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2 GOOD EVENING , EVERYBODY:

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4 There's a wild bit of drama in the
5 inside story of that political
6 assassination in China; I mean the
7 attempt to kill the Minister of Finance
8 of the Nationalist Government. His name
9 is T. V. Soong; and he belongs to the
10 family circle of General Chiang Kai-shek,
11 and he is one of the most important
12 figures in present day China.

13 Well, Mr. T. V. Soong tells how
14 he thought fast and moved fast and
15 escaped with his life while the assassins
16 blazed away.

17 Soong and a party of assistants
18 and guards arrived at Shanghai from
19 Nanking. This was today. They were
20 walking through the crowded railroad
21 station. There was an outburst of
22 shooting. Assassins opened fire from two
23 sides with pistols and rifles. Two bombs
24 were thrown but failed to explode. The
25 guards accompanying Minister Soong blazed
away with their pistols in return.

Although the assassins missed their
intended victim, and Soong escaped
unhurt, his secretary, Tang Yu-loh,

1 formerly a student at both Harvard and
2 Yale, was shot down and fatally wounded.
3 Six people of the crowd were injured
4 from the wild hail of bullets.

5 There was a ~~wild~~^{scene} of terror
6 and confusion in the crowded railway
7 station. The guards accompanying ~~the~~
8 Minister Soong tried to catch the
9 assassins, but they got away. A soldier y
10 picked up one of the two bombs that had
11 been thrown and had not exploded. He
12 was holding it when the infernal
13 machine went off with a terrific bang. *And,*
14 *of course,* The soldier was badly injured.

15 Later on Minister Soong in his
16 office told a corresponden^t of the
17 Associated Press the story of his narrow
18 escape. Yes, sir, he thought fast and
19 he moved fast all right. The moment the
20 first shot crashed out he realized it was
21 an attempt to assassinate him. He was
22 wearing a white sun helmet, which made
23 him a prominent target. He instantly
24 threw it off and as the bullets came
25 whistling from both sides, he ducked

1 into the crowd and dodged behind a
2 pillar. In that way he escaped from
3 the ~~rain~~^{rain} of bullets intended for him.

4 There have been threats at
5 various times to assassinate Minister
6 Soong. He's a powerful financier and
7 the elements opposed to the Nationalist
8 Government hate him bitterly. He belongs
9 to what has been called the Royal ly
10 Family. The founder and original
11 apostle of the Chinese Republic was
12 Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Soong is a brother
13 of the wife of Sun Yat Sen. A sister
14 of his is the wife of Chiang Kai-shek,
15 the head of the Chinese Nationalist
16 Government. ^{So} There are a series of
17 complicated family tie-ups.

18 Soong is a graduate of Harvard
19 and he is still a young man. ~~Right~~
20 ~~after his graduation from college he~~
21 ~~arose to a high position in the Councils~~
22 ~~of the Chinese Nationalist movement.~~

23 And that's the background of
24 the desperate attempt made to assassinate
25 ~~Soong~~^{the Chinese Minister of Finance} in the railroad station at Shanghai.

1 Another attempted assassination
2 is reported from India. Two British
3 officers were on their way to the city
4 of Poona. They were traveling on one of
5 the crack-mail and passenger trains of
6 India, and were asleep in their bunks.
7 Several men attacked them with knives.
8 The story doesn't say how the assailants
9 got into the officer's compartment. y

10 But the Associated Press reports
11 that one of the officers was seriously
12 hurt, ^{and} ~~but~~ the other was injured too in
13 the scuffle in the dark as the train
14 sped across India, through the night.

And getting back to China,

1 I suppose many of us wondered a
2 bit last night about that astonishing
3 dispatch ~~from China~~, which told us
4 how Chiang Kai Shek, the President of
5 China, had come out with a loud demand
6 that China ~~should~~ declare war on Japan.
7 It's a rather startling thing when the
8 head of the Chinese Nationalist
9 Government declares loudly and emphatically
10 that China should immediately begin
11 military operations against Japan.

12 Well, I for one didn't know just
13 why there was any acute quarrel at this
14 moment between the **two** countries; and
15 the reason that I didn't know was because
16 I hadn't finished reading through the new
17 Literary Digest.

18 That issue of the Digest which
19 came out today hits the nail square on
20 the head. The Foreign Editor of the *Literary*
21 Digest knew that trouble was brewing in
22 China and he went right ahead and painted
23 a picture of that quarrel between the
24 Chinese and Japanese. It connects up
25 with those ^{recent} riots in Korea, in which the

Koreans attacked the Chinese.

Well, the Digest editors go to the Chinese newspapers and there they find that the Chinese are almost unanimous in blaming the Japanese for those recent Korean riots against the Chinese.

Japan is the present ruler of Korea and the Chinese hold the Japanese authorities responsible for the riots. The Digest quotes the China Press as saying that apparently the Anti-Chinese riots broke out in various parts of Korea all at the same time. There was a remarkable unanimity. The Chinese believed that the affair was not so spontaneous as it seems. They suspect that the Japanese had something to do with those disturbances when the Koreans rose up against the Chinese.

The Digest quotes the Peiping Leader as pointing out that the Japanese also control Manchuria, which is legally a part of China. The Chinese are always trying to get Manchuria back. In Manchuria, too, there has been trouble between the Koreans and Chinese, and these riots tend to weaken the position of China with regard to Manchuria.

And further the belief is expressed that the Anti-Chinese riots served Japan's purpose by giving Japan an excuse to increase her military forces in the eastern part of Asia.

The China Press, as quoted by the Digest, declares that Tokio hopes to increase her military strength in Manchuria without attracting the attention of the world.

The new Literary Digest tells us the answer the Chinese may take. It will be to boycott Japanese goods. - to simply stop buying anything made in Japan.

And now on top of that comes a demand of the National President of China for an immediate war against the forces of the Mikado.

1 That sound of cheering and
2 congratulating that has been echoing
3 today is the jubilation which the
4 statesmen of the world are expressing
5 about that London conference to help
6 Germany. All the boys are saying that
7 everything went ~~xx~~ wonderfully well.
8 Secretary of State Stimson declares
9 that the conference did its work O. K.

10 President Hoover gave out a
11 statement ~~which is quoted by the~~
12 ~~International News Service as~~ saying
13 that the German situation is one of
14 banking and credit conditions and can
15 ~~be~~ best ^{be} solved by bankers. He added
16 that the conference achieved results
17 which should enable the people to
18 pull themselves out of their present
19 difficulties.

20 What the conference actually
21 achieved seems to be a lengthening out
22 of German credits. The German concerns
23 will get an extension of time on their
24 foreign ^{debts} ~~deals~~. The conference has
25 merely arranged it so that the Germans

won't have to pay out any money right away, and the problem has been turned over to the bankers who will make further arrangements for extending German credits.

A distinguished newspaper man is in the studio with me tonight. He's from Cleveland, Chicago, Seattle, Portland and points West. His name is Tom Burke and just at present he's one of the officials of the National Safety Council. Prince William of Sweden, the explorer, when he was over here several years ago, wrote a magazine article in which he referred to Tom Burke as a "good egg." And he sure is. Well Tom, tell us what you think is the news item of the day.

GALLEY

O. K., Lowell, to my untutored Western mind here's the most fascinating item in the news today. It's from Italy. In a lake over there among the hills the water slowly receded this morning until it was entirely clear of the large moldy hulk of a vessel, and now, after two thousand years, the galley of the Roman Emperor Caligula has been completely brought back to the light of day.

Well, this has been one of the famous archaeological tasks of our time. The United Press reminds us that Caligula, the Emperor and tyrant, had two fabulously rich pleasure barges on beautiful Lake Nemi, and after a long time those two galleys sank to the bottom of the lake.

Recently the Italian government has gone to work to recover the principal one of the two pleasure barges. No, they couldn't raise the old hulk. After two thousand years in the water it probably wouldn't stand the strain. So they have been pumping the lake dry. Powerful electric machinery has been at work x for months and inch by inch

1 the water of the lake has gone down.

2 Caligula's galley is found to be
3 in pretty good shape, although pieces
4 of the hull have been torn away.

5 For many years divers have been trying
6 to get at the treasures that it is
7 supposed to contain. They ~~gouged~~
8 ~~gouged~~ gouged out chunks of the ancient
9 wood.

10 But just the same, the pleasure
11 barge of the old Roman tyrant still
12 hangs together, a large and roomy hull
13 of a ship. As the water receded they
14 found a part of a marble column on the
15 deck, and another column lies in the mud
16 nearby.

17 The next thing will be for the
18 scholars to unbatten the ancient hatches
19 and descend into the hold. And who
20 knows what treasure they may find inside
21 that ~~ancient~~ ship that sailed Roman
22 lake 2000 years ago?

HAWKS

O. K. Tom, that's a knockout story alright. And here's another interesting news item. Another airplane record was broken today. Yes, it was by that speed demon Frank Hawks. Hawks left New York this morning, had lunch at Havana at noon, with Ambassador Harry Guggenheim, and then came roaring back. He broke the record going down and he broke it coming back. Going down he cut the New York-Havana flying time to eight hours and eight minutes. On the return he made it in seven hours and thirty minutes. That's one hour and thirteen minutes better than the old record - which was made by Hawks. The International News Service informs us that he left New York this morning at dawn. He flew to Havana and then got back to New York at 9:03 tonight, having flown a total distance of about 2,800 miles. And that's sure going some.

1 Here's a bit of ironic coincidence.
2 Fifteen years ago yesterday there
3 occurred in San Francisco a Preparedness
4 Day bomb explosion. ^{Tom} ~~Tom~~ Mooney and Warren
5 ~~Billings~~ Billings are in prison, under life
6 sentences, convicted of that crime.
7 Many people say they were unjustly
8 convicted. The principal witness
9 against them was Frank C. Oxman. His
10 testimony at the trial of Billings and
11 Mooney brought the verdict of guilty.

12 And, as the United Press tells
13 us, Oxman died yesterday - on the
14 fifteenth anniversary of that Preparedness
15 Day bomb explosion.
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FOREST FIRES.

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1 A ~~series~~^{number} of forest fires and
2 grass fires are raging in Wyoming. Old
3 timers say the forest fires are the
4 worst in years. There is an immense
5 blaze in Yellow Stone Park. ~~xxxx~~

6 Flames are sweeping and roaring through
7 the beautiful woods. Fifteen thousand
8 acres already have been burnt^{out,} and the ~~fire~~^{fire}
9 ~~fire~~ is still out of control - although
10 a ~~xx~~ thousand men are ^{out there} fighting ~~for~~^{it} tonight

11 Airplanes are droning overhead,
12 incessantly scouting. The flames may
13 sweep around and new fires may spring
14 up to trap ~~the men~~^{the men} ~~those in~~ who are
15 battling with the blaze. And once any
16 man has his retreat cut off in a woodland
17 conflagration like that - why, it's
18 just too bad. And so the planes are
19 scouting, ready to warn the fire fighters
20 if there should be any danger of the
21 flames racing around and surrounding
22 them. ~~P~~ These forest fires are in the
23 northwestern part of Wyoming.

24 In the northeastern part it's
25 a case of grass fires. Thousands of

1 acres have been burnt, and the flames
2 are sweeping along in the high dry
3 grass. The United Press contributes
4 a thrilling ^{little} incident. ~~xx~~

5 Sam Walker of Newcastle, Wyoming,
6 was fighting fires when he was overcome
7 by smoke. He fell to the ground
8 unconscious, and there he lay while
9 the flames were closing in and sweeping
10 down ^{upon} ~~on~~ him. Luckily other men saw
11 him in the nick of time, dashed in
12 and pulled him out.

13 Yes, sir, those fires are
14 ~~xxx~~ colossal spectacles and they are
15 also sources of hair raising danger.
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1 Let's take up the subject of
2 Ex-King Alfonso and Mahatma Gandhi.
3 What have these two personalities got to
4 do with each other? Well, ~~I'll tell you.~~ ^{here's what:-}
5 No, Gandhi and King Alfonso haven't
6 started a quarrel or anything like that.
7 I can't imagine anything that they might
8 quarrel about.

9 It's all because of Pop Watkins,
10 the Sheriff of Fire Island. Fire Island
11 lies off the Southern shore of Long
12 Island, and down there Pop Watkins, as
13 ~~the~~ Sheriff, personifies law and order,
14 and besides, they say that Pop is something
15 of a character.

16 Word has come through round-about
17 channels that Pop ~~Warner~~ ^{Watkins} is peeved at me.
18 And that is somewhat distressing because
19 I always like to stand in well with
20 the Sheriff, ^{any sheriff. Well,} ~~Now~~ I'll tell you the
21 cause of Pop's annoyance.

22 For some time now, I haven't
23 mentioned anything about either
24 Ex-King Alfonso or Mahatma Gandhi. And
25 Pop doesn't like that. It seems that

he's interested in the former King of Spain and in the little brown man in the loin cloth, who is the spiritual leader of India. Just why the Sheriff of Fire Island should be so much interested in those two I don't know. But as I said Pop is something of a character. And so I guess I'd better utter a few words now about those two neglected gentlemen, Alfonse and Gaston - I mean Alfonso and Gandhi.

The truth is that there hasn't been much news about them of late. Ever since the last Spanish election, in which his supporters were so badly beaten, the former King hasn't had much to say. He's living near Paris and the International News Service tells me today that he has just spent a few pesetas and bought a famous old chateau to live in. And that indicates a long stay in France.

Alfonso is just waiting and wondering -- still a bit dazed, I guess, over that sudden bad break of fortune that sent him tumbling off the throne of his forefathers. He's still hoping that the Spaniards will get tired of their new

1 Republic and ^{maybe} ~~may~~ call him back as King.
 2 Yes, he's hoping and ~~always~~ longing for ^{his}
 3 ~~those~~ Castles in Spain.

4 And now let's get along to Pop
 5 Watkins' other particular hero--although
 6 ~~I suppose~~ if Gandhi landed from ^{the}
 7 boat at Fire Island in nothing ^{but} ~~about~~ a
 8 loin cloth, the Sheriff would probably
 9 lock him up. But Gandhi isn't likely
 10 to wander into the jurisdiction of the
 11 Sheriff of Fire Island. There has been
 12 talk that the little Hindu saint might
 13 pay a visit to America. But Gandhi says
 14 "No". There is no reason why he should
 15 come to the United States. He feels he
 16 would be ^{regarded as a sort of} ~~just a bit of~~ circus parade.

17 But he's going to attend the big
 18 conference on India, which will be held
 19 in London. And he still holds to his
 20 plan of wearing nothing but a loin cloth
 21 ^{when} ~~as~~ he mingles ~~in~~ with London & society
 22 and the aristocracy of England.

23 In India there have been movements
 24 in the Nationalist Party to break away
 25 from Gandhi's control, but they seem to

have failed. The frail little Holy man, so strong in the power of meekness and humility, still seems to keep his command of the souls of India's teeming millions.

Well, I hope this satisfies Pop Watkins, Sheriff of Fire Island.

At any rate its all I've got to say about Alfonso and Gandhi - in fact it's all I've got to say right now - except
SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.