

Good Evening, Everybody:

Just for a change we begin tonight with a ~~considerable~~ ^{lively} sporting sensation. Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British speed demon, took his famous car, the Bluebird, for a little spin today down on the beach at Daytona. Visibility was poor, and ordinarily Sir Malcolm wouldn't have made a start. But an enormous crowd had assembled to watch him take a shot at breaking his own world's record ~~which was~~ ⁵⁷ two hundred and fifty-three miles an hour. So he told reporters: "There's no use my trying to shoot for the record ^{today.} These low lying mists make one end of the course invisible from the other. But I don't want to disappoint all these people who have been kind enough to come out and see me run. I'll drive the old boat as fast as I dare."

Well, as fast as ~~Sir~~ Campbell dared in that poor visibility was two hundred and seventy-three and a half miles an hour. Running through those low lying mists he ran a measured mile,

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according to the official time keepers, in a little over
~~xx~~ thirteen seconds.

One mile in thirteen seconds, more than four
miles a minute. How's that for stepping along?

ASSASSINATION

Another sensational bit in today's news is that of a second attempt on the life of President-elect Roosevelt. An exceedingly abortive attempt was this one. It was defeated by the smartness of some of Uncle Sam's Post Office people in Washington. Someone had sent through the mail a crude sort of bomb. Experts declare it was obviously the work of an amateur. It was wrapped in plain brown paper, addressed to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C., and mailed in Watertown, New York.

Something ^{about} ~~in~~ the way it was wrapped aroused the suspicion of a Washington mail clerk who turned the package over to the Superintendent of Mails. That official promptly ordered the package thrown into a bucket of water. Experts in explosives were then called on the job and they gingerly opened the parcel. They found it to contain one of the most common types of bombs, a kind made so as to explode as the package ~~was~~ opened.

The Detective force of the Post Office, also officers of the Secret Service, and the Department of Justice, are making

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investigations to try to discover the identity of the sender.

It is believed that this clumsy attempt on Mr. Roosevelt's life, the second within a week, was perpetrated by some crank.

Incidentally, we learn that Guiseppe Zangara, sentenced to eighty years at hard labor by a Miami Judge, forbade his attorneys to appeal the sentence. Said he: "I be dead in three years anyhow."

CABINET

This morning's ~~news~~ news about Mr. Roosevelt's Secretaries of State and of the Treasury was capped this afternoon. It was announced on what seems to be sound authority that George Dern, former Governor of Utah, will be the new Secretary of War. This is not exactly a surprise, as it has been freely rumored that Mr. Dern would be in the Roosevelt Cabinet, though it was not known exactly in what capacity.

But even more newsy is the information that the new Secretary of Commerce will be Daniel C. Roper of North Carolina, and Washington, D. C. These reports are unofficial, though apparently authentic. But Mr. Roosevelt himself, before leaving New York for his country home, made a definite and important announcement. This was that he has re-appointed Norman H. Davis ^{and} Uncle Sam's Representative at the Disarmament Conference, also a member of the Committee on Arrangements for the World Economic Conference. This means that the incoming Democratic President will continue Mr. Hoover's policy of disarmament. In his own

words Mr. Roosevelt "hopes for considerable actual accomplishment,"
in this direction.

An important visitor at Mr. Roosevelt's home today was
A. P. Giannini, a San Francisco banker. Mr. Giannini said he
flew here from Chicago at Mr. Roosevelt's request.

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~~XXXXXX~~ To a good many people in the U. S. A. the appointment of Mr. Woodin as Secretary of the Treasury ~~will~~ come as a ~~good deal of a~~ surprise. Mr. Woodin is exceedingly well known in Philadelphia ^{and New York} and in business circles elsewhere, but not to the general public.

It seems that as a matter of fact, William Hartmann Woodin, to give his full name, is an exceedingly versatile and colorful individual. There's hardly anything in a factory he can't do. He's been a molder, an expert foundryman, machinist and superintendent. He'll run you a factory, write you a symphony, and tell you what's what about rare books and coins, to the collection of which he has devoted considerable portions of his leisure hours.

~~THOUXX~~ Though his father was well to do, and he himself graduated from the Columbia University School of Engineering, he went to work first with his hands. After rising to general superintendent of his father's foundry at Berwick, Pennsylvania, young Bill Woodin decided he'd had enough of

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industry for a while and craved to go in for the arts. So he made a tour of the world, studying music in France, Austria and Germany. He has written several symphonies. One of his compositions was performed by the Philharmonic Orchestra in Berlin. But his musical taste is by no means restricted to the highbrow stuff. He ^{has} composed popular songs of a sentimental order, and it is a march written by him that will be played at Mr. Roosevelt's inauguration on March 4th.

After he returned home from his travels he went back into business until, some ten years ago, He became President of the American Car and Foundry Company. He has also held a long list of big Mogul jobs in ^{an exceedingly long list of imposing corporations.} ~~various other concerns, including~~

^{And - he has been} ~~being~~ a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

One curious feature of his appointment is that Mr. ~~Bill~~ Woodin was a Republican until 1928, when he ^{jumped the party and} backed Al Smith for the presidency. He also supported Mr. Roosevelt last year. The independent New York Sun, commenting on his appointment, says

that it will be encouraging to the financial world. Mr. Woodin is a conservative business man who understands the difficulties that surround both finance and commerce. I met him for the first time at that grand banquet in honor of Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt at the Waldorf-Astoria recently. And I found him a man of rare charm.

Senator Cordell Hull of Tennessee, Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of State, doesn't need so much introduction to the public, for he's been in politics many years. The Washington boys say that he is a scholarly man and especially adept as a peace maker. He'll have a tough job on his hands and all his ability ~~xx~~ in making fighters shake hands will be put to use.

Your favorite newspaper will be full of interesting political stories all this week: You'll enjoy them.

REPEAL

Leaders of both the wet and dry cause were lining up their forces today for the big showdown, ⁻⁻ the battle in the states over the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. No less than seven hundred and fifty Prohibition chieftains will meet in Washington, D. C., March 7th, to plan their ~~campaign~~ campaign. In the forefront of the fight will be the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The dries are organizing to line up the churches in a series of militant prohibition rallies.

At the same time the wet organizations are mustering their fighting forces. Both sides are prophesying victory for themselves. One of the leaders of the Crusaders, ^{the wet ~~party~~ champions,} ~~said~~ #
7 said: "Ratification for ~~the~~ Repeal ^{is sure."} ~~has slipped.~~ He considers that the only positively dry states are Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Nebraska. He ~~regards~~ ^{regards} Alabama, Vermont, Idaho, and Maine as doubtful. On the other hand, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Church, South, declares that no less than thirty and probably thirty-three states will refuse to ratify.

JAPAN

From Asia.
War news comes hot and heavy today. A terrific

battle is raging on the eastern border of the Province of Fehyo. The Japs are smashing at the lines of the Chinese defenders with both tanks and bombing airplanes. Reports indicate that the Chinese losses have been exceedingly heavy. Fighting is reported all along the eastern border of that Manchurian province.

Infantry, cavalry, and machine gun forces are following up the attack of the tanks and planes. Every arm of the Japanese forces is in action.

Both sides are claiming minor victories. The Japanese report that an army under General Suzuki -- there's an operative name for you -- has seized the first important point at which it was aiming, the town of Peipiao which is the terminus of the railroad in the coal mining region of Fehyo. The Japanese official communication states that when the troops marched in to Peipiao they found the city deserted, the Chinese inhabitants having fled after destroying part of the railroad tunnel *from* Nanling. General Suzuki's division is headed for *the city of* ~~the~~ *the* Fehyo, ~~city~~ the

capital of the Province, formerly the summer capital of the Manchu emperors of China.

On the other hand, the Chinese claim that they still have possession of both Nanling and Peipiao, having fought off eight desperate Japanese attacks. The Chinese also claim other successful operations against Japanese detachments.

But even more significant advices come from Tokio. For instance, the Japanese fleet has been ~~mobilized~~ mobilized. A Tokio newspaper reports that all commanders, bases, and stations of the fleet have been warned by the Naval Minister to be prepared for any emergency. The Japanese War Lords believe the real settlement of the Manchurian question will be *determined on the seas*. Not only is the Mikado's navy prepared to cooperate with the army in Reyho, but there's also the question of Japan's retaining possession of the islands in the Pacific over which ~~has~~ it holds a mandate from the League of Nations. *There's the rub, as Hamlet used to say.*

Then the Mikado's ~~xxx~~ Foreign Office issued an even more ominous statement. This consisted of a warning that Japan contemplates extending her military operations as far as Peiping, the Chinese capital, and Tientsin. In case the Chinese undertake reprisals against ^{the great sea port of} Japan, ^{the} ~~the latter~~ ^{see, Tokyo} claim ~~it~~ ^{Chinese} ~~they~~ will be forced to seize those ^{Chinese} cities in order to protect ~~Japanese~~ ^{Japanese} nationals.

In other words, it looks as though there was no limit to the size of the slice of China that Japan will reach out for.

Another bit of news which is not confirmed is that ~~xxx~~ a Chinese general in the province of Reyho has deserted to the Japanese side. This ~~news~~ comes from a Japanese source, and is denied by John Chinaman. The General in question commands a force of fifteen thousand men.

CUBA

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That revolution in Cuba seems to be on its way. In fact, it ~~appears~~ to have beaten its schedule. As I mentioned last week, this rebellion against the rule of President Machado was expected on March 4th, the day on which we inaugurate our new President.

The latest from Havana is that some half dozen minor uprisings have broken out in several widely separated parts of Cuba. Revolutionists are said to have attacked ~~the~~ military depots of the government and looted them for arms and ammunition. Minor engagements took place in other spots, especially in the Province of Oriente, which is called the cradle of all Cuban revolutions. One of these outbreaks occurred near Uncle Sam's naval station^y at Guantanamo. General Machado, ~~has~~ as previously reported, has ordered the entire police force of Cuba, also the prison guards and the rural guards enrolled in the regular army to be prepared to cope with the rebels.

TARIFF

John Bull is going to try to induce all the countries in the world to lower their tariff walls. This we learn from an announcement made today in the British House of Commons by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald. He told the House that when the World Economic Conference is convened, Great Britain will try to promote a general lowering of these barriers.

BEAR

There's a brave lad in today's news whose name deserves to be recorded. Take off your hats to little John Savisak's of Boston. John is seven years old. He and his older brother, Tony, were in the ^{Boston} Zoo. Eleven year old Tony got too close to the brown bear cage. Lillian, the ^{big mamma} ~~mother~~ bear, stuck her paw through the bars, knocked Tony down, and was proceeding to make a bear's dinner of him.

Well, little seven year old John, instead of screaming for help, rushed to the rescue. With a stick in his hand he socked Mama ^{Bear} ~~Lillian~~ on the nose, and ^a ~~the~~ bear's nose ^{as any bear will tell} ~~is a very~~

^{John is exceedingly} tender, ~~sensitive~~ Lillian growled, grunted, and withdrew from the bars. The other boys drew Tony out of further harm's way.

I should say that seven year old John Savisakis should get some kind of a medal.

REVIVED

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There's an interesting medical item in today's news. A man from Texas, staying at a rooming house in San Francisco, was overcome by escaping gas. His roommate discovered him unconscious and had him rush^{ed}_^ to a hospital, thinking he was dead.

Well, the physicians injected methylene blue. Thirty seconds after receiving this injection the man they had thought dead, opened his eyes, and shouted for help.

He is the third person to be so revived by such an injection.

MAIL

Today, in addition to being the birthday of George Washington, is another important anniversary. On the 22nd ~~day~~ of February, just twelve years ago, air, mail pilots made history by flying the first continuous coast to coast schedule. From that beginning has developed the marvelous air transportation system of the U. S. A., as we see it today, a system that reaches to almost every corner of the United States, that reaches even farther, on the north ^{into} ~~to~~ Canada, on the south ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ Mexico, and still further down to all the important parts of Central and South America.

The Air Mail pilots of twelve years ago were volunteers. One of them was Jack Knight. He's now the second ranking mail pilot in the United States. Jack has more than a million air miles to his credit. Several of the other pioneers are still flying along the same route.

But what a difference today. Instead of having bonfires to mark their ~~route~~, the boys have revolving beacons

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every ten miles. The airports are brightly lighted ~~ix~~ up with floodlights. The flying schedules are as regular by night as by day. The pioneers of twelvex years ago deserve to be mentioned. In addition to Jack Knight they were: ~~Rx~~ Ray Little, Farr Nutter, Jack Eaton, James Murray, Frank Yager, Jack Webster and Ernie Allison.

Give the boys credit. They made history.

ENDING

The Literary Digest quotes a spicy item culled from the good old Boston Transcript. The scene of this incident is in a school of Aerodynamics. The Aviation instructor had been delivering a lecture on parachute work. He wound up his lecture in the following words:

"And if it doesn't open -- well, gentlemen, that is what is known as jumping to a conclusion."

Well, I have to jump to a conclusion myself, *but not in a parachute. And that conclusion is: —*

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.