

Good Evening, Everybody:

(Well, the Filipinos have their independence -- that is, if they really want it. The Senators of the United States this afternoon followed the example of the House of Representatives. The Senators by a vote of 66 to 26, overrode President Hoover's veto of the measure which gives independence to the Islands in anywhere from ten to thirteen years. Thus the supporters of the bill had twelve more votes than they needed. Those who voted against the President included forty-five Democrats and twenty ~~Progressive~~ Republicans of the so-called Progressive wing.)

But The Washington correspondent of the New York Sun points out that there is ^{still} a but to this Filipino independence question. If the legislature of the Islands fails to ratify within one year, the whole troublesome, controversy will be started all over again, *will be right back where it was.* Reports cabled from Manila indicate strongly that the Filipino legislators will reject the measure. *And that's an interesting situation.*

HUEY

That vote overriding the Presidential veto ^{came about} ~~was had~~ only by
the grace of Kingfish Huey Long who ^{at last} suspended his filibuster on
the Glass banking bill ~~XXXXXX~~ and yielded the floor long enough
to help the Senate ~~er~~ snub the ~~president~~ White House.

After the vote, however, Huey resumed his talking. But
meanwhile a petition of more than sixteen senators was read asking
for a rule to limit debate in the senate. The Washington
correspondent of the New York World-Telegram reports that the
Senate will vote on this ~~via~~ gag petition at one o'clock on
Thursday.

HOOVER

President Hoover is preparing another special message to Congress. In fact, ^{they are} ~~it was~~ expect ^{ing it any minute and it} ~~all day and~~ may yet be received before the end of the Congressional day, which is, whenever Congress adjourns ^{tonight.} The subject of this special message will be a plea to for Heaven's sake do something about balancing that budget.

JAPAN

(President-elect Roosevelt ^{has} issued a significant statement. ~~today~~. It was ~~an~~ unequivocal support of President Hoover's foreign policy in the Far East. It backs up Mr. Hoover's *attitude* ~~foreign policy~~ of not recognizing any territorial gains made by any nation in violation of treaties. In other words, ~~is~~ Mr. Roosevelt *stands behind* ~~stands up~~ Mr. Hoover in refusing among other things to recognize the state of Manchukuo which Japan has erected upon the territory of what ^{20'} ~~once was~~ ~~used to be~~ Manchuria.) Among Mr. Roosevelt's exact words were: "I am only ^{too} willing to make it clear that the American ~~s~~ *— no matter which party is in office —* foreign policy [^] must uphold the sanctity of international treaties."

As the Philadelphia Evening Ledger points out, this announcement came just as Japanese troops, invading the province of ~~Reyho~~, passed beyond the Great Wall into China itself. It also comes on the eve of a meeting of the League of Nations which will decide the attitude of the League toward Japan's aggressions in China.

At the same time the Foreign Minister of the Mikado's government issues a statement on the subject. /~~This statement~~

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In this statement the Tokio Foreign Office insists that

Uncle Sam be excluded from any meeting ^{which} ~~to~~ discuss ^{es} the

Manchurian question.

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WAR DEBTS

Canadian newspapers have been carrying some rather interesting editorials recently regarding the war debts. For instance, one reached my desk today. It is from the Free Press of London, Ontario, ~~That~~ Canadian paper ~~is~~ pointing^s out that the nations of Europe, if they desire to repudiate their debts, need go no farther than the United States for precedent. The editorial ~~points out~~^{adds} that several American states have repudiated loans floated in Europe^{even} for peace time purposes;—road construction, establishment of banks, and so on. It also refers to the French bill for munitions supplied to the American colonists during the War of Independence which is still unpaid. Nor is that all. The Canadian newspaper rightly suggests that every public man in the United States ought to be presented with the facts.

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ALBANY

The New York Assembly today passed what the papers call a "Rum" bill. Following the example^{Albany} of the Senate, the Lower House of the New York Legislature ~~at Albany~~ passed a measure to ~~erect~~^{erect}~~correct~~ a commission to investigate the liquor question and recommend a model system of control.

The New York Evening Post's Albany correspondent wires that the vote in favor of the bill was 120 to 15, thus disposing of one of the once most powerful bone dry machines ^{any of the 48} in ~~the~~ states.

INSULL

Oh yes, and (Samuel Insull wants to become a Greek.

(~~Brooklyn Eagle~~
~~Times Herald~~)
A dispatch to the ~~New York News~~ today reports that Mr. Insull has applied for Greek citizenship.) It will take three years to

complete ~~this citizenship~~ the process. And I suppose some Chicagoans would say that's adding Insull to Greece.

HIGHWAY

An important Congress is being held in Detroit this week. According to the Automotive Daily News some twenty-five thousand representatives of the highway industry -- ^{no, not} ~~that doesn't~~ ^{mean the} highwaymen's industry -- are meeting today at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Actually there are no less than ^{five} ~~four~~ conventions ^{at that one} ~~the~~ ^{place. The} bodies meeting are the National Sand and Gravel Association, the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, the National Paving Brick Association, and the National Crushed Stone Association. ^{And that's about enough associations. But here's one I forgot -} ~~Then too, there is~~ the American Road Builders Association. Between the whole lot of them they make up the Highway and Building Congress.

^{The editor of} ~~One of the things they did today, says~~ the Automotive Daily News, ^{tells me one of the things they did today was} ~~was to~~ devise a program for reducing unemployment, ^{and we're all for that.} ~~by an extension of the highway system and a building program of bridges, tunnels, and other self-liquidating construction projects to be financed by Uncle Sam. Thursday has been set aside as highway day on the program of the Congress in Detroit.~~

BABY

Another baby was born in royal circles today. Her father is no less a magnifico than His Highness, the Aga Khan, who is the religious head of ^{some} millions of Mohammedans in ^{Southern} Asia. In fact, ~~he is~~ ^{the Aga Khan is believed to be the} 48th in direct and unbroken descent from the daughter of the prophet Mohamet, ^{that is from Fatima.}

The little Aga was born this morning at the American Hospital on the outskirts of Paris. Mrs. Aga Khan, ²⁷ ~~ought~~ to be correct, ~~the~~ Begum Aga Khan is ^a ~~the~~ young and beautiful French woman. Her marriage to His Highness created quite a sensation, not only in Asia, but in Europe, a couple of years ago.

The Aga Khan is one of the richest men in the world, and one of the keenest sportsmen. His horses run in all the blue ribbon race ~~track~~ events of England and France, ~~and others are shown at the crack horse show in Dublin, in fact, some of His Highness's mounts have run on American tracks.~~

~~The Aga Khan has a son twenty six years old by his first wife. He makes his home in England.~~

LIBBY

Then You ~~will~~^{may} be interested to ~~learn~~^{hear} that the young son of Libby Holman Reynolds has black hair like his mother. So much we learn from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Moreover, this small heir to the twenty million dollar tobacco fortune of Smith Reynolds is doing well in his luxurious incubator. The infant, so the doctors say, has stopped losing weight and is starting to gain. He'll be a full-back on some college football team yet!

FLIERS

Africa seems to be suffering from an epidemic of English lady fliers who persist in getting lost. At least so one would judge from reading ~~some of~~ the headlines in today's papers.

A dispatch to the Brooklyn Times Union relates that ~~the~~ two ladies who this morning were reported lost in the Kenya Bush, have now been rescued by an airplane searching party. They were taken to a nursing home to recover from an injury received when their plane crashed.

Then another British lady is wandering about somewhere in Algeria. She was trying to beat ~~the~~ South Africa-to-England record of Amy Johnson. ~~Morrison~~. Nothing has been heard of her since Sunday afternoon.

~~The principal good achieved by these lady record seekers seems to be that they make it necessary to organize searching parties for them.~~

Bud
Holdridge.

Explorer,
Arctic and
tropics.

Jan. 17, 1933.

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HOLDRIDGE INTRODUCTION

My friend, Carveth Wells, has for years been making a great point of the fact that a terrific lot of hoey is written and said about the perils of exploration. There's another explorer standing at my elbow now who thoroughly agrees with Carveth.

(b) He is Bud Holdridge who at the ripe age of twenty-five is already a veteran of both Arctic and tropical exploration. Bud Holdridge and Tim Smith have just returned ~~to~~ from a most interesting expedition

in Brazil for the Brooklyn Museum. ~~What do you say, Bud?~~ Isn't that right, ~~Bud?~~ Mr. Beed Holdridge?

FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE

There is a good deal of
some folks
Sure enough, ~~Lowell~~, ~~they~~ talk as much rot about South
America, as they do about Africa. Of course, ~~a goofy~~ ~~troupe~~
that goes ~~out~~ ~~with~~ ^{there without} experience or proper equipment ^{or intelligence} will get into
^{anywhere.} trouble.

Tim Smith and I ~~xxx~~ spent eighteen months on the Amazon,
both around the Delta and in certain of the headwaters, in the North.

~~We~~ ~~we~~
~~xxx~~ re-mapped ten thousand square miles of territory. We dug up
many archaeological remains. We visited new tribes of savages.

And the only mishap I had was from a street car which ran me
down in the city of Para -- ~~Oh~~ yes, and that ~~damn~~ ~~dog~~ ^a dog
that took a piece out of my hind leg at Marajo.

Of course this is the reason that you need
Some people ask me if we didn't run into any ferocious
and we met the
natives. Well, as a matter of fact we did. We had a tough time

covering one twenty mile stretch on the Upper Branco because the

Everywhere we went in that district
natives were so ferociously hospitable. ~~they~~ welcomed us with

a dance and a two fisted drinking bout that beat anything I ever saw.

~~Honest~~, it took us one whole week to pass through three villages.

Return to
It was ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ almost as bad as trying to ~~make~~ the round

of all the speakeasies ~~on Park Avenue~~ in New York. And it took us
more than a week to recover. Yes, traveling in tropical South America
is not without its hazards.

Mr. Holdridge is back with lots of interesting things,
scientific and otherwise.

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TREE

One day last week I mentioned a battle in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, a battle over a dog which resulted in the death of two men and the dangerous wounding of two others.

Well, the Philadelphia Evening Ledger today has a story from Gary, Indiana, of an even more fatal fight. Three men are dead and ~~six~~ are wounded, and the squabble started over a tree. Before it was finished the sheriff of the county had to bring an armored truck into action and tear gas bombs were freely thrown by his deputies. The sheriff was killed and five of his deputies wounded.

JOBS

There is sad news in ~~today's~~ New York Sun for what the late William Jennings Bryan used to call "deserving Democrats." Chairman Jim Farley of the Democratic Party sometime ago estimated that the Democratic victory would release some hundred-and-fifty thousand jobs for the^{se} aforesaid "deserving Democrats." The story in ~~today's~~^{N.Y.} Sun declares that instead of a hundred-and-fifty thousand, ~~only~~ there are only thirty-five thousand jobs. And what a lot of weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth that ~~is~~^{is} going to cause among the faithful.

LIONS

Do you remember the story of that St. Louis Novelty Manufacturer who wanted to have a lion hunt on an island in the Mississippi River last October? Well, officer, he's in again. As the saying goes, boys will be boys.

3 You may recall that the last time this manufacturer of novelties tried to organize a saffari in the Mississippi River ~~welt~~, the wild lions which he had bought from a stranded circus were shot by a deputy sheriff who considered this form of sport cruelty to animals.

~~Well,~~ Now this youthful minded manufacturer of St. Louis novelties has bought him a couple more lions. Also he's found him another island in the middle of the Mississippi which he describes as the nearest thing to an African jungle this side of the Equator.

This time the sheriff of the county has given him full permission to go ahead with his ~~ambition~~ imitation lion hunt. The novelty manufacturer is accompanied by his fourteen year old son. He's also going to organize an expedition including gun bearers, beaters, and what not, for all the world as if he were an African sportsman.

As the late P. T. Barnum used to say: There's one born every minute.

SECESSION

An interesting radical idea, if not entirely novel, has been placed before the legislature of North Dakota. The idea is that forty of the states in the Union shall secede and form another country. At this point you may recognize how new this suggestion is not.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia ^{Even.} Bulletin attributes this proposal to one of the state senators of North Dakota. This senator accuses the eastern states of having become rich at the expense of the rest of the Union. He says further that certain states should be called the "Financial East." Those states are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. The Senator would have the seceding states take the Star Bangled Banner with them, leaving the nine eastern states, as he puts it, "the stripes which they richly deserve."

Well, a similar suggestion some sixty years ago caused quite a lot of talk and no little argument.

KISSING

If you wanted to court a young lady in New York, where would you go? Carl Getz, in his newspaper column, tells how one couple was trailed ~~to~~^{from} Grand Central Station. They would spoon for a while in one train, and then, just before time for it to pull out, they would go to another one, and so on.

Mr. Getz also tells me a curious thing about Grand Central Station. You no doubt have heard how city slickers occasionally sell the Brooklyn Bridge or the New York Public Library to visitors. Well, the other day an Italian bought the information stand ~~at the~~ Grand Central ~~Station,~~ bought it for a fruit stand. All the details came out when the poor man tried to back a load of bananas into the station. And now I'm bound for the Grand Central Station — but not to buy^{it} or to court a girl in every train. f - e - l - u - t - m.