

Good Evening, Everybody:

(There was a
A sensational climax ~~came~~ today in the romantic
drama of the man who came ~~here~~ to America from England^{60 years ago} as a
penniless fourteen year old boy, ^{later to} and ^A become the head of a two
billion dollar corporation in Chicago. Yes, I mean Samuel
Insull. The crash of the gigantic ~~expansion~~ structure ~~he~~ Insull
^{the crash that cost small investors 2 billion dollars,}
had built up, ^A has been investigated by a ~~United States~~ Grand
Jury. And today another chapter in the rise and fall of Samuel
Insull was begun when the Grand Jury returned indictments charging
embezzlement and larceny against Mr. Insull and his brother Martin.)
Mr. Insull has been in Paris ^{lately.} ~~where~~ he retired ^{there}
^{— retired}
after the crash of his concern^A on a pittance of eighteen thousand
dollars a year. The State's attorney of Cooke County^{now} announces
that he will ask for the extradition of Samuel Insull from Paris —
and of his brother Martin from Canada.

MEXICO

The breach between Mexico and the Vatican seems to be widening. By way of an answer to the Pope's Encyclical denouncing the laws of Mexico as oppressing to the Church, the Mexican Congress today passed a resolution. This resolution recommends the expulsion from Mexico of the apostolic delegate. The resolution was passed unanimously.

A later bulletin to the Montreal Star reports that the government today arrested the apostolic delegate. This information was given to a correspondent of the Star by the Archbishop of Mexico City. The Archbishop added that the whereabouts of the Papal legate was unknown. It is believed that agents of the ^{Mexican} Department of the Interior made the arrest. The Department declined to confirm the news.

JAPAN

Japan, it seems, is growing suspicious of Uncle Sam.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post quotes a spokesman for the War Ministry in Tokio. This spokesman gave out the information that the Mikado's government believed^s there is a secret understanding between the United States and certain members of the League of Nations. This understanding, it is ~~believed~~^{thought}, ~~was~~ dictated the tone of the report of the Lytton Commission to the League on the Manchurian question.

The dispatch says this conclusion was based on the speech made by Secretary of State Stimson in Philadelphia in which he criticised Japan's recognising^{tion of} Manchukuo^{just} one day before the Lytton report was made public. The Mikado's government considers that Mr. Stimson's speech^{was} calculated to encourage anti-Japan^{ese} sentiment among smaller nations. This, they say, will bring about an impossible situation in Geneva.

Of course, the curious feature of this story is that Uncle Sam does not belong to the League of Nations.

MANCHURIA

News of further trouble in the Far East was on the air today. A wireless dispatch to the New York Sun brings the information that another new government, ~~XXXX~~ may be proclaimed in a few days in Northwest Manchuria. The western half of the Chinese Eastern Railroad between Harbinⁿ and Manchuli is now completely paralyzed. All towns except one, where there's a large Japanese garrison, are now occupied by forces opposed to the government of Manchukuo. The revolt ~~■~~ against the Japanese in Manchuria, ~~XXX~~ so says the ^{n. y.} Sun's dispatch, is growing.

GERMANY

The question of German armament ~~came~~^{is} into the news again. ~~today~~ John Bull is trying to arrange a conference of five powers on the claim of the Berlin Cabinet to equality of arms. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post says it is understood ^{the} ~~a~~ conference will be held in London. It will include Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, and Belgium. Uncle Sam will not be invited to take part. ~~in the conference.~~

It is believed considerable concessions will be made to Germany. At any rate by England. The dispatch continues that what is in John Bull's mind is to solve the disarmament problem by permitting Germany to add to her military equipment rather than by drastic reduction of arms by the other powers.

LEGACY

An interesting story of a legacy ^{has come} ~~was brought~~ out ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~other day~~ in the high courts of the Dominion of Canada.

According to a story in the Toronto Star, a lady of that city was bequeathed a rolled top desk and chiffonier with everything that was in it. When the desk was delivered to her, she discovered that in one of the drawers were savings bank receipt books representing deposits of thirty thousand dollars, and promissory notes worth about six thousand. When this became known the other heirs to the estate ^{waxed} ~~became~~ indignant. They claimed that if you inherit a desk it ^{doesn't} ~~didn't~~ mean ~~that~~ you also inherit the bank account represented by any bank books that ~~may~~ happen to be in ~~the~~ ^{that} desk.

The Lower Court decided in favor of the protesting heirs. But the Lord Chief Justice of Canada ~~today~~ decided in favor of the lady who had been bequeathed the desk. So she gets not only ~~the~~ ^a piece of furniture, but a nice round sum besides. And that's the sort of furniture ^{would all like} to have ^{around the} ~~in your~~ house.

CASEY

Here's a chaste little tale to illustrate the curious ways of army officials. It concerns ^{that good old scout,} ~~my old friend,~~ Casey Jones.

Of course, almost everybody in and out of the aviation world knows that Casey is one of the three best living fliers in America, if not in the whole world. Well, Casey, among other things, is a captain in the aviation forces ^{of} ~~in~~ the United States Army Reserves. The fact that Casey has had more than five thousand hours in the air means nothing to the United States Army. Casey this afternoon had to go up with a regular army pilot to prove that he is capable of flying alone. The fact that the so-called ^{Casey,} student, [^] has had ten times the experience of the so-called instructor, meant nothing to the Army. Casey had to take his test flight with a man who, compared to him, [^] is a rookie, ~~passing upon his manipulation of the controls.~~

~~Apropos of this, eight~~ Eighteen months ago the question ^{as to} came up [^] whether Casey should be listed as a pilot instead of a mere observer in the Reserve Corps. At that time also he had to

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make the regulation ^{test} flight with a man considerably junior
to him in experience, ~~reporting on his ability.~~

Who said this wasn't a cockeyed
world.

AVIATION

Well, Casey may be all wound round with red tape this week, but —

^ Airplanes are going faster. I mean passenger planes.

American Airways announces that new planes are going to be put on, for carrying passengers and mail, with a regular cruising speed of around 175 or 180 miles an hour.

HOOVER

President Hoover in ^{his} a special train arrived in
Des Moines, Iowa, late this afternoon. For the most part the
presidential party traveled ^{the corn belt in pouring} ~~in a drizzling~~ rain. At various
points along the route crowds assembled wherever the train paused.

But Mr. Hoover did not come out in the rain to speak to them.

Instead of that, Mrs. Hoover came ^{to} ~~on~~ the back platform of their
car ^{to explain that the President was busy writing} ~~and apologized for him~~
^{his speech.}

Mr. Hoover's address, it is calculated, will begin at
eight thirty tonight, that is, eight thirty Eastern Standard
Time, seven thirty Central Time. Everybody who has a radio will
have a chance to hear it, ^{from Atlantic to Pacific} as the air, ^{will} be cleared for the
President.

DES MOINES

A crowd of about ^{many} ~~fifteen~~ thousand people greeted the President when he arrived in Des Moines. Early in the afternoon there was a parade of farmers, some ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-five hundred of them, in blue jackets and overalls, most of them riding in trucks.

The temper of the parade was half joking and half bitter. Its tone was ironic. Both in banners and in the shouts of the parading farmers they expressed their discontent *with things as they are.*

G.O.P.

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The New York State Convention of the G O P will come to an end at Buffalo ^{this afternoon.} ~~late today.~~ A dispatch to the New York World Telegram describes it as the strangest Republican State Convention in recent years.

The most important thing the Convention did today was ~~to~~ nominate Colonel William J. Donovan, popularly known as Wild Bill, for the governorship of New York. This nomination went through to the accompaniment of loud cheers and cries of Hurray for ^{Wild} ~~Wild~~ Bill, by the assembled delegates.

A curious angle of this occurrence is that it is expected Colonel Donovan will support acting Mayor Joseph McKee for the mayoralty of New York City, in case the Court of Appeals decides ^{New York municipal} an election must be held next month. Judge McKee is a Democrat, what is known in New York as a Bronx Democrat. Of recent years a gradual ^{has} widening gulf has been observed between the Democratic machine in the Bronx and Tammany, which hitherto ruled the ~~entire~~ New York ^{City} ~~State~~ roast.

DEMOCRATS

Meanwhile in Albany the Democrats were squabbling.

A desperate fight is on between the Tammany tiger on ~~the~~ one side and the forces of Alfred E. Smith and Governor Roosevelt on the other, over the proposed nomination of Herbert Lehman for governor. One of the interesting developments of the day was a threat on the part of the Smith and Roosevelt forces that if Tammany succeeded in blocking the nomination of Mr. Lehman for governor of the State, the Smith Roosevelt combine would fight to make him mayor of New York City. This, the political observers say, would mean the end of John Curry's leadership of Tammany, in fact, even the end of Tammany's city wide control of New York.

ADD DEMOCRATS

The convention took a recess until seven o'clock this evening to give Al Smith, the Tammany bosses, and the other leaders a chance to try to iron out the bitter factional strife. ~~that has broken out~~ In the corridor outside the rooms where the leaders were meeting, sounds of loud and angry argument could be heard. It is believed that the scrap will be taken to the floor of the convention this evening.

SMITH

While Mr. Smith was engaged in this fight at Albany an article ~~written~~ written by him appeared in the Red Book *Magazine* and ^{threw} ~~through~~ a bit of a bombshell into both the Republican party and his own. Quotations from the article were picked up and sent all over the country to newspapers in the United States.

Mr. Smith charges that both the Republican and the Democratic parties are insincere in their campaign pledges for government economy and lower taxes. Here's one thing he says:

"The economy pledges of neither party ^{have} ~~has~~ been kept in the past, and they will not be in the future unless the people rise up and compel ~~their~~ ^{re-}organization. All political parties talk about economy. No candidate ever specifies what he proposes to do," ~~explicitly~~ pointedly writes Al Smith.

BEAR

Here's an economy story from Kansas City, Missouri. A dispatch to the Louisville Times says that with fish at fifteen cents a pound the keeper of the K.C. zoo found it too expensive to feed the two polar bears. So they found a way of saving money. They ^{cut} ~~keep~~ up horse meat into strips that look ^{ed} like fish, then they ~~insert~~ dipped these strips of horse meat in cod liver oil. That made them not only look like fish but smell like fish. What they actually tasted like nobody but the bears know, and they aren't telling.

The keepers like to think that the bears ^{are fooled and} think this invention of theirs actually is fish. But there is still more bad news coming for the bears. As soon as they get accustomed to horse meat, ~~even~~ the cod liver oil will be cut out. And that ought to be pretty hard to bear.

But just a moment - bare with me, for a moment here's another zoo item.

PHILADELPHIA ZOO

~~Oh yes, and~~ the Philadelphia Zoo is also having its difficulties. This situation is particularly ^{critical} ~~difficult~~ because in Philadelphia they have one of the finest collections of animals in America. All zoological gardens are having rather a hard time because city governments ^{then again} ~~have~~ had to cut down on contributions. In ordinary times a zoo can add to its fund by selling animals. But at present even the most valuable specimens cannot be given away. The consequence is that many of these institutions are faced with the necessity of killing off some of their animals because they can't afford to nourish them. *I think I'll drop down and see what they have to spare.*

The plight of the Philadelphia zoo is particularly acute. Philadelphia appropriates ^{this year} ~~amount~~ only \$25,000 for this purpose.

The great zoo in New York gets \$350,000 a year. Washington, D. C., contributes \$450,000 to its zoo, St. Louis \$250,000. Chicago, with

two zoos, appropriates \$852,000 a year to help support them *elephant and the kangaroos — and the rest of Noah's Ark.*

DECORATOR

Then there's tonight
~~Here's~~ a tale from which you have to draw your own moral. A rich woman in New York had her apartment done over by an interior decorator. ~~Just~~ Incidentally a friend of mine who is a decorator, tells me that this is phenomenal. He says it's the first decorator he's heard of who's had a job in many a ~~time~~ month.

At any rate, this rich woman employed a decorator and each time ^{the decorator} ~~he~~ did the job the lady found fault with it. He did it over, and he did it over again, and he did it over once more, and in fact, he did the job four times.

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At the end of the fourth time he came to collect his money and the rich woman still found fault with the work he had done. She not only found fault with it, but she refused to pay him, and started to have him put out by a bevy of maids and butlers. ^{But} ~~By~~ this time the decorator pulled out a folding knife with a blade several inches long, the kind of knife used by paper

hangers to remove wall paper. With this he stabbed the lady three times. He then sauntered over to the nearest police station and informed the officers what he had done. *What is the moral?*
Well, I'll leave it to you.

HOME

Oh, Here's a Home Sweet Home story from the Detroit News.

A gentleman was convicted ~~the other day~~ of fraud. The Judge gave him the choice of a sentence of from two to five years in the penitentiary, or being sent back home on probation.

The prisoner said: "Give me jail, Judge. Anything's better than going back home to ~~the~~ ^{the} wife."

CANDIDATE

We've heard plenty of times that the lot of a political candidate is not a happy one. Mr. R. A. Bell sends me an item from Arkansas which relates in detail what a candidate had to go through in that state. Here's his tale of woe.

"Lost four months and twenty days' work in canvassing; lost 1360 hours of sleep thinking about the election; lost forty-eight acres of corn and sweet potatoes; ~~adds the~~ lost two front teeth and a lot of hair in a personal combat with an opponent; gave away one beef, four sheep, ~~and~~ five pigs, five calico dresses, five dolls and thirteen baby rattles."

But that isn't all. This candidate kissed 126 babies, lit 26 kitchen fires, put up eight stoves, cut 174 cords of fire wood, carried twenty-four buckets of water, gathered seven wagonloads of corn; pulled 475 bundles of fodder.

Maybe you think that's tough but there's more to come. This would-be legislator walked 4,049 miles, shook 9,080 hands, talked enough to make a thousand volumes and told a thousand and one lies. He attended twenty-six revival meetings and was baptized six times. He contributed \$50.00 to foreign missions, got bitten

by nineteen dogs and then lost the dog-gone election.

All of which makes me burst into tears
and say solong - u - t - m.