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2 Good Evening, Everybody:

3 News comes from Washington
4 tonight that the people who support the
5 Sales Tax are more hopeful. In fact,
6 they are more hopeful than at any time
7 since the House voted down ~~that~~ Sales Tax
8 plan to balance the budget.

9 Meanwhile, Speaker Jack Garner
10 is making every effort to put through
11 his two billion dollar program for
12 unemployment relief. The Speaker claims
13 it's economically sound, ~~although~~ ^{even if}
14 President Hoover ^{does} object~~s~~ to a bond issue
15 for public works.

16 In this connection Mr. Garner
17 quotes Mr. Hoover against President
18 Hoover by citing a passage from a
19 speech made by Mr. Hoover in 1928, a
20 passage advocating a bond issue. And
21 so the merry controversy goes on in
22 Washington.

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We have a few items to send you on your holidays with good cheer. In Marion, North Carolina, 1200 operatives returned to work in one textile mill.

In Vermont a railroad company reports that its net operating ~~x~~ income for the first four months of this year has doubled.

And there are several others just like that. All of which ought to make swimming easier for us over the weekend.

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4 ~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

5 The Walker-Seabury show ended
6 yesterday, ^{in n.y.} but a swell ~~second act~~ ^{epilogue} was staged
7 ~~put on~~ today.

8 Paul Block, the rich and generous
9 newspaper publisher, told a fascinating
10 and human story to Judge Seabury and the
11 Hofstadter Committee. It was with Mr.
12 Block that Mayor Walker shared the
13 account which netted him \$246,000.

14 Mr. Block told the committee
15 that his little son Billie had given
16 him the idea of helping Mayor ^{Jimmie.} ~~Walker.~~
17 It seems that Billie asked his father a
18 lot of questions about Mayor ~~Walker.~~ ^{Jimmie.}

19 "How much does the city pay ~~Mr.~~
20 ^{Jimmie?} ~~Walker?~~ asked Billie.

21 Mr. Block replied, ^{to his son that} the Mayor
22 got \$25,000. a year. Billie then wanted
23 to know whether Jimmie had an automobile.

24 ^{Papa} ~~Mr.~~ Block told ^{the chip of the old Block} ~~Billie~~ that New York
25 City furnished its mayor with an

1 automobile, but not ^{one} for Mrs. Walker.

2 Billie then asked ^{Daddy} Block:

3 "Dad! Can ~~Mr. Walker~~ ^{Jimmie} live on that
4 money?"

5 It was at that moment that Mr.
6 Block made up his mind to do something
7 for Jimmie.

8 Mr. Block explained that he never
9 expected to make any such marvelous
10 amount of money. He thought if he could
11 make thirty, forty, or fifty thousand
12 dollars for the Mayor that would be fine.
13 But stocks went up and he kept on buying
14 and to his surprise he found they had
15 made about \$220,000 a piece. Then Mr.
16 Block explained in his own words to Judge Seabury,
17 as follows: "It was for Jimmie Walker, my
18 friend, not for the Mayor of New York,
19 that I did this. I never expected
20 anything from him. I never asked anything.
21 I never got anything."

22 And that's the touching little story of
23 Papa Block, and Billie and Jimmie.

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1 Three people are dead, and one
2 is missing as the result of a wreck in
3 Long Island Sound. It occurred early
4 this morning. ~~A~~ ^{The City of Chattanooga} ~~steamship~~ of the
5 Savannah Passenger Line rammed and sank
6 a freighter called the Grecian right
7 off Block Island, and not far from
8 New London, Connecticut. There was a
9 thick fog and heavy sea. The freighter
10 foundered quickly. ~~According to radio~~
11 ~~dispatches~~ She sank in a few minutes.

12 The City of Chattanooga dropped
13 anchor instantly, and lowered boats
14 to pick up the ^{survivors} ~~crew~~ of the sinking
15 vessel. ~~The~~ ~~bodies~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~missing~~
16 ~~sailors~~ ~~were~~ ~~recovered~~ ~~by~~ ~~a~~ ~~Coast~~
17 ~~Guard~~ ~~destroyer~~.

18 It seems curious that both
19 vessels have been in trouble before.
20 Four years ago the Grecian, which
21 sank today, was in collision with
22 another passenger liner off Cape Cod.
23 At that time she was only saved from
24 foundering because the Captain beached
25 her. And three years ago the City of
Chattanooga was swept by fire while she
was ^{at} docked.

1 We get many inquiries in this
2 office about the life and work of a
3 newspaper reporter. ^{Well, the following} ~~the~~ may answer
4 some of the questions.

5 Raymond Clapper, chief of the
6 Washington Bureau of the United Press,
7 gave a talk in Baltimore today ^{that included} ~~and~~ an
8 interesting description of his job.

9 We ~~all~~ know modern efficiency has taken
10 the fun out of many jobs, but it has
11 been unable, said Clapper, to squeeze ^{the fun}
12 it out of newspaper reporting.

13 "The newspaper reporter's
14 ^{choice} ~~job~~ continues to be a daily adventure
15 full of unexpected thrills. Despite
16 marvelous modern means of communication,
17 the newspaper continues to be the
18 medium from which all civilized peoples
19 get the day's events," ^{So says Ray Clapper.}

20 Through a telephone call a
21 reporter may break to the world the
22 tragic Lindbergh news. By burrowing
23 in the archives of the United States
24 Senate he may come across a secret
25 roll call. ^{And} ~~and~~ that may force the Senate

1 to abolish its age-old custom of
2 voting on important affairs in secret. ~~that~~
3 ~~happened~~

4 Another may go poking around
5 in the dusty tax records of a New Mexico
6 Court House. From this he may pull out
7 ~~the~~ information which starts a former
8 Cabinet Minister on his way to prison.

9 The newspaper reporter is the
10 eyes and ears of the millions. He will
11 grumble and tell you he is fed up on
12 his job, but don't believe him."

13 *That's the expert opinion of one*
14 *of the crack reporters of the*
15 *United Press.*

1 ^{And for} ~~Here's~~ a bit of dramatic news -
 2 news about the drama.

3 The week after next ~~we're~~ ^{in N.Y.} they are
 4 going to give [^] the first American
 5 performance of a play. And guess who
 6 is the author of that play which has
 7 never before been performed in the
 8 realms of Uncle Sam. The author's name
 9 is ^{Wm.} Shakespeare - yes, ~~old William~~
 10 ~~Shakespeare~~, the bard of Avon ^{who turned out}
 11 ~~several hits in his time.~~

12 Each year the Players Club,
 13 that old institution founded by Edwin
 14 Booth, gives a ^{classic} ~~Shakespearian~~ revival.
 15 This year it's to be Troilus and
 16 Cressida, ~~That is~~ one of the less
 17 known dramas of Shakespeare. ^{In fact} [^] I believe
 18 it has never been given in a regular
 19 professional performance ~~before~~ in the
 20 United States.

21 Well, after all these years
 22 Troilus and Cressida will ^{have} ~~be given what~~
 23 ~~promises to be~~ a stirring ^{production} ~~performance~~, ^{with}
 24 an all-star cast headed by Otis Skinner,
 25 Charles Coburn, and Blanche Yurka.

And now folks let me ask
 you, would your life be happier
 if you could have non-skidding soap in
 your bathroom? Does the chicken in the
 Sunday dinner skid off the plate while
 you are carving it and land plop all over
 your rich Uncle's vest?

Well, cheer up, our busy
 inventors have fixed all that. So we
 learn from an amusing article in the
 current issue of the Literary Digest.
 Many curious things ^{turned up at} ~~were learned from~~ the
 recent international exposition of
patents. There, the Digest informs us,
 you saw enough gadgets to make life
 easy for all of us, ^{i.e. if} ~~when~~ you can afford
~~them~~ ^{all those} gadgets.

There are even contraptions to
 save mamma the trouble of holding the
 bottle for baby. Then there's a device
 to prevent the neighbors from swiping your
 milk bottle if you don't get up early in
 the morning. There's an egg boiler with
 a steam whistle to tell you when the eggs
 are done. There's a machine to cheer the
 hearts of doughnut cutters. It puts the

1 hole plumb in the center of the doughnut.
2 And if you find yourself stuck with plenty
3 of strawberries but no fresh cream, there's
4 a contraption that makes sweet cream out
5 of milk and unsalted butter. Yes, and there's
6 the non-skidding soap and the non-skidding
7 platter for the Sunday chicken. Truly we
8 live in a marvelous age.

WIVES

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not think so. Altho - the Sultan's wives may

1 You may have heard a ditty called
2 THE SULTAN'S WIVES HAVE GOT THE HIVES.

3 Well, here are two Sultans wives who have
4 got more than the hives. They got left
5 out of their husband's will, *and they're all*
goose-pimply about it.

6 The Sultan in question was his
7 Majesty Ahmed Shah Kadjar, the late Shah
8 of Persia. *He* ~~who~~ was one of the numerous
9 monarchs to lose their crowns *but* ~~and were~~
10 *enough* lucky to get away with their heads.

11 The Shah of Persia got away to
12 the place where all good Persians really
13 like to go when they die -- *I don't* ~~mean~~ *I mean* ~~to~~ Paradise,
14 Paris. *Ahmed* ~~He~~ made his will and quite properly
15 provided for eight of his wives.

16 But His Majesty had ten of them
17 and two of these ladies were left out ~~of~~
18 in the cold. The New York Sun today
19 points out that it's an interesting
20 example of how a Royal mind can skid. The
21 news came out because the Shah, -- he seems
22 to have been quite a business-like Shah
23 even if he did lose his job; -- had property
24 in America so his will was filed for
25 probate by an American Trust Company, which

1 is executor of the will.

2 The Trust Company today finds
 3 itself in a position that no trust company
 4 ever found itself ⁱⁿ before. In the first
 5 place they had to solve the problem of
 6 the two Mrs. Shah ^{S₂}, who had been overlooked.
 7 Then, in addition to that, they ^{have} ~~had~~ the
 8 job of educating the late Shah's four
 9 children. As he was a Mohammedan the
 10 offspring have to be brought up as
 11 Mohammedans. And if you can picture the
 12 vice presidents of an American Trust
 13 Company having to see to it that four
 14 children are brought up to learn the Koran
 15 you can imagine their ~~difficult~~ difficulty. ^{This next}
 16 reflection ^{has no special bearing on the story, but} One can't help speculating what
 17 a job it must have been for the lawyers
 18 to draw up a will for King Solomon.

1 John Bull put a spoke into the wheel
2 of Japan today. His Majesty's Government
3 announced that Great Britain will take
4 part in no Round Table Conference
5 concerning Shanghai, in which the Chinese
6 Government does not share. This we learn
7 from a dispatch by Raymond Swing to the
8 New York Evening Post.

9 He explains that it was Japan's
10 purpose to start the Conference of Powers
11 around a Round Table but the wily
12 Nipponese didn't want China in on it.
13 Their purpose was to settle the Chinese
14 question in agreement with the principal
15 world powers. It was presumed that the
16 Powers would then join Japan in telling
17 the Chinese Government to sign on the
18 dotted line.

19 Such troublesome ^{problems} ~~questions~~ as the
20 growth of Communism in China, boycotts
21 and other things were to be ~~so~~ settled ^{in that way}.
22 But John Bull, ^{won't play ball or cricket or} ~~isn't having any, he~~
23 ^{chopsticks,} ~~says.~~ He will join no movement to let
24 Japan have a free hand in Manchuria.

25 This is the price Japan presumably will
ask for complete withdrawal from Shanghai.

1 John Bull's reply shows that he stands
2 shoulder to shoulder with Uncle Sam
3 on this ^{explosive} ~~dangerous~~ subject.
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1 Here's a story of adventure that
2 rivals Nick Carter, Alexander Dumas, and
3 all the famous fiction writers. It will
4 also go down in history as one of the
5 most exciting escapes ever made.

6 There was a German soldier captured
7 by the French in the Battle of ^{the} Somme.
8 He tried to make his escape from prison
9 camp, and in so doing killed a guard.
10 They caught him, tried him, and sentenced
11 him to 20 years in a French penal colony
12 in Africa.

13 But he made his escape again. He
14 knew nothing of Africa, or of bush life,
15 but he tramped hundreds of miles through
16 ^{jungle} ~~bush~~ and desert. He was on the march all
17 ~~sole~~ alone for months. But he finally
18 made his way to the coast. From there he
19 managed to get passage to Italy.

20 The other day his mother, who had
21 given up her boy for lost, received a
22 letter from the German consul at Naples.
23 After 16 years her son had, ~~virtually~~
24 ~~speaking~~, come back to life.

25 He'd been given up for lost 16 years

1 ago. In fact, his name was inscribed
2 on the monument to the war dead in his
3 home town. ~~And he's now~~ ^{But now he's} on his way back
4 ~~to that same home town.~~

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1 Here's something that isn't news
2 strictly speaking. But it's a timely
3 warning that I've been asked to convey
4 over the air.

5 It's an appeal to motor car
6 drivers to be more than usually careful
7 over the holiday week-end this year.
8 The warning comes from the vice-
9 president of the ~~New York~~ Automobile
10 Club. Because Memorial Day comes on
11 Monday, all the highways ^{from Coast to Coast} ~~all over the~~
12 ~~states~~ will be tremendously congested.

13 "You will meet hundreds of
14 reckless drivers who cut in and out of
15 line. - Don't be one of them! Try to
16 return to your home with the memory
17 of a pleasant holiday instead of broken
18 bones and a smashed car. *That's his warning.*

19 And by the way, it might be
20 timely to warn drivers to renew their
21 licenses which expire on May 31st. At
22 least this is true in several states, so
23 you'd better ^{have a} look at yours, ~~license and~~
24 ~~find out when it needs renewing.~~

1 Here's a new profession for you -
 2 dog shusher. Yes, I mean just that.
 3 Shushing dogs.

4 A lady in Chicago is employing
 5 a man in just that capacity. So we
 6 learn from ~~the~~^a ~~United Press~~ dispatch
 7 ~~To the St. Louis Star~~ *Pittsburg Press.*

8 The lady in question runs a dog
 9 shelter. The neighbors had complained
 10 to the court that the dogs howled all
 11 night and interfered with their bridge
 12 or their sleep, according to the way
 13 they spent their nights. To their
 14 complaint the lady replied:

15 "Nonsense, Judge, I hire a
 16 man every night to shush the dogs when
 17 they get noisy. Whenever they bark he
 18 pats them on the head or gives them a
 19 drink of water, ^{and says "there, there Fido."} I'll bet you never
 20 saw such contented dogs," *said she.*

21 ~~xxxxxx~~ Can you imagine what
 22 a time a dog shusher would have at a
 23 dog show.

24 *Sh sh! Well, I hear*
 25 *somebody shushing me. So, is long*
until Monday.