

1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

2 The news this evening begins with  
3 a real Fourth of July spirit. Tomorrow,  
4 of course, is the glorious Fourth,  
5 and all Americans will be celebrating  
6 it. And the French seem to be  
7 celebrating it too.

8 The Paris correspondent of the  
9 International News Service cables that  
10 the government of France is all set to  
11 celebrate the Fourth of July tomorrow  
12 by announcing an agreement with the  
13 American government on the subject of  
14 the Hoover plan.

15 Secretary-of-the-Treasury Mellon  
16 and American-Ambassador Edge have <sup>indeed</sup> come  
17 to an understanding with the French  
18 ministers. All that remains is the  
19 threshing out of a few technical  
20 details.

21 But the French authorities cannot  
22 give out word of that agreement today.  
23 According to rules and regulations they  
24 will have to hold a formal cabinet  
25 meeting before they can break the news

1 to the world. That cabinet meeting  
2 will be held tonight, which quite  
3 appropriately puts off the declaration  
4 until tomorrow -- the Fourth of July.  
5 ~~It's the right way to celebrate the~~  
6 ~~■ glorious Fourth.~~

7 The United Press quotes Acting-  
8 Secretary-of-State Castle, who is holding  
9 down the job while Secretary Stimson  
10 is abroad, as saying that he was hopeful  
11 that an agreement with France would be  
12 all fixed up at a meeting held late  
13 today by Secretary Mellon with the heads  
14 of the French government.

15 ~~The Associated Press reports that~~  
16 ~~this announcement in Washington was~~  
17 ~~given right after the Washington~~  
18 ~~officials had received a telephone call~~  
19 ~~from Secretary Mellon in Paris.~~

20 As a Fourth of July celebration,  
21 that understanding on the subject of the  
22 Hoover plan -- why, it just beats  
23 firecrackers.  
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1 I suppose that over in London  
2 this evening Ramsey MacDonald, the  
3 British Prime Minister, ~~may be~~ saying:

4 "Congratulations, Phillip, old  
5 chap! <sup>Hootman,</sup> We certainly won our point."

6 And Phillip Snowden, Chancellor  
7 of the Exchequer, replies:

8 "Righto, Mac! We jolly well did."

9 Meaning that the British Labor  
10 government scored a victory in the  
11 House of Commons today when it put  
12 through the budget bill about which  
13 there has been so much debate. The  
14 vote was ~~274~~ 274 to 222 in favor of the  
15 budget.

16 Well, the Labor party had to do  
17 a bit of compromising with the Liberal  
18 party. The Liberals hold the balance  
19 of power in parliament, and if they  
20 vote against the Labor ministers, why,  
21 BANG, the Labor ministers fall right  
22 out of their official chairs.

23 The big feature of the new  
24 British budget is the fact that land-  
25 owners are required to kick in with a

1 certain percent of the value of their  
2 land. The percentage ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> a penny to  
3 a pound, which comes to 2 cents out  
4 of every \$4.85. Every bit of land was  
5 to be taxed in that fashion. I mean  
6 that's what the Labor government  
7 wanted, but they had to compromise.  
8 The Liberal leaders came to bat with  
9 an amendment saying that only developed  
10 land should pay that tax. Undeveloped  
11 land should be exempt. The Labor party  
12 didn't like this, but the Liberals  
13 stuck to their guns until finally the  
14 Laborites gave in and said: "Have it  
15 your way."

16 And so the budget bill was  
17 amended, and both the Labor members  
18 and the Liberal members voted for it,  
19 and it was all over but the shouting.  
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1           A new law went into force in Italy  
2 today and it concerns the making of  
3 spaghetti. This spaghetti law has a  
4 certain importance to the whole world.  
5 The new law won't make spaghetti taste  
6 any different. It merely decrees that  
7 manufacturers of flour for both bread and  
8 spaghetti shall not use more than 5%  
9 of foreign grain.

10           Italian flour hereafter will consist  
11 of 95% native-grown grain and 5% foreign.  
12 The United Press reminds us that Italy  
13 is a great wheat-consuming country  
14 and that heretofore it has always been  
15 a big buyer of foreign grain,--a country  
16 that could never produce enough wheat  
17 for its own use.

18           Well, Mussolini has been waging  
19 what he calls "The Battle of Wheat".  
20 He wants Italy to grow more wheat, ~~as~~  
21 so as to cut down the ~~ex~~<sup>im</sup>ports of  
22 foreign grain.

23           And that new law is a symbol of  
24 victory. It means that Italy is now  
25 producing 95% of the wheat it consumes

1 and has to buy only 5% from outside  
2 countries.

*And it's interesting to*

~~Let's just~~ remember that before

4 the World War Italy produced less than  
5 half as much wheat as she consumed. ~~and~~

*So it is easy to*

6 ~~we'll~~ see that ~~the Duce's~~ Battle of

*Mussolini's*

7 Wheat and the decreeing of this new  
8 spaghetti law has an important bearing  
9 on world economics.

1 Well, bring on the crown, folks--  
2 the crown for tennis playing, and place  
3 it on the noble brow of Sidney Wood,  
4 the young American tennis expert.

5 The other evening we had the  
6 Stars and Stripes waving <sup>vigor</sup> ~~gloriously~~  
7 because it was certain that an American  
8 was going to take first tennis honors  
9 in the big tennis tournament, ~~over~~ in  
10 England.

11 Shields and Wood, both of the U.S.A.  
12 were scheduled to fight it out between  
13 themselves to see who would be <sup>adorned with</sup> ~~crowned~~  
14 with the shining crown. A brilliant  
15 tennis battle was expected, but it <sup>'s</sup> ~~is~~  
16 all off. Young Sidney Wood is King  
17 today, but not because he beat Shields.  
18 ~~The game between the two is off.~~ Shields  
19 has withdrawn. He hurt his knee in his  
20 hard match with the French star, Borotra,  
21 and that knee has not mended fast enough.  
22 The doctors advised Shields not to play  
23 any more until the joint has fully  
24 recovered, and so he called off his game  
25 with his rival, and that makes Sidney  
Wood, the King of the Hour.

1 This evening the Stars and Stripes  
2 are still waving, of course, but <sup>not</sup> with ~~not~~  
3 quite such care-free abandon because in  
4 the Women's Singles, the German girls  
5 just walked in and pushed athletic young  
6 American womanhood right out of the  
7 picture.

8 In the course of the eliminations  
9 one American girl was left, Helen Jacobs,  
10 of California, and she was the choice  
11 favorite to win. She beat the star  
12 British girl player, Betty Nutthall, and  
13 that made it seem highly probable that  
14 she would ramp off with first honors.

15 Today, however, there was a sharp  
16 upset. Helen Jacobs was beaten by  
17 Hilda Krahwinkel, of Germany.

18 Another German woman, Fraulein  
19 Aussem won her match today.

20 And so Fraulein Krahwinkel and  
21 Fraulein Aussem will have a little  
22 private all-German game between themselves.  
23 to see who will be crowned Queen of Tennis.

24 *Queen Krahwinkel - or Queen Aussem.*



1 <sup>Well, you</sup> ~~While every~~ sporting minded <sup>folks are</sup>  
 2 <sup>probably</sup> ~~person is~~ thinking of the big fight  
 3 out in Cleveland for the heavyweight  
 4 <sup>But while waiting for the song</sup> championship of the world, let's take  
 5 up another sporting event which in  
 6 certain ways might make the exchange of  
 7 jabs and uppercuts between Stribling and  
 8 <sup>may</sup> Schmelling look a trifle <sup>tame.</sup> ~~pained~~. This  
 9 particular sporting event is a wrestling  
 10 match - ~~it is~~ man against alligator.

11 In this week's Literary Digest  
 12 we are told of a slender, drawling  
 13 Southerner from Florida who makes a  
 14 living at the pleasant occupation of  
 15 wrestling with alligators. The young  
 16 man's name is Henry Coppinger. They  
 17 call him the Alligator Boy, and we  
 18 are told that he will wrestle with an  
 19 alligator on dry land, in a swamp, or  
 20 in deep water.

21 The Literary Digest, quoting  
 22 Grantland Rice ~~who writes an article~~ in  
 23 Colliers, tells us how the Alligator  
 24 Boy does his stuff.

25 Picture a big alligator lying

1 in a foot of water. The man slowly  
 2 and warily advances. He has the gator  
 3 cornered and when the big reptile  
 4 sees no other chance to escape he  
 5 does just one thing. He attacks with  
 6 an unbelievable ferocity. And old  
 7 Mr. Gator has sudden death at both front  
 8 and rear. He has a huge jaw full of  
 9 sharp teeth and he has a tail that  
 10 lashes out with swift and tremendous  
 11 power.

12 Well, the Alligator Boy cornered  
 13 his alligator and the next thing you  
 14 know the huge reptile came at him. The  
 15 man sidestepped nimbly, and then pounced  
 16 at his powerful antagonist. He took  
 17 an arm lock and a body scissors and  
 18 snapped one hand over the gator's jaws  
 19 and held them shut.

20 ~~Well, and now~~ <sup>And then</sup> the battle was  
 21 on. The alligator struggled and thrashed  
 22 in wild fury, but the Alligator Boy <sup>just kept</sup>  
 23 ~~held on~~ <sup>cat body scissors and held a vice-like clutch on the powerful jaws.</sup>  
 24 the alligator began to get tired.

25 The Literary Digest, quoting

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1 from that article by Grantland Rice,  
2 ~~in Colliers~~, tells us that the Alligator  
3 Boy has one peculiar and mysterious  
4 trick. After the gator is pretty well  
5 played out he begins to stroke it along  
6 its ~~body~~ broad white stomach, and strange  
7 to say old Brother Alligator goes right  
8 off to sleep. ~~Just~~ how he does it is the  
9 Alligator Boy's particular pet secret.  
10 And he won't tell anybody just how it  
11 works.

12           Of course, there aren't many who  
13 are willing to put on a wrestling bout  
14 with an alligator for the purpose of  
15 seeing what happens if you tickle it  
16 on the stomach - no, not many - at  
17 least not me. *Uh uh, not me.*

1           Any of you folks who live in  
2 Chicago or are going to visit in  
3 Chicago during the next two months,  
4 why, you may quite likely see solemnly  
5 moving along Michigan Avenue or Lake  
6 Shore Drive, a snow white automobile  
7 accompanied by two snow white motorcycles.  
8 No, it won't be a funeral. In fact,  
9 the procession will be glad and festive  
10 in character.

11           The International News Service  
12 reminds us that Chicago from time to  
13 time receives and entertains distinguished  
14 guests. Hitherto these distinguished  
15 guests have been driven through the  
16 streets in ordinary garden variety  
17 vehicles and accompanied by ordinary  
18 garden variety motorcycle cops. But  
19 now everything is going to be different.  
20 Chicago has acquired a greeting car  
21 and two greeting motorcycles. The  
22 car and the motorcycles are painted  
23 white, the snowiest kind of snow white.  
24 And Chicago has also acquired an  
25 official greeter. He ~~is~~ is George B. Gaw,

1 He's the President of an envelope  
2 company.

3 And so hereafter, when Chicago  
4 receives distinguished guests, why,  
5 they will be welcomed by the official  
6 greeter, and then will be paraded through  
7 the streets in the snow white automobile  
8 accompanied by cops on the two snow  
9 white motorcycles.

10 Some other guests of Chicago,  
11 not quite so distinguished, however,  
12 will be taken through the streets, not  
13 in the snow white greeter's car, but  
14 in the usual old fashioned black Maria.

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1           Let's buzz on to this next  
2 item. Yes, buzz is right. Millions  
3 and millions of insects buzzed -- and  
4 buzzed. It happened at Cedar Falls,  
5 Iowa. This evening Cedar Falls is O.K.  
6 The folks of the town are recovering  
7 their breath after a strange plague of  
8 insects.

9           As to just what kind of insects  
10 they were the citizens don't seem to  
11 agree. Some say they were willow  
12 locusts, others say they were shed  
13 flies.

14           Anyway, a huge cloud of bugs  
15 settled down on the town. They flew  
16 last night in dense swarms from street  
17 light to street light. Big blankets  
18 of those insects covered the plate  
19 glass windows of stores. People going  
20 along the streets found themselves  
21 deluged with swarms of bugs. Some of  
22 the folks at Cedar Rapids vow that  
23 they saw drifts of the insects 6 inches  
24 deep ■ whirling along through the air.  
25 Nobody knows where they <sup>vermin</sup> came from, nor

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why. And just as suddenly they left town and started for somewhere else. And nobody knows the reason for that either.

1 Well, I <sup>suppose</sup> ~~guess~~ you ~~folks~~ are all  
2 getting ready to celebrate the Fourth  
3 of July tomorrow. I'll bet you've got  
4 <sup>and stacks</sup> stacks of firecrackers and Roman  
5 candles. And what's more, my guess is  
6 that you are going to ~~keep up the good~~  
7 ~~work and~~ be careful with the fire-<sup>works</sup>  
8 ~~crackers~~ and do your bit to make it a  
9 safe and sane Fourth.

10 I have a statement here from the  
11 National Safety Council, an organization  
12 devoted to the prevention of accidents,  
13 and it tells us some interesting facts  
14 about the Fourth of July.

15 In past years the Fourth of July  
16 was, as we all know, a dangerous  
17 holiday. As a matter of fact, in years  
18 past more lives were lost in celebrating  
19 American independence than were  
20 sacrificed in gaining American  
21 independence. That is, more people <sup>have been</sup> ~~were~~  
22 killed <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ Fourth of July celebrations  
23 ~~through the years~~ than the total  
24 casualty list for the Revolutionary War.

25 But of recent years the idea of



a safe and sane Fourth has made increasing headway. The National Safety Council tells us that nowadays the casualties for Fourth of July average about 900. Well, that's a large and melancholy list. But most of those tragedies will not be caused by fireworks. Of the 900 casualties on an up-to-date Fourth of July only an average of 30 are caused by fireworks.

The biggest danger is from automobile accidents, which account for an average of 300 Fourth of July fatalities. And swimming comes next.

So when we talk of a safe and sane Fourth it doesn't merely mean fire-works. It means DRIVE YOUR CAR CAREFULLY TOMORROW, and watch yourself when you go for a swim.

How dangerous are fireworks? Well, the National Safety Council tells us that giant firecrackers are the worst. Children should not be allowed to have them at all. And the smaller firecrackers cause plenty of trouble too. Children hold onto them too long after lighting them; or they pick them up too soon when a firecracker has been lighted and thrown away and when it seems to have gone out.

And watch your step with sky-rockets. Those things are liable to tip after you've set them. They're liable to whirl around and go shooting into your house, or into your face. A skyrocket can easily be a dangerous flaming projectile.

And don't let small children fool around with Roman candles. They don't always hold them skyward. They are liable to swing them in almost any direction, maybe in yours, and a stream of flaming bullets may hit somebody, and then -- OUCH. And don't forget those sparklers -- the National Safety Council tells us they sometimes damage children's eyes.

And there's one sort of danger from firecrackers that you're not liable to think of -- cases of poisoning. Figures gathered by the National Safety Council show that each year a certain number of infants get hold of fire-crackers and Roman candles and eat them -- and that's bad for the infants. Better feed them ice cream instead.

Well, the old Fourth of July is a time for fun -- and plenty of it. But we can have fun without too much danger of cracking up our cars and ourselves; without swallowing lungfuls

of water while swimming; and without scorching our noses with  
skyrockets, Roman candles, or firecrackers.

And so let's have a glorious but also an exceedingly  
safe and sane Fourth of July. Don't let baby eat the firecrackers  
and, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

The International News Service recalls that the  
American writer from that took a considerable part in the re-  
establishment of the freedom of the Polish nation. This is  
appreciated by the Poles, especially by the great Polish patriot  
and minister, Paderewski.

It will be remembered that Paderewski, world famous  
as a virtuoso on the piano, became the head of the government of  
the reborn Polish nation. Paderewski in his labors for Polish  
independence, had enjoyed the deep sympathy and the love of  
millions of Poles.

and that the states of America's first president which  
was inspired today was inspired by Paderewski.

The following ceremonies were attended by the President