

Good Evening, Everybody:

One of those thrilling rescues in a stormy sea was reported in this afternoon's newspapers.

The story in the New York Sun <sup>tells how</sup> ~~reports that~~ the crack French liner, de Grasse, was plowing through the darkness early Tuesday morning. Seas were running high and a chilly fog made visibility even more difficult. But in the middle of the night the look-out espied a disabled schooner. It was the fishing schooner, Clemencia, out of Halifax,

<sup>The</sup> Nova Scotia ~~The~~ schooner's steering gear had been carried away. Disabled in that violent gale she soon became water-logged. There she lay rolling helplessly in the troughs of the great Atlantic combers.

As soon as the news was relayed to Captain <sup>Toreux</sup> Thoreux of the de Grasse, that skipper hurried <sup>to</sup> ~~up on~~ the bridge and found the combination of high waves and fog and

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darkness made it impossible to launch a boat for the rescue of the helpless fishing schooner. For four hours ~~the~~ Captain Thoreux stood by the Clemencia maneuvering his huge passenger ship so as to shelter the schooner as much as possible from wind and waves.

It was not until after daybreak, to be exact, a quarter to eight <sup>in the</sup> ~~in the~~ morning, that the French seamen finally got a boat launched and succeeded in reaching the schooner.

The fishermen aboard the Clemencia, it is reported, were at their last gasp of exhaustion from hunger and exposure to the cold wet gale. <sup>In fact</sup> One of the ~~Clemencia's~~ crew had already been carried away by the heavy seas.

The ~~a~~ dispatch which Captain Thoreux sent in by radio was typically laconic. All he communicated to the French Line offices in New York was the bare outlines of the episode. <sup>only</sup> ~~But~~ The details, <sup>only</sup> became known today, <sup>You will find</sup> ~~and are making~~ <sup>them in your</sup> ~~exciting reading in this~~ evening ~~in~~ newspapers. <sup>They make</sup> ~~exciting reading.~~



BERLIN

Well, for once the expected has happened in Germany. As was predicted yesterday (President von Hindenburg today named General von Schleicher Chancellor of the German Republic *— and the General accepted.*) H. R. Knickerbocker cables the New York Evening Post that von Schleicher, the so-called iron man of ~~Germany~~ German politics, is in control with vast power. In fact, says Knickerbocker, he will have more power than any other head of the German government since the days of Frederick the Great. *— more even than Bismarck. As* ~~Since~~ the General is not only Chancellor but also his own Minister of Defense, he will have, *political authority* ~~not only~~ the normal ~~leadership~~ throughout the Republic, *as well as* ~~but~~ direct control of all the armed German forces. *then* And he will also become automatically head of the government of the State of Prussia. *This gives him* ~~He will also have~~ personal command of two-thirds of the police forces of Germany.

There is rather a paradox in this situation. This militarist dictator has, during most of his life, been more of a diplomat than a soldier. The dispatch adds that he has built up a powerful political machine within Germany.

Another serious feature of the situation is the

report that President von Hindenburg is not in the best of health. In fact they say he is failing fast. The strain of negotiations within the last two weeks over the re-organization of the government has tested his strength severely.



DEBTS

It is possible that Uncle Sam will make no reply whatsoever to the latest notes about the debts from Great Britain and France. Secretary of State Stimson today after a cabinet meeting, announced that he doubted whether any answer was necessary. The attitude of most people in the United States, both in Congress and out, should be adequately clear, though the note of optimism prevailing in Europe indicates that perhaps the European nations had paid no attention to the tremendous volume of protest against cancellation or revision of the debts that has risen up in the U. S. A.

A dispatch to the New York Sun from Paris reports that there's considerable hope that these pleas for delay and revision on the debt instalment will be granted. Statesmen in Washington are reported <sup>still</sup> to be ~~still~~ wondering how on earth the Europeans get that way.

It <sup>has</sup> been pointed out that the French and British notes, which are similar in term<sup>s</sup>, repeat with emphasis the old argument that if Uncle Sam insists on being paid, the economic

situation of the whole world will be imperiled. It is also pointed out that both Great Britain and France, two of the strongest military powers in the world, pay no attention whatever to the American attitude that if Europe did not spend such staggering sums on her military armament, she might be better able to pay her just and lawful debts. This side of the question is blandly ignored in both the British and the French note.

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At the same time it is pointed out that Great Britain, France, and Germany are raising a vast sum to lend to the smaller central European countries to finance big construction projects. They have raised six hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty-eight million dollars for this purpose with one hand, while <sup>say Washington officials,</sup> holding the other out, ~~say the Washington officials,~~ to Uncle Sam begging off on the payment of what they owe him.



MacDonald

A still later bit of news on this debt question is that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain may come to the United States. A correspondent cabled the New York Sun that the purpose of his visit will be to try to get Uncle Sam's cooperation with Great Britain on ~~the~~ ~~question~~ both disarmament and war debts.

The Sun's correspondent admits that he has no official authority for this information. But ~~he says that~~ it comes from sufficiently well informed sources to enable him to say that this bold move is being seriously considered in government circles.

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There had been a rumor that Henry Ford intended to retire. But Mr. Ford spiked this today. He says he intends to show the world something new in ~~the~~ the automobile line. He is making an amazing recovery from his recent operations.

HUNTING

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The deer hunting season is on in Pennsylvania now. It's been going on exactly one day, and already three hunters have been killed. In addition several others have been injured, two of them being shot in the foot by a single bullet from a companion's rifle.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger says further that more than ten thousand hunters are out with rifles on the deer runways in Monroe and Pyke Counties, alone.

Two forest fires are another result of the Pennsylvania hunting season so far.

At the same time comes some hunting news from Connecticut. If it is serious, it will be bad news for ladies and gentlemen who like to imitate English people by putting on pink coats and galloping behind a ~~hi~~ pack of hounds after a fox. A celebrated Irish wit once described this pastime as "the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable."

Well, hitherto the fox hunting sportsmen have had to pay only the usual game license of three dollars and



thirty-five cents. But a story in the ~~New York Sun~~ <sup>Jersey Journal</sup> declares  
that if the Connecticut Fish and Game Association has its way, the  
pink coated gentry will pay anywhere from two hundred and  
fifty dollars to five hundred dollars a piece to hear the call  
of tallyho and the ~~bay~~ <sup>baying</sup> of the hounds in full cry.

The State Fish and Game Commission point out that  
the fox hunters make such a noise and uproar that they scatter  
not only foxes, but all wild life including birds, before them.  
This makes it useless to stock the territory with game, because  
when the pink coated ones are riding ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> hounds, no hunter  
can find so much as a single bird. Furthermore, a dairy  
farmer near Weston, Connecticut, after a party of folks in  
pursuit of the uneatable had galloped across his land, was  
unable to find his herd of milch cows for two days. That's a  
sad, sad story.

SMITH

Al Smith seems to have started something again.

*as you perhaps noted in your favorite newspaper*  
Yesterday, he appeared before the Hofstadter Committee of the

New York Assembly which is *still* conducting *that same old* investigation into

New York City affairs. Mr. Smith was asked by Judge Seabury,

*the following cryptic question:— "Mr. Smith,*  
the counsel for the Committee, *What is wrong with New York*

City?"

*up and* Well, Al told ~~them~~. *In fact he told 'em plenty!*  
He said in effect that New York

City's government is hopelessly antiquated. He not only

~~criticized~~ criticized but offered a full and complete scheme for

reconstructing Father Knickerbocker's *affairs.* ~~government.~~ He pointed

out among other things that there are seventy-five boards and

bureaus in the five boroughs of New York City. *The work of* These seventy-

five, he said, ~~can and should be~~ *done better by* ~~reduced to~~ eleven.

*also said he* ~~Then~~ He would do away with the five boroughs, with the

Board of Estimate, and with the Board of Aldermen. He would

have the city's legislation *enacted* ~~done~~ by a senate of eleven members

and a lower house of only twenty-three. *It* Well, at first, *yesterday,* it seemed

*local* that this was only a New York story. But former Governor



Smith's plans <sup>at once</sup> attracted attention all over the country.

In fact, in other cities such as Philadelphia, editors and business men are saying - "that's a <sup>peach of an</sup> ~~swell~~ idea. Let's try something like that ourselves."

Of course, the politicians are in a terrific stew about it because such a reorganization would abolish an enormous number of <sup>fat</sup> jobs. Incidentally, in Philadelphia where they've been making drastic budget slashes, several hundred city employes have <sup>already</sup> been cut off the payroll with one stroke of the pen.

If Mr. Smith's plan is adopted in cities <sup>far and</sup> ~~all over~~ <sup>wide,</sup> ~~the country;~~ as now seems not unlikely from the attention he has received, it will effect almost a revolution in municipal government throughout the U.S.A. And in that case we may one day see bronze statues of Al Smith, brown derby and all, in public squares from coast to coast.

FOOTBALL

It now seems certain that the Army and Navy game in Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon will be packed to the

last inch of standing room. The Philadelphia papers ~~today~~ <sup>tonight</sup>

relate that speculators are asking and getting as much as thirty dollars a ~~seat~~ <sup>pair for tickets.</sup> Incidentally, I wonder why ticket

speculators are called scalpers. They certainly don't scalp the price of their tickets.

*Well, I suppose it's because they scalp the public. Sure, that's it!*

The weather man is fairly kind. Uncle Sam's <sup>meteorological prognosticators</sup> ~~prophecies~~ predict that though tomorrow afternoon will be cloudy

there probably will be no rain and in any event it will be warm.

~~Philadelphia, xxxxxxxx, is being flooded with counterfeit tickets~~ It has been discovered, by the way, that counterfeit tickets have appeared in Philadelphia. Several of them are said to have been sold at seven dollars each, the regular price being four ~~dollars~~ and forty ~~cents~~.

Among the spectators tomorrow afternoon will be Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. President and Mrs. Hoover have been

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obliged to send their regrets, owing to the press of public business.

Grantland Rice in the New York Sun points out that ten days ago hardly any <sup>body</sup>~~way~~ gave Navy even an outside chance to beat the army team. Today the ~~propheix~~ soothsayers, some of them at least, are giving the <sup>Middie</sup>~~Navy at least~~ an even chance, and a little bit better.

You may well imagine that all Pittsburgh is <sup>beeyed up</sup> delighted that the powerful panther team is going to represent the east against the Southern California Trojans at the ~~the~~ Rose Bowl in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Most delighted of all are the panthers themselves who are welcoming the opportunity to wipe out that walloping defeat they suffered in Pasadena <sup>three</sup>~~two~~ years ago.

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BUSINESS

Here's a prosperity item that does not come from any political source. A report for last week issued by the Research Bureau of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce shows that forty-eight manufacturers have either started factories or expanded their plants in Philadelphia alone. There are twenty-three new factories that have started up near the shrine of William Penn. Furthermore twelve wholesalers have located establishments in the same city.

A story in the Philadelphia Public Ledger has it that in the last ten weeks ninety-four new manufacturers, ninety-two wholesalers and <sup>forms that have</sup> forty ~~expanded~~ have been reported in Philadelphia.



SIZE

There is a widely current superstition that the human race is growing smaller, not in numbers, of course, but in size. A learned gentleman at Harvard has been making *further* investigations into the comparative stature of Harvard men.

*He repeats now*

~~He found~~ that ~~the~~ undergraduates at Cambridge today, at any rate those of old American stock, are both taller and

heavier than their fathers and grandfathers. Furthermore, *his latest calculations again demonstrate that* they are steadily gaining in height and weight.

The same gentleman has also been *continuing his similar* ~~studying~~ the ladies.

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He says that the gals at Wellesley, Vassar, Smith and Mount Holyoke are also taller and heavier than their mothers or at any rate than their predecessors. Another interesting fact that this investigator dug out is that contrary to general belief, when there are several brothers in one family, the first born is smaller and lighter than the others. *And that's curious.*

EGGS

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Here's ~~a story~~<sup>one</sup> about some eggs that did ~~not~~<sup>it</sup> become an omelet.

A couple of youths were walking clumsily along a Philadelphia street this morning carrying a crate of eggs. Something about them aroused the suspicion of a patrolman. ~~He~~<sup>The Law</sup> gruffly asked the lads where they had got that ~~xx~~ crate of eggs. "Why", said the boys, "It fell of a truck and we just picked it up."

The police ~~took~~<sup>man</sup> another look at that crate of eggs and in the best Sherlock Holmes manner asked them:

"How is it that none of ~~those~~<sup>them</sup> eggs got broken when they fell off that ~~truck~~<sup>there</sup>, huh?"

my dear Watson

~~Well that, my dear Watson,~~<sup>And that, it appears</sup> was an unanswerable

question. So the two young men are in the coop, though not the same kind of a coop in which the eggs were laid. And the policeman is getting considerable credit as a sleuth. *Elementary, my dear Watson, elementary.*



MUSIC

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Dr. ~~E. E.~~ Free in ~~the~~ "THE WEEKLY SCIENCE" has some good news for us. People who are learning to play musical instruments no longer need to torture their neighbors. Dr. Free informs us that the Hartz Institute in Germany has been experimenting with new kinds of instruments. These can be used for practise to enable the students to get all the technique they need so <sup>s</sup>olently that even persons in the same room are not annoyed.

We learn further that these gadgets are based on ~~the~~ electronic principles. In them are used vacuum tubes, and amplifiers like those in your radio set.

By proper design of the electric circuits these instruments can be made to resemble a horn, a flute, a violin, even that inescapable instrument, the saxophone. <sup>but</sup> all silent when you most want them to -.

~~I cannot, however, find that any device has yet been invented which will make whole orchestras noiseless.~~  
Well, they've long had a simply device for silencing me. The engineer here in the control just <sup>twist</sup> ~~pushes~~ a dial - and zip, I'm off the air. He's <sup>just</sup> all set to do that now, so ~~along~~ until Monday.