

FRANCE

Good Evening, Everybody!

Here's a late flash from Paris.

It states that Senator Laval has undertaken to form a ministry.

France has been without a cabinet government for the last couple of days, and the President of the Republic has been looking around for someone to replace Premier Steeg, who resigned day before yesterday. It was rumored that he would ask Briand, the famous foreign minister, to try ^{once more his old} job of forming a cabinet which the majority in the Chamber of Deputies would support.

But Briand telegraphed that he would refuse any such invitation. Then, according to the International News Service, Senator Laval came forward. And he is now tackling the always difficult ^{task} ~~job~~ of lining up a majority in the ^{French} Chamber of Deputies. ~~to support~~

~~that~~ Well, that cable about the new Premier came in at the last minute. And now let's see what we've got in this pile of dispatches.

FARO

A telegram was received down in Washington today and it contained the resignation of a lady who was a government official out in Chicago.

And that is the latest development in the events that followed a very peculiar faro game. If you have read about it, you'll recall that the lady was playing in a really gigantic faro game, and she was ahead \$200,000 and that's going some! She says the gamblers with whom she was playing wanted to be sure she was using real money before they gave her the 200,000. Although she had a \$50,000 check with her, they still wanted to see the color of real mazuma.

So she sent to a man she knew -- also a political figure and asked him to put up the \$50,000 to show the gamblers, so she could collect the 200,000 she had won. So the man sent his nephew with the money, and then the gamblers got it.

The lady claims that she played a little more faro, and lost both the 200,000 she was ahead of the game and the

1 \$50,000 in cash. But the man who put
2 up the money maintains that the gamblers
3 held up his nephew and took the money
4 away from him, and that the lady was
5 a party to the robbery. *So you can see what*
6 *a tangle it is. At any rate*
7 ~~was~~ the lady has resigned from
8 her government post, but the United Press
9 informs us that the man who lost the
10 money intends to prosecute. ~~was~~

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NIGHT CLUB

Now comes the story of a battle, a battle in one of New York's flashiest and most expensive night clubs. The story appears on the front page of every New York paper.

Early this morning a man named Sherman, well-known along Broadway as a gambler, was found badly beaten in front of a night club. He claims that he was on the street when a couple of thugs lit into him. But when the police when on into the night club they found the place a wreck. Tables and chairs smashed, bullet holes in the walls, blood stains on the floor.

Gangsters had apparently staged a big battle. But the whole thing is a mystery. Nobody seems to have witnessed anything, or at least nobody will talk. And it all sounds unreal and fantastic, except for the beaten up gambler in the hospital and the signs of the hurricane battle in the night club. And they are real enough.

1 Well, I suppose at this point
2 we all ought to sing the old sad song
3 of the lone cowboy. You remember it:
4 BURY ME NOT ON THE LONE PRAIRIE.

5 Not that Tom Mix is in di stress
6 out on a lone prairie, but the jury has
7 just ~~soaked~~^{smacked} him for ~~\$90,000~~^{\$90,000} ~~smackers.~~ It appears
8 that cowboy Tom of the movies was
9 scheduled to play one of his Wild West
10 parts with the 101 Ranch show. At any
11 rate it's some matter of a contract.

12 The owner of the 101 Ranch
13 sued Tom and an Associated Press
14 dispatch informs us the jury counted
15 up to 101 and decided against Tom.
16 They decided against him to the tune
17 of ninety thousand dollars.

18 ~~Well, so far as I'm concerned~~
19 ~~if anybody soaked me for ninety thousand~~
20 ~~dollars why I'd be willing to be buried~~
21 ~~on any lone prairie.~~

22 So Cowboy Tom Mix
23 probably isn't doing a cowboy jig in
24 his hand-tooled, high-heeled bootstomper.
25 At any rate, most of us wouldn't
throw our 2-gallon hats into the air and do
much yip yipping if we were soaked 90,000 bucks.

1 They had a ~~big~~ prison fire down in
2 Alabama today. A blaze broke out in the
3 main prison building ^{at Wetumpka} and raged for two
4 hours before it could be put out.
5 Heavy damage was done, but nobody was
6 hurt.

7 According to the Associated
8 Press, the prisoners were marched out
9 under guard, ^{all in perfect order.} ~~and there was no disorder~~
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DIGEST - WASHINGTON

Well, these days, along with the Wickersham Controversy the big battle between the President and the Senate is booming and echoing on all sides. It has to do with that scrap about providing relief for the farmers in the Middle West who were hit by the drought of last summer. There are strong expressions of opinion, some supporting the President, some supporting the Senate.

For example, the Union-Star of Schenectady, New York, fires a broad-side and agrees with Mr. Hoover that the government should not spend money to provide food and other necessities of life for the drought sufferers. The editor of the Union-Star calls the proposal - "Federal Feeding". He goes on to say that it would be contrary to all American traditions of self-respect.

On the other hand, the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch comes rushing to the defense of the Senate. That paper points out that the government is already advancing money to the drought stricken farmers so they can buy seed for planting, and fodder for their cattle. This Virginia paper says there is no essential difference between that and doing something to enable the farmer to buy food for himself and his wife and children.

These are only two of a whole series of conflicting arguments which bear upon that big battle between the White House and Capitol Hill. They are all summarized in this week's Literary Digest.

1 Word from Russia this evening tells
2 of another big move to end private
3 ownership of land ^{over there.} ~~in the realm of the~~
4 ~~Soviets~~ The United Press informs us that
5 a statement signed by Stalin, the Red
6 Dictator, announces the beginning of
7 what it calls a decisive final drive to
8 eliminate the kulaks. The kulaks are the
9 well-to-do peasants who cling to their
10 land. If Stalin is able to take their
11 farms away from them, why ^{then} all the
12 millions of acres of land in Russia will
13 be owned by the government.

14 The Bolshevik newspaper Pravda
15 states that billions of rubles will be
16 poured into the villages to support the
17 organizations which do collective farming.
18 The idea ~~will be~~ ^{is} to force ~~the~~ private
19 owners to the wall.
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1 ~~This next item is about~~ a man
2 they call ^{the} trust maker, ~~of Italy~~. His
3 name is Gualino. He was the head of the
4 country's largest chain store corporation
5 and controlled other big concerns. He
6 lost heavily in the recent financial
7 depression, and now he has been sent to
8 one of those islands where the Fascist
9 Government keeps its prisoners. Just
10 why, is not stated, although there have
11 been ~~several~~ recent hints of financial
12 scandals.

13 According to the Associated Press,
14 the Fascists merely say that this
15 financier has done grave damage to the
16 economy of the nation. *So they've packed*
17 *him off to jail.*

1 When I start off with this next
2 dispatch by mentioning crime wave and
3 police shake-up - it may not sound
4 like news. But this time it's over in
5 London, and that's different.

6 You know, someone is always
7 telling us that London is the ideal city,
8 the city where they are supposed to have
9 very few crimes because criminals are
10 brought to swift and stern British
11 justice.

12 But an article in tonight's
13 New York Sun tells us that a veritable
14 chorus of growls and complaints is being
15 heard in London just now. Londoners are
16 fed-up because their police are failing
17 to solve crimes, and because criminals
18 are going unpunished.

19 Ho, ho. That sounds more like
20 New York or Chicago than like London.
21 What's the trouble over there? What has
22 happened to the famous Scotland Yard?
23 Well, they say Scotland Yard isn't
24 living up to its old reputation.

25 During the past two years

1 London has had twenty murder mysteries
2 that are still unsolved. Twenty may
3 not seem like a big figure to us, but
4 it's big enough to make the British
5 Lion get on its hind legs and roar.

6 Furthermore, robbers over in
7 England are said to be adopting American
8 methods, and are using automobiles, and
9 crime is becoming more violent.

10 Yes, Scotland Yard is getting
11 blamed and the critics are concentrating
12 their fire on the head of the famous
13 detective force. He is Lord Byng, the
14 ~~famous~~ ^{renowned} Commander of the Canadians during
15 the World War, at the Battle of Vimy
16 Ridge.

17 Londoners are growling and
18 saying that Lord Byng of Vimy has not
19 been on the job. Illness has been
20 keeping him away and they are demanding
21 a new chief for Scotland Yard.

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I saw Bob Davis today. I mean Bob Davis the famous editor, newspaper columnist, traveller, and one of the most elusive men in the world, because he is always going some ^{where} ~~place~~ or just coming back *from somewhere.*

This time he is just back from a glorious time in Florida and Cuba. At any rate I asked him what he thought was the most interesting story in the news today, *the News Item of the Day as I call it.*

He pointed out an article in the New York Sun which tells about the downfall of the king of gypsy musicians.

This king is called Laci Racz (Lashee Rash)—the-36th. I suppose that means he's the 36th gypsy king of that name. For 29 years he was considered the ~~best~~ ^{foremost} ~~of~~ gypsy orchestra leaders ^{in the world.} No other musician of the nomad tribe could fiddle along and lead his band of wild musicians so tunefully as Laci-Racz-the-36th. But now he has been dethroned. And enemy has beaten him, and that enemy is jazz, good old thumping, jumping jazz. Lashee Rash comes of a famous gypsy musical family. His father was the leader of a band that played before every royal

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1 court in Europe. The son inherited the
2 father's talent. In 1911 he arose to
3 the highest honor amongst gypsies. They
4 selected him as their leader to succeed
5 the famous Rigo, one of the most amazing
6 musicians of his time. It was this
7 Rigo who had many fantastic romances,
8 and capped the climax by marrying
9 Princess Chimay of Belgium.

10 And so Laci-Racz-the-36th was at
11 the top. They said that when he saw a
12 beautiful girl ^{at a table,} while he was playing, he
13 would walk over to her and draw the
14 bow across the strings in the softest
15 and saddest pianissimo note that was
16 ever heard.

17 Then along came jazz, and Laci
18 Racz-the-36th hated it ^{loathed it.} He wouldn't
19 play it. He said it was empty rattle, ^{fit only}
20 to accompany the dance of crazy monkeys.
21 The cafe owners that he worked for
22 insisted that he play jazz. He wouldn't
23 do it. He left one place after another.
24 Just two weeks ago he and his band lost
25 their last job because of his hatred for

1 jazz.

2 That was the end. The musicians
3 got tired of going hungry because the
4 king would not play foxtrots and blues.
5 So they dethroned him, and are picking
6 another leader. And so Laci Racz—the-
7-36th is a king no longer. He's just
8 another gypsy musician out of a job.

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1 ~~Next~~ ^{Oh, here} comes Josephine. She is only
2 six years old, and she got lost. ^{Poor Josephine}

3 It was out in Milwaukee, and the
4 police found her sobbing and took her
5 around ~~down~~ to the station house. The
6 big cops gathered around her, and all
7 she could tell them was that her name
8 was Josephine and she was six years old.
9 The cops scratched their heads and looked
10 at each other. Then, according to the
11 Associated Press, a little fuzzy black
12 dog wiggled in and when he saw Josephine
13 he started to jump and bark, and his
14 tail was going as fast as an airplane
15 propellor. The child and the dog began
16 to romp around the station house floor.

17 Those cops then made a few
18 ~~deductions, like~~ ^{deductions,} Sherlock Holmes, and
19 started out with Josephine and the dog.
20 The dog, trotting and shimmying, led them
21 down one street and then another, and
22 finally to a house. ~~Josephine lived~~
23 ~~there.~~ ^{And so it was that Josephine}
24 came home.

1 One night I reeled off to you
2 a bit of remarkable English written by
3 a Chinaman. It was on the subject of
4 shoe polish, and it was as flowery as the
5 flowery kingdom. And it also was all
6 balled up.

7 Well, A. C. Brandt, of St. Albans,
8 Vermont, sends me a somewhat similar
9 dissertation from the journal of the
10 employees of the Boston-Maine Railroad.
11 He suggests that you might like to hear
12 this one. It's a Japanese schoolboy's
13 essay on bananas. It reads as follows:-

14 "THE BANANA ARE A GREAT REMARKABLE
15 FRUIT, X HE ARE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME
16 ARCHITECTURAL STYLE AS THE HONORABLE
17 SAUSAGE. DIFFERENCE BEING SKIN OF
18 SAUSAGE ARE HABITUALLY CONSUMED, WHILE
19 IT ARE NOT ADVISABLE TO EAT RAPPING OF
20 HONORABLE BANANA.

21 "WHEN CONSIDERED FOR EATING THE
22 BANANA ARE HELD ALOFT WHILE CONSUMING;
23 WHILE SAUSAGE ARE USUALLY LEFT IN
24 RECLINING POSITION.

25 "SAUSAGE DEPEND FOR CREATION UPON

1 HUMAN BEING OR STUFFING MACHINE, WHILE
2 BANANA ARE PRISTINE PRODUCT OF HONORABLE
3 MOTHER NATURE.

4 "IN CASE OF SAUSAGE BOTH
5 CONCLUSIONS ARE ATTACHED TO OTHER
6 SAUSAGES, HONORABLE BANANA ON OPPOSITE
7 HAND ARE JOINED ON ONE END TO THE STEM,
8 OTHER TERMINATION ARE ENTIRELY LOOSE.

9 "FINALLY, BANANA ARE STRICTLY
10 MEMBER OF THE VAGITABLE KINGDOM, WHILE
11 AFFILIATION OF SAUSAGE IS OFTEN
12 UNDECIDED."

13 Well, I'm not a Japanese school
14 boy, but if I were I probably would close
15 this evening's round-up of the news
16 something as follows:-

17 This are all of honorable
18 dispatches giving news in multitude
19 which are happening in big planet called
20 world. Consequently, fatigued collector
21 of news for honorable radio are entitled
22 to peaceful rest for Sunday with fresh
23 airs on tranquilizing farm. Therefore,
24 I wish honorable listeners-in/pacific
25 joys for beneficent times for weekend;

1 which brings me to ~~the~~ immediate time
2 ~~when I should reach my~~ ^{for} honorable conclusion
3 ~~and~~ saying: so long until Monday.
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