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Good Evening, Everybody:

An exceedingly important bit of foreign news comes along this evening. It hails from Berlin, where Prime Minister Laval and Foreign Minister Briand of France are visiting the heads of the German government.

Laval and Briand announced this afternoon to representatives of the press that it had been decided to form a Franco-German Economic Commission. This is to be a body with a permanent secretary which will direct the economic policies of both countries. This Commission will suggest new markets for the products of both France and Germany. It will also advise ways in which sections of the peace treaty between the

1 ~~sections of the peace treaty between the~~  
2 two countries may be revised. This <sup>^</sup> ~~does~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~seem~~ like something. <sup>^</sup> ~~seem~~ like something.

4 Furthermore, the way will be  
5 open for other nations to make suggestions  
6 to this Commission -- suggestions for  
7 revisions of the peace treaties between  
8 France and Germany.

9 The International News Service  
10 passes along a comment that's being made <sup>to</sup>  
11 ~~in~~ <sup>the effect</sup> that this new Franco-German Economic  
12 Commission may point the way to a ~~new~~  
13 customs union which will embrace most of  
14 Europe.

15 A sidelight on these important  
16 events is found in the meeting of the two  
17 French ministers with President Von  
18 Hindenburg of Germany. The old Field  
19 Marshall who led the German Armies during  
20 the World War is 84 years old. Briand is  
21 20 years younger. But Briand has been  
22 in bad health of late, and when the two  
23 old fellows met, Von Hindenburg was  
24 concerned about Briand's physical  
25 condition. Although <sup>a score of</sup> ~~20~~ years older than

1 Briand, the President of Germany seemed  
2 almost like a young fellow worrying  
3 about the health of a much older man.

4 "How did you stand the trip from  
5 Paris to Berlin?" asked Von Hindenburg.

6 "Not so well as Your Excellency  
7 would have stood it," responded Briand,  
8 with perfect French courtesy.

9 And I suppose he smiled a bit  
10 wistfully as he looked at the rugged  
11 bulk and strength of the 84-year-old  
12 veteran who even when the World War  
13 broke out was an old man, supposedly  
14 retired from active life.



1           A few plain words were uttered  
2 in London today. They were spoken at  
3 the Round table Conference on India.  
4 It was Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime  
5 Minister of Great Britain who got up  
6 and told the boys what's what.

7           The Associated Press quotes the  
8 Prime Minister as saying to the Indian  
9 delegates that they would have to settle  
10 their own private quarrel, that is, the  
11 old controversy between ~~the~~ Hindu and  
12 ~~the~~ Mohammedan. He declared that the  
13 British didn't want to do any  
14 arbitrating. He pointed out that  
15 anybody who acted as peacemaker would  
16 get a few kicks from both sides - in  
17 other words, <sup>the arbitrator</sup> ~~he~~ would be <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ scapegoat.

18           The canny Scot made the  
19 observation that he had been a scape-  
20 goat many a time in his life and he  
21 was willing to be a scapegoat once more  
22 if necessity demanded. But in the  
23 case of this row between the Hindus  
24 and the Mohammedans, he thought they  
25 should be their own scapegoats.



1 A few more words were said after  
2 that which didn't make the problem  
3 any simpler and they were spoken by  
4 Dr. B. R. ~~xxx~~ Ambedkar, one of the  
5 delegates, who was an untouchable. He  
6 made the observation that the Hindu-  
7 Mohammedan quarrel wasn't the only thing  
8 to be considered. There were others  
9 ~~xxxxxxx~~ minorities in India who would  
10 have to be <sup>taken into account</sup> ~~considered~~, - and he meant  
11 the untouchables. Yes, there are 52  
12 millions of those Untouchables, those  
13 outcasts whose very shadow is unclean  
14 to the members of the honored castes.  
15 ~~and they are indeed a problem.~~

16 It's an odd thing to think of  
17 an Untouchable sitting in the same  
18 conference with the Brahmins and the  
19 Maharajas of India. Ordinarily they  
20 are not allowed to come near the higher  
21 castes. I suppose the answer is that  
22 those aristocrats of India at the  
23 conference <sup>will</sup> ~~solved~~ the problem of the  
24 Untouchable, ~~at the conference~~ by  
25 undergoing the orthodox rites of

1 purification, <sup>when they get home.</sup> These <sup>rites</sup> are ~~xxx~~ almost as old  
2 as India, and must be practised by the  
3 man of ~~the~~ <sup>any</sup> upper castes who happens  
4 in some way or other to be ~~xxx~~ polluted  
5 by contact with the Untouchables.

6 As for Gandhi, of course this  
7 is no problem because it is one of  
8 his cardinal tenets that the Untouchables  
9 of India must be raised to the status  
10 of normal human beings.

1           Let's take a look at that latest  
2 financial move -- <sup>I mean this one of</sup> ~~with~~ the Scandinavian  
3 countries abandoning the gold standard.

4           The Associated Press today gives  
5 ~~us~~ the reason, which is; that the kingdoms  
6 of the North are tied up to the financial  
7 system of Great Britain. For example,  
8 the greater part of the merchant marine  
9 of Norway operates under a system  
10 according to which payment is made in  
11 British pound-sterling. This same thing  
12 applies to other Norwegian industries,  
13 including paper and wood-pulp. Norway  
14 sells these products under contracts  
15 which call for payments in British  
16 currency.

17           Now that the pound-sterling is  
18 not on a gold basis any more and its  
19 value has gone down, why Scandinavia  
20 finds itself in something of a jam. They  
21 figure that since they don't get paid on  
22 a gold basis, why it isn't good business  
23 to go ahead and keep paying on a gold  
24 basis.

25           So Norway and Sweden have



1 followed the example of Great Britain and  
2 abandoned the gold standard.

3 That other Scandinavian country,  
4 Denmark, is still considering the matter.  
5 The Danish cabinet met today and is  
6 trying to decide whether to stick to  
7 gold or fall in line with the others.

8 Meanwhile Germany announces,  
9 so the I. N. S., states, that she intends  
10 to stick to the gold standard. Why? She's  
11 already gone thru this deflation business,  
12 when the Mark fell to nothing.

1 Well, these are days when the  
2 white shining metal, silver, is beginning  
3 to take on a new glitter. The friends  
4 of silver are picking up courage --  
5 especially in Colorado.

6 That's a great old mining state,  
7 Colorado -- great for gold, also great  
8 for silver. But silver mining has been  
9 languishing for <sup>a long time, since I worked in the mines</sup> ~~years~~. With the triumph  
10 of gold, silver wasn't used so much any  
11 more, and the price of the white metal  
12 went down. In Colorado today there are  
13 dozens of ghostly towns, abandoned  
14 mining camps, where silver used to be  
15 mined with a great noise of activity  
16 and profit. Today they are deserted,  
17 with <sup>bar rooms boarded up and</sup> ~~tall~~ grass growing in their streets.

18 But now, with the various nations  
19 abandoning ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> gold standard, hope is  
20 returning to those idle mines, and many  
21 Coloradans are hoping and working for  
22 the days when silver may be mined  
23 profitably *again*.

24 There is a regular campaign on.  
25 Colorado merchants and banks are trying

1 to get people to use silver money. They  
 2 insist on receiving silver dollars  
 3 instead of paper money, which has gold  
 4 behind it and not silver. They are  
 5 going back to those old cart-wheels  
 6 that used to <sup>weight our pockets down - I mean</sup> ~~be so familiar.~~  
 7 ~~"Use More Silver Dollars" is~~  
 8 ~~their slogan. They are urging people to~~  
 9 ~~demand <sup>their</sup> change in silver.~~

10 The Associated Press reports that  
 11 the ~~new~~ campaign is having some effect.  
 12 In parts of Colorado paper money is  
 13 becoming scarce, with silver more and  
 14 more prominent.

15 Silver bars are displayed in  
 16 bank and store windows. The Bi-Metalists  
 17 Association, which advocates a silver as  
 18 well as a gold standard, is coming out  
 19 strong with propoganda for a world  
 20 conference on silver. United States  
 21 Senator King of Utah, which state is also  
 22 interested in silver, is demanding that  
 23 such a conference be held, with India  
 24 and China participating. These countries  
 25 still do their business on a basis of



1 silver. The idea is to change the money  
2 system so that silver will be used as  
3 money on the same basis as gold.

4 It costs 45 cents an ounce to  
5 produce silver. At present the white  
6 metal is selling at from 25 to 30 cents  
7 an ounce. But the Coloradans are full  
8 of hope that silver will come back as  
9 money and that this will run the price  
10 up so that it will be possible to mine  
11 the metal at a profit. And that is  
12 raising visions of the old deserted  
13 mining towns roaring with life again --  
14 Leadville, Central City, Idaho Springs,  
15 Creede, ~~and~~ Cripple Creek, *and so on.*

16 Many of the boys are remembering  
17 those old days, and they are saying that  
18 maybe Bryan was right, and that the  
19 silver-tongued orator when he sang the  
20 praises of silver and wasn't going to  
21 have man crucified on a "cross of gold",  
22 was just a bit ahead of his time.

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1 And talking about old mining  
2 ~~towns,~~ <sup>camps,</sup> a United Press telegram from  
3 Arizona tells how they are going to  
4 stage a revival of the old roaring  
5 days at the famous mining town of  
6 Tombstone. Yes, that was one tough  
7 burg. It deserved its name of Tombstone.

8 ~~They used to call those old~~  
9 ~~days Hell-dorado. Well, the fact that~~  
10 ~~they are going to stage a big show at~~  
11 ~~Tombstone and revive the old Hell-dorado~~  
12 ~~has started ~~xx~~ many of the old timers~~  
13 ~~reminiscing ~~and~~ telling tales. One is quite~~  
14 ~~a classic.~~

15 There was a rough and tough  
16 miner who walked into a restaurant ~~xxxxxx~~  
17 ~~xxx~~ and called the manager. Yes, that  
18 miner gave his order. "Manager", he  
19 commanded, "bring me a broiled and  
20 coiled rattlesnake on toast." "All  
21 right", responded the manager who was  
22 used to tough characters. A little  
23 while went by and then the order was  
24 served sizzling hot. A broiled and  
25 coiled rattlesnake on toast. By this

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1 time the miner had sobered up a bit and  
2 as he stared at the formidable order of  
3 food he decided he wouldn't eat it.

4 "I'll just pay for it", said he, "how  
5 much do I owe you, partner?" "Twenty-  
6 five dollars" replied the manager.

7 "Well, I'll make it twenty-five  
8 more" said the miner, "if you'll eat it."

9 "Called", exclaimed the manager.  
10 And he sat down and proceeded to eat that  
11 broiled and coiled rattlesnake on  
12 toast. In fact, he said it was quite  
13 good. The miner paid the twenty-five  
14 for the food and the extra twenty-five  
15 to the manager for eating. It was only  
16 sometime later that he learned that that  
17 broiled and coiled rattlesnake was  
18 really an eel.

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Lieutenant  
Schildhauer.  
American  
pilot of  
Do-7, German  
flying boat.  
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That was a marvel — and here's another.

1 I have heard many people ask the  
2 question, "How did it happen that this  
3 giant German flying boat, the DO-X, or  
4 D-O-X, or whatever you prefer to call it,  
5 had an American pilot?"

6 Well, that American pilot of  
7 the DO-X, Lieutenant Schildhauer, is here  
8 in the studio with me so I'll just ask  
9 him that question.

10 How about it, Lieutenant  
11 Schildhauer?

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14 Lt. S. Well, the reason is just this:-  
15 That big flying-boat was made by the  
16 Dornier Company of Germany. And I work  
17 for the Dornier Company of America. They  
18 simply loaned me to the German organization  
19 because they wanted me to have the  
20 experience of flying the largest  
21 heavier-than-air craft in the world.  
22 That might make me more useful to the  
23 American company--later on.

L.T. Well, Lieutenant - that Literary Digest Book of Marvels includes that big flying-boat as one of the marvels of the age. Tell us a little about it, and incidentally, you might tell us which is the correct way to pronounce its funny name - DO-X or D-O-X?

Lt.S. The Germans call it DO-X. And they built it, so I suppose that's the correct name, but most



Extra: - By the way, Would you like to be a platinum blonde? It's as simple as rolling off a log. And you can do it without injuring your hair. At any rate the Assoc. Press carries a dispatch to that effect from Kansas City.

A new concoction has been invented. If you have a shimmering evening gown and if you want to startle the boy friend by having your hair match your silvery gown you can now paint your tresses a delicate platinum - and then, presto, next day you can be your old brunette self again.

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1 English-speaking people call it D-O-X.  
2 So take your choice.

3 A lot of <sup>folks</sup> ~~people~~ are puzzled as  
4 to why it took so long for the DO-X  
5 to get over here. Well, the reason is  
6 fairly simple. She was an experimental  
7 ship, and they went about everything in  
8 a very methodical and careful way.

9 Every time she made a fairly long flight  
10 something new was learned and the  
11 engineers immediately got busy. They  
12 just kept improving her and improving  
13 her. Until now she is as fine a craft  
14 as ever took the air.

15 ~~As you probably have heard, she~~  
16 <sup>π</sup> She holds the world's record for the largest  
17 number of people ever taken into the air  
18 at one time. There were 170 ~~of us~~ on  
19 board when we made that flight over Lake  
20 Constance.

21 Including her own weight and  
22 55,000 pounds in fuel, oil, passengers  
23 and crew she can get into the air with  
24 a load of 125,000 pounds--that is, 62½ tons.

25 She is the most comfortable ~~and~~



1 ~~sensible~~ airplane ever built for the  
2 transportation of passengers and cargo.

3 She has two sister ships - one  
4 of these has already been delivered to  
5 Italy and the second will be delivered  
6 to the Italian government within about  
7 two or three months.

8 And by the way, I was not the  
9 only thing American on board. Her power  
10 plant is 100% American. She is driven  
11 through the sky by twelve ~~xxxxxxx~~  
12 Curtiss-Conqueror Motors.

13 The Dornier people came to America  
14 for her motors because over here they  
15 could get the best in the world.

16 People often ask me, is there  
17 any limit to the size of airplanes?  
18 Apparently, there isn't. Engineers can  
19 make them as huge as they like, so far as  
20 design is concerned. The big problem  
21 now is to develop <sup>more powerful</sup> motors so they will be  
22 lighter and still more efficient.

1 A lot of folks all over this  
 2 country have a way of kicking once  
 3 in a while about the city government  
 4 under which they live. They grouse  
 5 at the Mayor and beef at the Aldermen.  
 6 But what would you do if you had two  
 7 governments in your town, with two  
 8 mayors and <sup>so on.</sup> ~~a double portion of~~  
 9 ~~administration all down the line?~~

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 10 Well, that's ~~x~~ the predicament  
 11 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of the population of  
 12 <sup>m</sup> the Mexican city of Guadalajara. They  
 13 have two municipal governments, two  
 14 mayors, ~~at Guadalajara~~ and the citizens  
 15 don't know which one to obey. Each  
 16 mayor sternly forbids them to observe  
 17 the commands of the other man. The  
 18 police are enforcing the edicts by  
 19 one mayor, the soldiers are enforcing  
 20 the edicts <sup>of</sup> ~~issued by~~ the other. "Yes, <sup>and isn't</sup>  
 21 life <sup>an outlet" say the</sup> ~~is kind of complicated for the~~  
 22 citizens of Guadalajara.

23 The trouble all originates in  
 24 the fact that recently the governor  
 25 of the state of Guadalajara was thrown

out of office and a new governor appointed in his place.

Whereupon the new governor appointed a new mayor for the city.

The followers of the former governor got together in the City Council and elected a mayor of their own.

The two rival mayors have appealed to the District Court, and today the court decided that a little more time was necessary to figure out the puzzle as to who is mayor and who isn't. The court ordered that things should remain just as they are for the next few days, while the matter is being considered.

As a result, relates the Associated Press, the city of Guadalajara has that double dose of municipal government and nobody knows who is mayor and who isn't.



1           If you happen to see anybody  
2 going along wearing two left shoes,  
3 especially in the vicinity of Chicago,  
4 that person may be able to put you on the  
5 track of a burglar.

6           Charles Weiss is a shoe salesman.  
7 Last night he was robbed. The thief  
8 stole 350 shoes and, as the United Press  
9 relates, all of those shoes were for the  
10 left foot. It looks as though the  
11 crook might have a hard time in disposing  
12 of them, unless he can find a lot of  
13 one-legged people *for those left shoes.*

14           *It's just a case of left, left,*  
15 *he had a good home but he left. And, now,*  
16 *for me also, it's a case of left, left —*  
17 *and so long until tomorrow.*  
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