

Good Evening, Everybody!

1 This evening Pittsburgh is
2 straightening itself up a bit after the
3 big storm. Wind and rain hit the
4 smoky city this morning and did so much
5 damage that the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
6 is giving two ^{whole} pages to the story, ~~and the~~
7 ~~pictures.~~

8 A deluge of rain flooded down, and
9 a wind of 50 or 60 miles an hour came
10 howling. There was a terrific display
11 of lightning with an incessant cannonade
12 of thunder.

13 The lightning struck a huge oil
14 tank, and 9,000 barrels of oil went up
15 in an immense blaze. Houses were
16 flooded. Tunnels and streets were
17 flooded. Automobiles were stalled in
18 water up to their headlights.

19 An airplane was up in the middle
20 of the storm. The wind beat the plane
21 to earth. The pilot describes the
22 tempest with one vivid line:

23 "Old Nick was riding the wind,"
24 he said.

25 ~~Pittsburgh will be talking for some~~
~~time about the storm that hit the city~~
~~this morning.~~

1 And in other parts of the Middle-
2 west they have been having stormy
3 weather too. The Associated Press
4 reports that on the Great Lakes boats
5 were overturned in the heavy gale. Several
6 persons ~~xx~~ are missing.

7 In Cleveland they had ~~what~~ they *refer*
8 *to as* ~~call~~ a water spout. The United Press
9 reports that about noon today a wind,
10 almost a cyclone, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ hit the
11 city, and rain deluged down, in drenching
12 torrents - ~~xx~~ almost a water spout.

13 The weather has been blazing
14 hot, and I suppose these storms are just
15 one result.

1 A weird story comes from Paris.
2 It tells us that Joan of Arc has had a
3 nervous breakdown.

4 She is the Norman girl who took
5 the part of Joan of Arc in a grand
6 pageant which depicted the life and
7 final tragedy of the Maid of Orleans.

8 This Norman girl from the old city
9 of Rouen, the capital of ~~the~~ Normandy,
10 seems to have taken her part of Joan
11 of Arc very seriously. She went through
12 the action with an emotional fervor.

13 Then came the last scene, when
14 Joan of Arc is burned at the stake.
15 The Norman girl was tied to a post amid
16 the fagots. The fire was lighted --
17 theatrical fire, of course -- just
18 stage play. But when the girl saw the
19 flames rise she seemed to think indeed
20 that she was Joan of Arc and that she
21 was being burned at the stake. She
22 clasped the crucifix wildly to her
23 breast and fainted.

24 *And* Now the Associated Press, in giving
25 *as printed in* the story ~~from~~ a prominent Parisian
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1 newspaper, tells us that the Norman
2 girl is seriously ill. She has had a
3 nervous breakdown. The emotional
4 strain of playing Joan of Arc amid the
5 flames was too much for her. She has
6 been ~~haunted~~ haunted and distracted by
7 her part as the tragical Maid of
8 Orleans and the savior of France.

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1 Let's see what's happening to
2 President Hoover's plan for helping the
3 world ~~to~~ get its financial affairs
4 straightened out.

5 In Washington the government seems
6 willing to discuss matters patiently with
7 France. The Associated Press quotes
8 Secretary-of-State Stimson as saying that
9 the French ^{don't} ~~didn't~~ quite agree with the
10 Hoover plan, but that a bit of good
11 natured discussion would undoubtedly
12 straighten things out.

13 In Paris, Secretary-of-the-
14 Treasury Mellon is talking things over
15 with the heads of the French government.
16 The United Press tells us that the
17 Secretary-of-the-Treasury will have a
18 series of conferences with various
19 members of the French ministry.

20 The subject of the Hoover plan came
21 up in the French Chamber of Deputies this
22 afternoon, and ~~the International News~~
23 ~~Service describes the scene as a lively~~
24 ~~one.~~ Secretary Mellon was in the
25 galleries listening to the debate, and

1 he heard some fiery things said in
2 fiery French. Some of the deputies made
3 sharp criticisms of President Hoover and
4 his plan. Several of the French law-
5 makers declared ~~that~~ they thought that
6 even if the French accepted the Hoover
7 plan, why, the American Congress would
8 turn it down. The general belief is,
9 however, that the French will fall in
10 line, and that President Hoover's scheme
11 of a suspension of reparations and war
12 debts will go through. *And that sounds*
13 *like more good news.*

1 Now comes a sad wailing cry --
2 THERE AIN'T NO JUSTICE. It comes from
3 golfers all over the country -- good
4 golfers, medium golfers, bad golfers --
5 all those golfers who have been driving
6 and putting for years, and have never
7 made a hole-in-one.

8 Mrs. Estelle Steinweg, of New
9 York, as the Associated Press informs
10 us, is just a beginner at golf. She's
11 been studying with a professional, and
12 all she had had was lessons. She had
13 never played on a regulation course
14 before.

15 Well, she teed up for the first
16 time, and her teacher was showing her
17 how. She hit the ball a smack with a
18 spoon. The ball went sailing toward
19 the cup 138 yards away. It landed near
20 the cup and rolled right in.

21 And so Estelle Steinweg had made
22 a hole-in-one with her first stroke on
23 a golf course.

24 No sir, there ain't no justice.
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1 (L.T.) I think I've spoken about
2 McClelland Barclay before--I mean
3 McClelland Barclay the artist, who paints
4 those marvelous pictures of beautiful
5 girls for magazine covers. You've seen
6 her--that lovely creature, with the
7 gorgeous red hair. Well, her name is
8 Helene--and McClelland Barclay married
9 her.

10 Tonight, they are both here
11 in the studio with me. In fact she is
12 sitting right beside me--ehem, for
13 inspiration--and what an inspiration!

14 I believe I'll ask her what
15 she thinks is the most interesting item
16 in the news today. What do you think,
17 Helene?

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21 (H.B) Oh, I'm all excited about
22 these two fliers who are racing around
23 the world. My, oh, my, they're going
24 like the wind. I can't keep up with them.
25 Where are they now? Do tell us!

1 Those two adventurous aviators,
2 Post and Gatty? ^{Well, they're} ~~are~~ in Siberia this
3 evening. They made a 2000 mile hop
4 from Moscow, across the Ural Mountains
5 and landed at Novo Sibirsk this afternoon.
6 And this means that they have accomplished
7 the astonishing feat of flying half way
8 around the world in four days. And that's
9 sure going some! Ooh Uh!

10 According to the itinerary
11 they've blocked out they have a total of
12 14,000 miles to go. At midnight, tonight
13 they expect to take off for Irkutsk, the
14 famous city of Central Siberia, about
15 1000 miles farther east.

16 Their ambition is to make it
17 around the globe, that is around the top
18 of the globe, in ten days. The present
19 record is just under 22 days, held by the
20 Graf Zeppelin. But at their present
21 gait Post and Gatty may zip around the
22 old globe in eight days.

23 The two Danish transatlantic
24 fliers have completed their transatlantic
25 trip to Copenhagen. After they had been

1 forced to land in Germany, they continued
2 their way to Copenhagen where today they
3 met a tremendous reception. Fifteen
4 Danish military planes went out and
5 escorted them to the flying field. A
6 crowd of 20,000 people cheered them as
7 they landed. The mob ~~cheered and~~ sang
8 the Danish national anthem and waved
9 Danish and American flags as the two
10 triumphant aviators were carried across
11 the field. Hoiriis, the aviator of the
12 two, was taken to a microphone and the
13 United Press tells us that he uttered
14 this highly original line: "This is
15 the greatest, biggest moment of my life,"
16 said the Dane for the benefit of
17 thousands of loud speakers.

18 Yes, sir, it certainly was an
19 original line - maybe. And by the way,
20 this same flier is said to have trained
21 three weeks for the flight. He trained
22 like a prize fighter. I wonder how
23 Jimmie Doolittle or Al Williams trained.

24 But at any rate, there was
25 great excitement in Copenhagen.

1 Now comes a health warning--it's
2 a warning against health warning. We
3 are told that there's a tremendous
4 interest in health and hygiene, and
5 that's a good thing in moderation. But
6 this interest in health and hygiene is
7 being carried to such extremes that
8 it's really getting to be unhealthy.

9 The subject is considered in a
10 bright article in this week's Literary
11 Digest. We are reminded of the many
12 things that are supposed to be necessary
13 to our health.

14 The Digest editors quote the
15 Journal of the Indiana State Medical
16 Association as saying that the housewife
17 is caught in a maze of vitamins, calories,
18 carbohydrates, and acid producing foods,
19 until she doesn't know which way to turn.

20 On one hand she has the children
21 who are supposed to get fat, and they
22 tell her that takes a special diet. And
23 then there is herself, and she's
24 supposed to get thin--and then takes a
25 couple of special diets. Then along

1 comes friend husband who doesn't care
2 whether he gets fat or thin, but he's
3 liable to get indigestion.

4 The whole business of these
5 scientific theories about food gets so
6 bewildering that the poor housewife
7 might as well get herself a crossword
8 puzzle to find something simple and
9 easy.

10 ~~All these health fads cause her~~
11 ~~so much worry that pretty soon she's~~
12 ~~liable not to have any health to look~~
13 ~~after.~~

14 In that Digest article we are
15 told that raising a baby these days is
16 a complex undertaking if the mother
17 believes all she hears. The health
18 cranks expect her to do so many things
19 that she'd have to be a Ph.D. to understand
20 it all. But as lady Ph.D.'s don't
21 go in for children, why that leaves the
22 ~~prob~~ problem all the more tangled.

23 In conclusion, the Digest editors
24 join the Journal of the Indiana State
25 Medical Association in a ringing cry for
just ~~some~~ some plain common sense.

1 Over in Berlin I suppose people ~~in~~
2 on the street look at a taxi driver
3 and say--"Ja, maybe he's an underworld
4 king".

5 The Berlin police have discovered
6 that the underworld ~~kings were~~ ^{gangs are} linked
7 up with the Berlin taxi drivers. In
8 fact, the most of the rulers of the
9 gangs ~~were~~ ^{are} taxi drivers.

10 A number of arrests have been
11 made, and it was found that one gang of
12 robbers operated in three taxi cabs.
13 Three taxi drivers planned and directed
14 the crimes. They sat in their driver's
15 seats and gave orders. And after their
16 henchmen had committed the robberies,
17 why the taxi "driver-commanders" drove
18 them away.

19 The New York Evening Post tells us
20 that the German police are working on
21 the theory that if you lined up all the
22 men who sit in cabs and wait for fares,
23 why you'd find among them almost every
24 ~~big~~ underworld boss in Berlin.

25 It was explained that among the

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1 taxi drivers of Berlin you would find
2 one time noblemen, professors who have
3 gone to the dogs, soldiers, and also
4 ex-convicts. The police haven't been
5 keeping any close supervision over
6 taxis, and the result has been a league
7 between the drivers and the crooks, in
8 which the drivers have been able to get
9 command of gangs of crooks.

10 But now, say the Berlin police,
11 ~~that~~ that will all be changed. A lot
12 of those criminal lords who drive taxi
13 cabs are going to be ^{eating} ~~chewing~~ their
14 sauerkraut in jail.

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2 trail to some dim far off valley of
3 spirit land, a slender, bald headed,
4 long bearded old man is trudging his
5 way. He is making his last trek
6 to a misty paradise in the sky, where,
7 let us hope, there are lands of big game
8 and wild tribes, jungle filled valleys
9 and broad rivers.

10 Trader Horn is dead.

11 He was born Alfred Aloysius
12 Smith. Then during a strange long time
13 in Africa he was called Zambesi Jack.
14 Later, at the end of his days, he was
15 celebrated in a famous best selling
16 book as Trader Horn.

17 He was one of the oddest of
18 characters, a droll, whimsical old man
19 whose life had spanned an almost
20 infinite variety of events and places.

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1 and murderers, sought for the bones of
2 mastodons, shot it out with the Indians
3 of Utah, and winked and wise cracked
4 his way through New York.

5 The better part of his life was
6 spent in Africa where his career ranged
7 all the way from reigning as a white king
8 among black tribes, to peddling tinware
9 at the back doors of farm houses ^{in South Africa.} It
10 was while he was a vagrant peddler ^{near Cape Town,} that
11 an English woman writer became interested
12 in the odd old fellow, and collaborated
13 with him in writing a strange story of
14 his life, which was printed as Trader
15 Horn.

16 "I'm a bit of a rogue elephant",
17 he is quoted as saying, "something of a
18 rascal elephant. I've always been out
19 of the herd."

20 He was a rare story teller
21 with his shrewd smile and wise wink.
22 He'd begin with authentic happenings
23 in the tropical jungle or on the South
24 African belt, and he would have his
25 audiences fascinated. Then he would

1 amuse himself by gradually making his
2 stories wilder and wilder until finally
3 with a most serious face, he would tell
4 a tall one of the most shameless sort.

5 Then he would chuckle at the
6 sudden laughter of the crowd.

7 And so the Tall Story ~~xx~~ Club is
8 in mourning this evening for one of its
9 most talented members, ~~xxx~~ Alfred
10 Aloysius Smith, Zambesi Jack, ~~and~~ Trader
11 Horn, who has taken his way to new
12 game lands, new secluded corners of
13 another wilderness, away out there beyond
14 the stars - "beyond the utmost purple rim."

1 This evening we have a bit of news
2 from an African paper. It's a weekly
3 called "East Africa", and it's the only
4 journal of news for the people of Kenya,
5 Uganda, Tanganyika, and other points east
6 on the road to the mountains of the moon.

7 The latest issue of that East
8 African weekly was brought to me by my
9 friend Carveth Wells. He was a bit hot
10 under the collar.

11 "Look here!" he cried. "Read this
12 and tell me if I'm a member of your Tall
13 Story Club."

14 Well, Carveth Wells is an explorer
15 and a writer. And some people think
16 he's a member of the Tall Story Club. But
17 this he utterly denies. What he tells
18 about his adventures is really the truth,
19 but he is known as a man who has the
20 faculty for making the truth sound just
21 like a lie.

22 "You know," he told me, "every so
23 often I tell a crowd of people about my
24 trip to the mountains of the moon. And
25 among other things I explain to them that

1 at Jinga, in Uganda near the sources of
 2 the Nile, is a golf club. But I add that
 3 I never played golf on that course because
 4 of Old Man Hippopotamus. There are a
 5 number of hippopotami always wandering
 6 around the green^s, and I was afraid they
 7 might bother me, *sort of cramp my style,*

8 "And people ~~like~~ call that tale of
 9 hippopotami on the golf course nothing but
 10 a tall story. And so, look here, ^{I say} Read
 11 this bit of news, *old chap,*" ^{said} Carveth,
 12 *the paper called*

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13 And in that copy of ^{the paper called} "East Africa"
 14 I read a news item which had an exceedingly
 15 English headline. The headline read:
 16 SAVAGED BY A HIPPOPOTAMUS.

17 The article went on to tell that
 18 Mr. R. T. Wickham, an agriculture officer
 19 in Uganda, while walking across the
 20 Jinga Golf course with his dog, was
 21 attacked by a ferocious hippopotamus.
 22 The hippopotamus killed the dog and
 23 injured Mr. Wickham before it was driven
 24 off.

25 After I had read the article,
 Carveth Wells asked once more:

"Now, do you think I'm a member of the Tall Story Club?"

"Why, do you know," he continued, "one evening after I had told that story about hippopotami on the golf course, a man came up to me and asked if I was the discoverer of the fatuliva bird."

"'And what is the fatuliva bird?' I asked."

"'Oh,' he replied, 'that's the bird that lays square eggs and says 'ouch!'"

Well, I had to sympathize with Carveth Wells, the man who can make the truth seem like a lie. And I guess we'll have to end this evening's proceedings by erasing his name, temporarily, I hope, from the membership roll of the Tall Story Club - only temporarily -.

And with that, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.