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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY,

The curtain was raised in London today on one of the most serious dramas that John Bull has had to face since the Chartist Riots in 1848. The first ^{column} of the so-called hunger marchers reached the British capital. (It is evident that before the drama is over, ^{in the city on the Thames} there will be an army of desperate men and women, compared to which the bonus army in Washington last July will ~~like~~ ^{seem} ~~look~~ like a handful.) All police ^{leaves of absence} ~~leaves~~ have been cancelled in the city of London ^{and} ~~in~~ the metropolitan district. Thousands of jobless are camped in the London suburbs. A column of husky Scotch ^s ~~men~~ ^{are also} ~~were~~ ^{tonight} nearing London on the last lap of their 500 mile hunger march from Glasgow. Unlike the boys of the B.E.F., most of whom came in trucks or freight trains, John Bull's hunger marchers are literally ^{— on foot.} ~~marchers~~ ~~Their only~~ ~~means of conveyance is shanks's pony.~~ Some of the columns ~~are~~ ^{are} coming from all parts of the Island, ^{are} accompanied by field kitchens.

What they are demanding is at first not very clear to

American readers. They are protesting against what is called the "Means test" for unemployment relief. This test compels the jobless ~~to have~~ to prove that they have no other means of support before they receive the government dole. They want this test abolished. They also want more money and greater allowance of fuel and food.

An ominous note was sounded today when the leaders of the advance guard of the marchers threatened violence, **If** the authorities do not guarantee them shelter, ~~say~~ the marchers ^{say} they will sieze quarters for themselves.

PEACE

To balance this serious note, there ^{is} ~~is~~ a peaceful item from the land of ^{King George.} ~~John Bull~~. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post ^{tells us} ~~says~~ that an agreement between John Bull and Uncle Sam on the question of cutting the navies is probable. Of course this will depend on other naval powers joining with ~~the~~ Britain and the U.S.A.

The story adds that "the reduction may not quite attain the 33% suggested by President Hoover. But it can be brought quite near to that figure". This is supposed to be the outcome of a conference between Norman Davis, the American representative to the Arms Conference, and the delegates of the British government.

JAPAN

A dispatch from Washington states that Uncle Sam probably will support the action of the League of Nations on the question of the behavior of Japan in Manchuria. The League will meet in Geneva on November 14th to take up the report of the Lytton Commission on the Manchurian problem. The U.S.A. will not be represented. At the same time it is understood that the League will be supported by the United States in any real move it decides to make to uphold the peace machinery of the world.

PARIS

A dispatch from Paris to the Cincinnati Post reports that the French government is prepared to reduce its military establishment. This to the extent of cutting the service of the conscript army from 12 months to 9 months. The French, however, make the stipulation that other nations must make similar reductions and must offer guarantees of security.

The report continues that this decision was made over the objections of the military division of the Superior War Council of France. This reduction of conscript service will reduce the French army from 20 divisions to 12. Prime Minister Herriot issued a statement to American reporters in which he said: "If Britain and America will give us a peaceful Atlantic, we single handed will guarantee the peace of the world."

MOSCOW

A dispatch from Moscow relates that the Soviet ^{authorities have} ~~government has~~

agreed to permit the government of the new state of Manchukuo

to open a consulate general in Moscow. So the realm of His

^{Celestial Highness}
the Emperor Pu Yi seems to be slowly
getting on in the world.

ITALY

Here's a startling item from Italy. Premier Mussolini today held out the olive branch to thousands of his one-time enemies. A dispatch to the Baltimore Post states that there are more than three thousand anti-Fascist Italians in exile, some of them in France, some of them in Belgian, some in Switzerland, others in North and South America. The Duce today made a speech at Milan offering these exiles permission to return home. When they return, however, they must be prepared to cooperate with Fascism and indulge in no hostile agitation.

Correspondents interpret this as meaning that Mr. Mussolini is convinced that his regime is now so strong that

there is nothing to fear. I wonder what my friend General Pepino Garibaldi, one of the exiles in this country will say when he hears about this?

SHIP

The world's largest ship will be launched ~~Saturday~~ ^{within the next 48 hrs.}

The launching will take place at Saint Nazaire in France.

So far, she is known in the drafting rooms and the shops by

the unromantic name of T-6. When the bottle of champagne

is ~~crushed~~ ^{smashed} on her bow Saturday, she will become the Normandie, ^{is,}

the new super-liner of the French Line. She will have a ton-

nage of 73,000. ~~It~~ ^{She} is expected ~~she will be able~~ ^{to be able} to cross

the Atlantic in five days no matter what the weather is. She

will be 1,020 feet long and 118 feet abeam at the water line.

She will ~~be able to~~ carry 2100 passengers, ~~for which~~ ^{and} a crew of

1300. ~~people will be necessary~~ ^{Just think of it! 73,000 tons.}

ROCKEFELLER

A marriage license was issued at the Municipal building in New York today in a familiar name. The coming bridegroom is John D. Rockefeller the third. The name of the bride is Blanchette Hooker. Young ~~Mr. Rockefeller~~ ^{John D. - or I should say the youngest John D.} told the marriage license clerk that his occupation was "associated with father." In case you're interested in dates, the wedding is to take place November eleventh. Be sure to get your share of the cake.

MAGICIAN

Cleveland, Ohio, seems to be a ^{Fonahs} ~~bad~~ place for magicians.

Cleveland is a handsome city but it doesn't seem to be the right place for witchcraft, sorcery and the black art^s in general.

A Cleveland magician is in trouble because two Polish ladies^{ed} paid him to perform a bit of magic for them. And the magic didn't work.

One lady paid him a dollar and a half for a charm that would make her a winner in a horse race. She lost. The magician explained to her that the horse had broken a leg.

The other lady wanted to get back a missing husband. The magician took ^a ~~his~~ little black box and poured some black liquid into it. Into this he put two dried roses. Then he burned the mixture and walked three times around the table. ^{But} ~~Still~~ the lady's husband didn't come back.

And that isn't the worst of it. Both ladies claim that after the magician had performed his incantations they had an unbroken ~~xx~~ sequence of hard luck. It was magic all right but it worked backward.

The magician gives an interesting explanation of the love charm. He says the liquid he had in the black box was insect exterminator, that he wasn't trying to win any love for the lady, he was just hired to drive the vermin out of the house.

Bringing back a husband and chasing out the insects --

well, there is some
~~there seems to be a slight~~ contradiction *about that!*

SQUIDS

One unpleasant habit of scientists is that they are always rattling our family skeletons for us. Here's a Japanese geologist in the University of Mukden who comes forward to tell us unpleasant things about our ancestors. This Japanese scientist says that five hundred million years ago the inhabitants of Manchuria and North America were considerably alike. They were animals somewhat like the octopus. They were first cousins of the modern squid and the nautilus.

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There's a thought for you to ~~contemplate on quiet~~ ^{think over} ~~winter evenings~~ when you're shaving tomorrow. Who said my girl friend descended from a squid. Where is that Japanese scientist. Lemme at him.

JIM CORBETT

By the way, ^{I've just learned} ~~I didn't know until today~~ that Jim Corbett, Gentleman Jim, as he is traditionally known, has turned promoter. He is running an ~~arena~~ arena in Jamaica, L. I. As Jack ^{stated} ~~says~~ in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Jim was one of the first men to ^{put} ~~get~~ the idea into the public's head that a man can be a prize fighter and also a gentleman. As a matter of fact, Jim is one of the most charming and amusing men I know.

As Kofoed further remarks, it is certain that Jim Corbett's arena will be run on the level. Jim has an idea which seems to be strange to some other sporting promoters, that is that the public as well as the athletes deserve a square deal.

BOX FIGHTING

The New ^{York} ~~York~~ Evening Post has been conducting an interesting investigation. The subject is "Why do women go to box fights?" Do they go because they like it or to please some male?"

One of the persons questioned was a singer. She declared that she went to fights because prize fighters remind her of opera singers. Not that many opera singers have as good physiques as prize fighters, but that fighting, like singing, is an art, that is to say, ^{good swinging is} like good singing.

Another of the ladies questioned was a former member of the Detroit nobility, ~~that is to say~~. She said that she invariably attended prize fights because she admired technical perfection in anything. The New ^{York} ~~York~~ Evening Post then went to William A Brady, the same Bill Brady who was managing Jim Corbett on that memorable day in New Orleans when Jim astonished the world by knocking out John L. Sullivan. Bill Brady used to be prejudiced against women going to prize fights, but now he is reconciled to it. He says women are found in the ringside seats because they want to share their husbands' interests.

And finally, the Post put the question to an eminent psychologist. This doctor replied: "Women today are keen on ^{the} prize ring because they like enjoying ~~x~~ an experience from which they have been barred for so long."

TURKEYS

I have here a piece of good news for all small boys
and most of those not so small, and come to think of it, for
their parents, too.

Here is the news. A dispatch from Washington, D. C. to the
~~Beacon~~ ^{of New York} ~~News~~ reports that turkeys should be cheap as well as

plentiful this coming Thanksgiving. Uncle Sam's census bureau

estimates that no less than 18,000,000 turkeys are now fattening

on the nation's farms. 18,000,000, - count them, 18,000,000. ^{All waiting to get it in the neck.} That
means 36,000,000 drum sticks. [^]

~~They will be all ready for the axe on the fatal day.~~

MOTORS

People in the automobile business were pleasantly surprised during the month of September. The weekly report of R. L. Polk and Company, compilers of official registrations throughout the United States, declares that motor car sales in September were greater than the preliminary reports had indicated.

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The Automotive Daily News states that the sales of both passenger cars and trucks in the United States ~~and~~ and Canada for the month of September were larger than the output.

PHONE

There is weeping and wailing among many of the employes of New York City. Father Knickerbocker has been obliged, in order to raise funds, to make some drastic cuts in his expenses. One of these cuts means that city officials no longer will have their telephone bills for their private phones in their homes paid by the city. *Isn't that tough.*

PENNSYLVANIA

The electrification of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Philadelphia and New York will become a reality at midnight Friday. At that hour the ~~xx~~ overhead wires from Trenton, New Jersey, to Manhattan Transfer will be energized. So says the Trenton Times. This will be ~~pxi~~ preliminary to the operation of electric trains over the entire stretch between New York and Philadelphia. The stretch between Trenton and Philly has been electrified for some time. ^P Incidentally the Trenton Times is celebrating its fiftieth birthday. The Trenton State Gazette, which is owned by the Trenton Times, is one of the oldest newspapers in America, having been founded in 1792.

CHICKEN

The Republican Finance Committee of Nassau County, New York, caught a tartar the other day. The committee sent a request for a contribution "to re-elect President Hoover" to a candidate for the Supreme Court, a Democratic candidate.

A dispatch to the New York World-Telegram says that this Democratic Supreme Court candidate sent the following reply to the Republican Finance Committee.

"I will donate to the committee my rights to the chicken which President Hoover ^{promised to} place [^] in my ~~pot~~ ^{pot} in 1928."

But wait a minute, now that I've told one on the Republicans, here's one on the Democrats. A dispatch to the Boston Traveller quotes an article from a French newspaper about Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, and here's what that Parisian paper says about ~~Mrs. Longworth~~ ^{Princess Alice:-}

"She is twice a Roosevelt. First, as a daughter of the great Theodore, and second as the woman behind the scenes in Franklin Roosevelt's campaign."

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And I'll bet Mrs. Longworth ^{who} is celebrated as one of the few women in Washington, D.C., ^{with} ~~who~~ ^{who} has a sense of humor, ^{will get a wild laugh out of that.}

HOOVER

President Hoover will make a brief speech in Cincinnati on Friday. His train will stop there on the way to Indianapolis. The President will reach Cincinnati about noon and Indianapolis around four o'clock in the afternoon.

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Democrats around their headquarters at the Biltmore, and Republican leaders at their headquarters at the Waldorf, were still excitedly talking about Alfred E. Smith's Newark speech. But at the Waldorf the talk of the hour is the report from Boise, Idaho, that Senator Borah has declared his intention of voting for Mr. Hoover.

CHINK

A young Chinese gentleman in Detroit undertook a brief career of crime yesterday. His first exploit, says the Detroit News, was to hold up a taxi driver. Later in the same evening John Chinaman hailed another machine. It was a police car, which was looking for him.

"You will probably be deported for this" said the detective.

"^{Allee same}
~~That's~~ fine", said John, "~~It~~ ^{costs} ~~too~~ ^{much} ~~to~~ ^{live} ~~here~~ ^{anyway}."

"^{Live}
~~here anyway~~" in America cost too much dollah."

WEDDING

Old Dan Cupid has played a peculiar prank in New Philadelphia, Ohio. A wedding is going to take place there shortly, of which two of the principal actors will be a 19-year old boy and his 17-year old sister. The 19-year old boy is going to marry a 16-year old girl. His sister is going to marry the father of the girl her brother is going to marry.

I don't know if that confuses you as much as it does me, but the upshot of it is going to be that the sister will become her brother's mother-in-law, and the brother of the sister will become his father-in-law's brother-in-law. And his bride will be her father's sister-in-law. And their children will be first cousins of the sister-in-law's mother-in-law. Help, help, and -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.