The opponents of Franklin Roosevelt are shouting that another puncture has been inserted into the tires of the Roosevelt bandwagon. Yes, they mean California.

But the fellow who did the puncturing was not Mr. Alfred E. Smith. It was Mr. John Nance Garner, of Texas, Speaker of the House. Of course the returns are not all in yet but the totals from 8,624 precincts out of 10,271 gave Speaker Garner 188,723. Governor Roosevelt had 156,066. Mr. Smith on the other hand made an unexpectedly strong showing with 126,730. Most of Al Smith's support came from the noble city of San Francisco.) Speaker Garner's strength lay mostly in Southern California, where the eminent Mr. William G. McAdoo still has tremendous influence.

George Morris, political editor of the New York World Telegram sees in these results the outlook for a wide-open convention in Chicago next month.

Yes, it looks like a grand free-for-all in Chicago.

1 And talking about the Roosevelt
2 band-wagon, there's a ~~new leading~~ ^{striking and illuminating} article
3 in the issue of the Literary Digest
4 ~~which will be~~ ^{that comes} out tomorrow. It
5 analyzes from a nationwide standpoint
6 the reactions to the recent Democratic
7 primaries.

8 Of course, there's not much talk
9 about the Republican primaries, as the
10 renomination of President Hoover ~~was~~ ^{is}
11 so plainly in the bag, as they say in
12 sporting circles. But the close fight
13 for the decision ^{as to} who's going to run
14 against ^{Mr.} Hoover, makes ~~the~~ Democratic
15 affairs today quite exciting. In fact,
16 it's almost a sporting event.

17 Things are so close, ~~says~~ ^{declares} the
18 editor of the Digest, that many returns
19 are interpreted favorably by partisans
20 of each ~~competent~~ ^{contestant}.

21 "It is not at all strange to find
22 the leaders on both sides professing
23 satisfaction over the result in
24 Pennsylvania", ~~says~~ ^{adds} the Digest ^{editor}. "Nor
25 is it strange to find Pennsylvania

1 editors a little cautious in their
2 statements." Some of them give Smith
3 a 12 to 1 preference. Others declare
4 that Smith is just as much out of the
5 race as ever, though he proves
6 himself ^{ever} so popular.

7 The Digest points out that
8 opinions as to who will be the nominee
9 in Chicago, are still divided by a wide
10 chasm. For instance, Mark Sullivan,
11 Washington correspondent of the New
12 York Herald-Tribune, declares that most
13 of the major leaders of the Democratic
14 party oppose Governor Roosevelt. On the
15 other hand, during the ^{recent} governors'
16 conference at Richmond, Virginia, ~~xx~~ the
17 ~~recently, x the~~ consensus of opinion of
18 the governors present was that ~~Mr~~ Franklin
19 Roosevelt would be the nominee.

20 So if ever there was a close
21 fight this is going to be it. Politics
22 are going to be mighty interesting in
23 the U. S. A. this summer.
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1 If you are looking for
2 encouragement there ~~xxxxxxx~~ were some
3 optimistic words dropped in Berlin today.
4 "The United States is ripe for recovery
5 and could turn the corner if a Federal
6 Unemployment Dole were adopted."

7 The author of these remarks
8 was William Stix Wasserman, a Philadelphia
9 financier, who was addressing the World
10 Economic Congress. And according to a
11 dispatch in the New York Evening Post *his*
12 ~~they~~^{speech} made ~~quite~~ a sensation.

13 Mr. Wasserman said he "loathed the
14 idea of a dole but that every condition
15 for economic recovery in America had
16 ~~xxx~~ already been satisfied, except
17 increased mass consumption." "The dole,
18 he added, " is the only way to satisfy
19 this condition."

20 ~~What he proposed was a \$10.00-~~
21 ~~dole weekly for each of the unemployed in~~
22 ~~America financed at first by the sale of~~
23 ~~Government bonds, plus a direct wage tax~~
24 ~~and then by unemployment insurance paid~~
25 ~~by the workers themselves on British~~
~~and German models.~~

1 Every other day we hear of some
2 new economy that Congress is putting
3 into effect in our national government,
4 and, ^{then,} on the following day we hear of some
5 new and staggering expenditure.

6 The latest is the pension
7 for world war widows and orphans which ^{has}
8 ~~is being~~ ^{been} passed by the House. According
9 to Talcott Powell in the New York World-
10 Telegram there ^{is} every indication the
11 total cost of this may run as high as
12 two billion ~~= billion with a B =~~ dollars.

13 It is impossible to estimate
14 it accurately, adds Mr. Powell, because
15 there's no way of judging how many
16 World War veterans may marry before they
17 die. You see, the pensions would go not
18 merely for the widows who ~~were~~ married
19 to veterans during the war, but for any
20 ladies they happen to marry subsequently,
21 and in fact, at any time. ~~The curious~~
22 ^{The strange part of it is that in} ~~part of it is that~~ ~~in~~ this new legislation
23 there's no provision for the widows and
24 orphans of the men and officers who
25 actually died in military service.

In times like these you always hear a great deal of argument as to whether advertising appropriations should be curtailed or increased.

This subject is ~~really~~ ^{famous trade} a special hobby with the ^{called} magazine Printers' Ink, and there's a ~~very~~ timely editorial in the current issue. It tells ~~an~~ an eloquent story of the essential soundness of advertising, in good times ^{and bad.} ~~as well~~ ~~as bad.~~

For instance, there's a certain ~~very~~ famous beverage - a soft drink I might add - which ^{during the past 12 months,} increased its advertising and hit a new peak in earnings for the eighth consecutive year. ~~That ought to mean something.~~

Then a large baking company! This corporation reported profits of only 6.3 per cent below those of 1930, the slack being taken up by a million dollar advertising campaign to introduce an improved product.

Then the makers of a certain well known cleansing powder ^{report} that an

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1 increased advertising appropriation
2 brought a net profit of ^{a million and a quarter} ~~\$1,272,776~~
3 in 1931.

4 Another large firm manufacturing
5 cleansing powders invested more money
6 in advertising during 1931 than in
7 1930. ^{And,} It made more money than in any
8 previous year of its history.

9 A ^{big} cigar company put on a great
10 advertising campaign and sold more of
11 its product in five months of 1931
12 than during the whole year of 1930.

13 Still another corporation
14 reports that it has increased its
15 advertising program each year since 1921,
16 and that it had more business last year
17 than in 1930.

18 I could repeat a dozen more cases
19 ^{like these from the editorial in Printers Ink, all to the} ~~such instances. Well, but ~~these~~~~
20 ~~seem to tell the tale~~ ^{same effect. And}
21 ^{that sounds like good news.}

Here is what
1 ~~this~~ I hope, is a swan song --
2 not a swan song for me, but for the
3 subject of the next ~~two paragraphs~~ *bit of news. It concerns*
4 ~~Yes, Mr.~~ Alphonse "Scarface" Capone.

5 It seems definite that he is
6 rolling into ~~absolute~~ oblivion. At any
7 rate, that's the gist of a United Press
8 dispatch to the New York Sun.

9 You've heard of Devil's Island,
10 ~~on~~ where the French send their most
11 dangerous criminals. Well, not even
12 on Devil's Island is the ~~individuality~~
13 individuality of a prisoner wiped out
14 more completely than at the United
15 States penitentiary at ~~Atlanta~~ *Atlanta*.

16 As he left Chicago Capone asked --
17 and if this weren't such a serious
18 subject I'd say there was a good laugh
19 in it -- *anyway the big shot made this inquiry!* -- "What will Chicago do without
20 me?"

21 That does sound a bit comic,
22 doesn't it? He elaborated his question
23 in this way: "Who will they go to
24 when they want to stop the kidnapping
25 racket? Who's going to give protection

1 to business?"

2 ~~But on the other hand~~

3 ~~Those sound like questions, but~~

4 Alexander Jamie, chief investigator for
5 Chicago's Secret Six believes that ~~the~~
6 ~~Windy City~~ Chicago will get along ~~very nicely~~
7 without Alphonse.

8 "The Secret Six will try ~~to~~ to do
9 better than Capone on the kidnapping
10 matter," he replied. "As for
11 protecting business, when he's gone
12 business won't need so much protecting."

13 What jarred Mr. Capone most was that
14 he spent a very uncomfortable night
15 in an upper berth on the train which
16 is carrying ~~him~~ him to Atlanta,
17 chained to another prisoner.

1 The United States ship Leviathan
2 arrived in her home port today for the
3 first time since 1914. The home port
4 was Bremerhaven^h, in Germany.

5 You may recall that the Leviathan
6 was once the pride of the German
7 Mercantile Marine, under the name of
8 Vaterland, and of course, you also
9 remember that the war broke out while
10 she was in Hoboken, ^{whereupon} ~~so that~~ she was
11 interned until ^{Uncle Sam} ~~the United States~~ got into
12 the scrap, and took her over.

13 As an American ship and
14 admittedly the finest in the merchant
15 fleet of the United States, she has
16 traveled to many places, but never to
17 her home port before.

18 A large crowd on the pier
19 greeted her as she entered the harbor
20 of Bremerhaven. Many of the ships in ^{port}
21 ~~the harbor~~ were flagged in her honor.
22 A ~~xx~~ representative of the Senate of
23 Bremen made an official call of welcome.
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1 By George, the old Lion
2 Hindenburg is going after things with a
3 strong hand in the German Reich.

4 ~~Another of Mr.~~
5 ~~A dispatch of H. R.~~ Knickerboker's
6 ^{dispatches} from Berlin to the New York Evening
7 Post makes the following statement:

8 "The Hindenburg-Bruening
9 dictatorship issued its first decree
10 today after a lapse of several months.
11 The effect of this decree is to
12 dissolve the Communist and Atheist
13 groups."

14 Moreover, it orders all political
15 organizations of a military character
16 to submit themselves to the direct
17 control of the Minister of the
18 Interior.

19 Germany has always been strong for
20 societies, organizations, and what-not.
21 In fact, semi-military clubs and
22 organizations are as numerous in the
23 Reich as peanuts at a circus. Now all
24 of these, whether they favor the
25 Bruening government or Handsome
Adolf's party, will have to be under the
immediate supervision of General Groener,
the Minister of the Interior.

1 Here's some hopeful news from
2 Shanghai at last. A United Press
3 dispatch to the Kansas City Journal-
4 Post declares authoritatively that a
5 peace agreement between China and Japan
6 will be signed at 10 o'clock this
7 morning -- which means 10 o'clock
8 tonight *for us.*

9 An interesting circumstance is
10 that ~~the~~ ^{two of the} ~~principal~~ principal signers will
11 have to ^{do their signing in the hospital.} ~~get up out of bed to fix their~~
12 ~~signatures to the document, as~~ They
13 were both victims of that bombing ^{incident} ~~exploit~~
14 last week. These signers, ~~of course,~~
15 ~~will be the Japanese minister, and the~~
16 ~~foreign vice-minister of China.~~

17 The signing will be preceded by a
18 conference between representatives of
19 both parties at the British consulate.

20 They are taking no chances of a
21 disturbance. The most elaborate
22 precautions ~~in~~ for safety have been ^{arranged.} ~~set~~
23 ~~In order.~~ British troops will guard the
24 approaches to the consulate, and only
25 diplomats will be admitted to the
grounds.

Here's an
1 That enterprising newspaper, The
2 Standard, of Red Bank, New Jersey. Its editor hands
3 me one for the Tall Story Club. The
4 Standard got it from George Robinson, a
5 detective of the Central Railroad of New
6 Jersey. But George pins the story on
7 Constable Cliff Abbott.

8 It seems that Cliff Abbott was
9 digging clams on Highland Beach the other
10 day. He noticed a large spot of moving
11 sand. He sneaked up on it cautiously,
12 suddenly thrust his clam fork into the
13 sand, and uncovered a clam four feet in
14 diameter and about 12 inches thick.

15 Well, that isn't quite all. The
16 clam, adds Cliff Abbott, had an enormous
17 neck and a large head covered with red
18 hair. Its eyes were blue and it had a
19 slight mustache turned up at the ends.

20 Cliff didn't quite know what to do
21 for a few minutes. The clam seemed too
22 large to handle, and that mustache
23 worried him. So he lit a cigaret and
24 thought things over. Imagine his
25 amazement when a voice speaking broken

1 English asked for a cigaret and a match.

2 It was the voice of the clam.

3 Well, Cliff Abbott was so
4 flabbergasted that he became speechless,
5 and took on the taciturnity for which
6 clams have hitherto been proverbial.
7 As for the clam, when it could get no
8 answer out of Cliff, it snorted in
9 disgust, wiggled its mustache, and
10 buried itself deep in the sand again.

11 When Cliff recovered his wits he
12 started digging like a steamshovel, but
13 all his efforts were in vain. He
14 couldn't find the mustache-twirling clam
15 again.

16 So now, that clams have taken to
17 talking, it's up to me to do what the
18 clams usually do and say no more except,
19 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.