

# ENGLAND

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1 *(Here are)*  
2 ~~Let's pass along~~ a couple of  
3 ~~startling~~ ~~contrasting~~ figures. One is 550 and  
4 the other is 50. ~~That's kind of~~ Just a bit  
5 lopsided, isn't it? Well, it eloquently  
6 expresses the result of yesterday's  
7 election in Great Britain.

8 A victory for the present  
9 government and for the conservative party  
10 had been expected. It was clear last  
11 night that it was going to be a ~~big~~ *smashing*  
12 victory. ~~But~~ today's count up shows that  
13 it was an almost incredible land slide.  
14 Figures tonight show that Ramsay  
15 McDonald's cooperative government has  
16 elected about 550 members of Parliament.  
17 Of these some 500 are straight out  
18 conservatives.)

19 The Labor Party managed to  
20 elect a mere paltry fifty M.P.'s. *Only two*  
21 *of its important leaders won out.*  
22 The United Press reports that  
23 Ramsay MacDonald himself who ran in  
24 opposition to his own former comrades  
25 of the Labor Party, was re-elected to  
parliament <sup>by</sup> ~~in~~ his local constituency  
of Seaham. *He won them over after all.*

1 It was a crushing blow to  
2 socialism. It is also a victory for  
3 tariffs. There seems to be no doubt  
4 ~~xx~~ but that the immediate result will  
5 be that England, so long the champion  
6 of free trade in the world, will embark  
7 upon a policy of protective tariff, *and many*  
8 *people are starting to figure how that is likely to affect their*  
*business* *with England.* Many reasons for the land slide  
9 are given. The dominant one seems to be  
10 that the Labor Government was a failure  
11 and brought England to the verge of  
12 economic disaster and bankruptcy.  
13 John Bull seems to have said: You  
14 gentlemen of the Labor Party, ~~you~~ tried  
15 to run the country with your socialistic  
16 policies and look what you did. I don't  
17 like it one bit and ~~out you go~~ *here's your hat.*

18 The International News Service  
19 indulges in an interesting bit of  
20 historical reminiscence. It tells us  
21 that the conservative party in Parliament  
22 will now have the largest majority  
23 that any party has had in nearly three  
24 hundred years of British parliamentary  
25 history. To find anything like the

1 present situation in the House of  
2 Commons we have to go back to the year  
3 of 1660, ~~and that~~<sup>a</sup> year of ~~1660~~ brings  
4 tremendous historical memories. It was  
5 ~~the~~ time of the restoration of King &  
6 Charles II. England had just passed  
7 through a period of revolution. There  
8 had been war between ~~the~~ parliament and  
9 the king, ~~The monarch was beaten~~ and  
10 Charles I, martyr king, had lost not  
11 only his throne, but also his head.  
12 Then followed the Puritan government of  
13 Cromwell. It was an iron government.  
14 But England seemed to have grown tired of  
15 it.

16           After Cromwell's death General  
17 Monk brought back the son of the murdered  
18 king, and royalty was restored. Charles II  
19 the merry monarch, once more sat on the  
20 throne of his fathers, <sup>amid wild acclaim.</sup> They had an  
21 election. It was an overwhelming victory.  
22 The royalists won everything. That  
23 parliament which was elected in 1660  
24 was almost solidly royalist.

25           And that brings us down to

1 that election of yesterday. This time  
2 the British parliament is almost solidly  
3 conservative. ~~Only two imper~~

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And now let's go along to a question that millions of people have been asking:

How do you explain the fact that France is prosperous right now, in a booming economic condition, while all over the rest of the world a depression is on?

How do the French manage to do it?

The answer is given in the new Literary Digest, the one that comes out tomorrow.

The expert quoted is none other than Premier Laval of France.

First, France has remained predominantly agricultural.

The New York Sun comments on this by explaining that the national fortune of France is held by the peasants, the farmers. By remaining an agricultural country first, with industry in the second place, France puts her prosperity on a basis which is free from the fluctuations of world trade.

And then there's another point in the fact that France has a flexible labor system. She imports labor from abroad as she needs it. During the world prosperity boom France brought in millions of workmen from other countries. When the slump

came along, why, the French sent that foreign labor supply back home. Four million workingmen from abroad went back to their home countries - leaving France with very little unemployment.

And then there's economy. The Literary Digest quotes Barrons weekly as saying that during the past few years the French government has economized ruthlessly. The authorities in Paris decided to balance the budget, and they did it by using the axe.

The United Press reminds us that in 1926 France was deep in the financial doldrums. The price of a franc went down to two cents. And now, five years later, she's on top, and has lent sixteen billion francs to her neighbors, on which she is receiving from three and three-quarters to seven and a half per cent by way of interest. That certainly is a comeback.

1       ( There seems to be a bit of worry  
2 over in Japan. Officials at Tokyo don't  
3 like the way Soviet Russia has been  
4 massing ~~troops of~~ the Red army along the  
5 Manchurian border. Today the Japanese  
6 Foreign Minister sent ~~in~~ a note of  
7 protest to Moscow and asked that the  
8 Soviet authorities stop gathering soldiers  
9 along the frontier of the province where  
10 the Chinese and Japanese are having their  
11 long, drawn-out quarrel.)

12       It is described, says the Associated  
13 Press as "a friendly note of warning"  
14 and explains that those Russian military  
15 movements are having an unpleasant  
16 effect upon both the Japanese and the  
17 Chinese troops in Manchuria. The  
18 Russian military activities, explains the  
19 Japanese Foreign Minister, are liable to  
20 cause a misunderstanding.

21       The Japanese Consul at Tsitsihar,  
22 in western Manchuria, reports that  
23 between 20 and 30 thousand Russian  
24 soldiers have been concentrated near  
25 ~~Manchuli~~ Manchuli, on the Manchurian

border.

The Japanese newspapers are charging that the Bolsheviks are sending arms and ammunition to Chinese military forces that have been fighting against the Japanese.

Ivan the Bolshevik standing on the frontier watching the trouble between the Japanese and the Chinese. The activities of the Red army have been looming as a possible cause of trouble for several weeks now, and they are more than ever in the limelight with that protest which Tokyo today sent to Moscow.

Well, the Russian Bear is pained Red now - but he's the same old bear.



1           The International News Service  
2 reports that right now in Manchuria  
3 the ~~the~~ biggest battle of the present  
4 disturbances is raging. A large force  
5 of Chinese troops and Mongolian bandits  
6 surrounded a detachment of Japanese  
7 soldiers. The Japanese fortified  
8 themselves as well as they could, and  
9 put up a stiff battle, with the Chinese  
10 and Mongolians attacking them  
11 incessantly. <sup>Japanese</sup> Re-enforcements ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> being  
12 rushed to relieve their comrades, who  
13 are in danger of being wiped out.

1           Kx Just before coming into the  
2 Broadcasting Studio here I had a look  
3 at an interesting cablegram. It is  
4 from Senator Marconi, ~~the inventor of~~  
5 ~~wireless~~ to the National Broadcasting  
6 Company.

7           <sup>The inventor of wireless</sup>  
8           ~~Marconi~~ tells of the launching  
9 today of the giant Italian liner, the  
10 Savoia. The ceremony took place at  
11 Trieste. Crown Prince Humbert of Italy,  
12 presided, and his Crown Princess, Maria  
13 Jose of Belgium, ~~xx~~ performed the  
14 baptismal ceremony.

15           They say that this new  
16 magnificent liner will finally answer  
17 the dream of seasick folk who for these  
18 thousands of years have been praying  
19 for a ship that doesn't roll, a deck  
20 that doesn't go sea-sawing. <sup>And that's</sup>  
21 where these United <sup>States step into the picture,</sup>  
22 ~~of ours come in.~~

23           <sup>^</sup>The Savoia is equipped with  
24 an anti-roll device invented by the  
25 late Dr. Elmer Sperry. It's a huge  
stabilizer which consists of three  
rotors weighing one hundred tons each.

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1 With this new ~~xxxxxxx~~ stabilizing  
 2 device the Savoia is expected to  
 3 navigate through the swells of the  
 4 North Atlantic with a deck <sup>as</sup>~~so~~ steady as  
 5 ~~a ball room~~ <sup>your parlor</sup> floor.  
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1 I had a real thrill today, reading  
2 the story of those three Robinson  
3 Crusoes on Cocos Island. It reminded me  
4 of other stories of castaways on desert  
5 islands. ~~I had heard.~~

6 Well, the three Robinson Crusoes  
7 are aboard the American gunboat Sacramento  
8 this evening, and are on their way home,  
9 after spending 6 months on a desert  
10 island.

11 They are Paul Stachwick, of Huron,  
12 South Dakota, Gordon Brawner, of  
13 Springfield, Illinois, and Elmer Palliser  
14 of San Diego, California.

15 Last December the three men sailed  
16 from San Diego in a small sailing boat,  
17 the West Wind. They had a fine voyage  
18 week after week, until they ran into  
19 hard luck. The International News  
20 Service says it was the old story -- a  
21 storm, an island, dangerous rocks. And  
22 the West Wind was wrecked off the shore  
23 of Cocos Island, a Costa Rican possession  
24 550 miles southwest of Panama.

25 They got ashore, and there they

1 were, on a tiny, remote bit of land on  
2 the expanse of the Pacific. They  
3 managed to get from their boat a few  
4 guns and a supply of fishing tackle, and  
5 with this equipment they started to lead  
6 their Robinson Crusoe lives. They hoped  
7 that sooner or later a ship would heave  
8 into sight and pick them up. Just when  
9 this piece of luck would come along they  
10 couldn't guess. ~~They were afraid it~~  
11 ~~might be some time,~~ But they never *suspected*  
12 ~~guessed~~ that they would have to live for  
13 6 months on that tropical rain-drenched  
14 island. At first their supply of food  
15 consisted of fish. They used their  
16 hooks and lines, and the fish were  
17 biting. Then that supply of food  
18 petered out. The fish grew wary, and  
19 they couldn't catch any more.

20 From then on the only food they  
21 could get was coconuts. Week after week,  
22 month after month they lived on coconuts.  
23 The rain drenched down incessantly. They  
24 ~~had~~ built themselves a shelter as well as  
25 they could, but that wasn't enough to

1 keep the dampness out.

2 On Saturday last the ~~gunboat~~ yacht  
3 Camargo, owned by Julius Fleishman, son  
4 of a former mayor of Cincinnati, was  
5 steaming along for a cruise to the South  
6 Seas, when it sighted Cocos island. Then  
7 the men saw something peculiar, wreckage.  
8 The wreck of a sailing ship. They  
9 investigated and found it was the West  
10 Wind. They also discovered aboard the  
11 broken hulk a message which told how the  
12 three Americans had been wrecked on the  
13 island 6 months before. There were no  
14 signs of life ashore. The ~~the~~ jungle was  
15 so dense that the crew of the yacht  
16 could not do much searching. ~~Also the~~  
17 ~~surf was so high that approach to the~~  
18 ~~other parts of the island was difficult.~~

19 So the Camargo sent a wireless  
20 message to Panama, reporting the strange  
21 story of the three Robinson Crusoes that  
22 had been wrecked on Cocos Island.

23 That brought a quick response. The  
24 gunboat Sacramento steamed for Cocos  
25 Island, and today rescued the survivors

of the West Wind.

The three bearded men were dressed in loin cloths and burned as brown as savages. And after all those coconuts you can bet they were glad to tickle their whiskers with some ham and eggs.

That adventure reminds me of what an American aviator told me - a chap who served with the British air-force during the World War. With an observer, he was forced down near the shore of a remote island of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean, between Africa and Ceylon. No, it was not an uninhabited island, but it might as well have been so far as they were concerned. When the natives of the island saw the big bird come out of the sky and the two men swim ashore they thought they must be devils. They jumped into their boats and paddled away to the next island of the group. And so Guy Smith, the aviator, and his observer, a chap named Meade,

1 found themselves ■ there with nothing  
2 but a village of empty huts and the  
3 tropical jungle. And they had to live  
4 on coconuts. But that coconut diet  
5 didn't last for 6 months. After a week  
6 the natives plucked up courage and came  
7 home. A whole flotilla of boats paddled  
8 into the lagoon. The natives greeted the  
9 two White Men as if they were Gods, or  
10 at least powerful magicians.

11 Smith and Meade spent a month on that  
12 island. Then the natives took them to  
13 another, ~~island~~, where the local Sultan  
14 had his Palace. The two flying men lived  
15 as a guest of the Sultan for weeks more,  
16 until finally one of <sup>those</sup> ~~the~~ Indian Ocean  
17 crafts called "dhows" came along and took  
18 them to Ceylon.  
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*Now*  
~~well,~~

1 ~~well,~~ what's the price of a date?  
2 No, I don't mean the familiar sweet fruit  
3 of Arabia. I mean another kind of date,  
4 which may be sweet or may not be.

5 Word comes from collegiate circles  
6 in Chicago that a date costs a fellow  
7 from eight to ten dollars, including  
8 theatre tickets, dining and dancing.  
9 But that's only the arithmetic part of  
10 the controversy. The real question is  
11 who is supposed to pay for the date?  
12 That seems to be a foolish question.  
13 Old Mother Eve herself could have  
14 answered: Why, it's Adam ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> pays, <sup>and</sup> pays  
15 and pays.

16 However, the President of the  
17 University of Utah has made the suggestion  
18 to the Co-eds in ~~the~~ colleges that  
19 considering the depression, why, girls  
20 ought to pay half of the expenses when  
21 they have a date.

22 The Associated Press decided  
23 the idea was so new and startling that  
24 they'd make an inquiry among the Co-eds.  
25 They started in with the University of

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1 Chicago and Northwestern University  
 2 and asked the girls what they thought  
 3 about it, and the girls said No, Nix,  
 4 nothing doing, <sup>raus mit im!</sup> Girls have a way of  
 5 saying no.

6 Miss June Mason, Junior Class  
 7 Secretary at Northwestern University,  
 8 was quite emphatic on that question  
 9 of the girls paying for half of the  
 10 expenses of a date. "We never have,"  
 11 declares June, "we never should, and  
 12 we never will." *Said she, stamping her foot!*

13 Some of the Co-eds responded in  
 14 a hoyty-toyty way that their men friends  
 15 always want to pay the bill. In fact,  
 16 they are eagerly desirous of paying  
 17 the bill, or in other words, they  
 18 just wouldn't hear of the idea of the  
 19 girls helping to pay. ~~the bill.~~

20 I suppose it's all just as well,  
 21 because no matter what the girls ~~might~~  
 22 decide <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ philosophically and  
 23 ethically correct, I imagine we men  
 24 will go on paying just the same.

25 *Which reminds me that I have a  
 date right now - and so long until tomorrow.*