

Good Evening, Everybody:

"French Prime Minister attacks President Hoover."

Such is the gist of the most important story on tonight's front pages. <sup>And it certainly sounds sensational.</sup> Premier Herriot got up in the Chamber of Deputies and in a long impassioned speech, took a fall out of Mr. Hoover in particular, and Uncle Sam in general. Mr. Herriot blames all of Europe's troubles, so far as the debts are concerned, on the Hoover moratorium of 1931, the moratorium which Mr. Hoover suggested as a way of helping Europe out of her difficulties, the moratorium which all ~~these~~ European nations <sup>were then</sup>

only to glad<sup>ly</sup> <sup>to</sup> accept ~~ed~~ ~~gladly~~

Premier Herriot <sup>more than criticized, he lambasted it</sup> furthermore criticised the foreign policy of the U.S.A. <sup>from the time of the treaty of Versailles right on down to now.</sup>

~~on~~ He declared that the United States had never taken its proper place at the table in the council of nations. He pointed scornfully to the refusal of Congress to approve President Wilson's

League of Nations. He said that if Uncle Sam didn't want to concern himself with the reparations problem, he should have stayed out and not let General Dawes and Owen D. Young go to Germany to help solve the difficulties.

He said that the intervention of President Hoover in 1931 destroyed everything and reopened everything.

At the same time the "New York World Telegram ~~is~~ informs us that Mr. Herriot warned the Chamber of Deputies that he refuses to consider France's defaulting on her debt to Uncle Sam. Mr. Herriot explained: "I refuse to dishonor France's signature." *Whereupon he* ~~so~~ urged that the Deputies consent that France make her payment next Thursday with reservations.

Another item in connection with *this whole debt problem* ~~the debt~~ is that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald left Paris and rushed home to London to consult with his Cabinet. However, the New York Evening Post London correspondent cables that John Bull will send no further note in reply to the last one of Secretary Stimson, the note in

which the United States refused to accept Great Britain's offer to pay that ninety-five and a half million dollars next Thursday with a string to it.

The New York Evening Post correspondent says that official circles in London take a satisfied view of their position. They do not regard the American note as a rejection of their offer. As they see it, England decided to pay with a reservation. But the American government declined the reservation and made one of its own. *That's the way the British interpret it.*

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The other day it looked as though Uncle ~~W~~ Sam was about to get his money. Today again it seems that the only man who can properly describe the situation is our old friend Bill Shakespeare: "To pay or not to pay, that is the question." *At any rate, so far nothing has been paid.*

ARMS

Here's an item that gives a mite of encouragement to the disarmament ~~is~~ enthusiasts. Two European countries today announced a real reduction. The Vienna correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that the Greek government ~~had had~~ has disbanded one whole army corps and reduced its forces from eleven to eight divisions.

By the same token the government of Czecho-Slovakia has discharged a whole year's contingent of recruits three months ahead of time, thus saving a million dollars.

This, together with the announcement that Germany has agreed to take part in the Geneva conference once more, is considered quite encouraging.

Another cheering item for the peacemakers is the news of a loving reconciliation between China and the Soviet government of Russia. <sup>Moscow</sup> ~~Russia~~ broke off relations with China some three years ago. ~~But it was announced today from Geneva that everything is once more friendly between the two governments.~~

SPAIN

Here's ~~an item~~<sup>one</sup> from Madrid that seemed ~~to me~~<sup>3</sup> interesting.

~~It informs us that~~ With the coming ~~in~~ of the Republic in King Alfonso's former realm, the national sport of bullfighting <sup>is</sup>

~~begins to be~~ on the wane.

*Even in spite of all that Brooklyn's star torreador, Sydney Franklin, has done to thrill the fans in Spain.*

For instance, in 1930 there were three hundred and two

Corridas, as they call one afternoon's bull fight performance.

In 1931, it dropped to two hundred forty-nine. During the

season just over, only two hundred and fifteen Corridas were

held throughout the Iberian Peninsula.

The feature of this phenomenon that puzzles the experts

is that the fans are obviously losing interest. They no longer

~~burst~~<sup>and loud</sup> into fits of joy at the sight of a great espada leveling

his sword for the kill. The deft play of the matador's cape with

which he fools and enrages the bull, no longer calls out ~~cheers~~<sup>loud vivas</sup>

*from the señoras and señoritas.*  
~~of enthusiasm~~

No so very long ago the sight of a star bullfighter

walking down the Main ~~stem~~<sup>+</sup> of any Spanish ~~streets~~<sup>burg</sup> was almost

enough to block traffic. Today the biggest star of them all, an espada who has been paid more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for one season's work, can walk into any cafe in Madrid and not stir a ripple of interest.

Critics of the bullfight are inclined to attribute the Spanish Republic's loss of interest to the decrease in the number of fatalities. Fewer people are being injured. In 1931 ten matadors died in the bull ring. Last season only one death was recorded, and that was an eighteen year old apprentice.

*Like American football maybe they've been changing the rules too often.*

BEER

The drys had their inning today in the hearings before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives --- *I mean*

*on the subject of*  
~~the~~ beer.

Mrs. Henry Peabody of Boston, who claimed to represent ten million women, denied all the statements made by the beer advocates. Another lady held up a bottle of milk, some children's toys and a loaf of bread. Then she said to the representatives; *with a sob in her voice: -* "If the man gets his glass of beer, the children will have to give up these for Christmas."

AIRPLANE

This will be quite an important date in the history of aviation. Tonight a heavily laden high speed plane will leave Floyd Bennet Field for Los Angeles with <sup>my friend the veteran</sup> Clyde Pangborn at the controls. It will be the first of the new aerial freighters inaugurating the overnight eighteen hour air express service between New York and Los Angeles. At Wichita Clyde Pangborn <sup>(who by the way was the last American to fly around the world)</sup> will be relieved by George Halsey who will pilot this fast freighter <sup>or</sup> to the Pacific Coast.

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Forty-five minutes after Pangborn takes off from Floyd Bennet Field Buddy Jones will take off from Los Angeles in a heavily laden craft of the same type. According to the schedule the two planes should reach their destinations simultaneously.



WIFE

You may recall that a few days ago I mentioned a professor at the Medical School of Northwestern University who advised his class when they contemplate marriage to let the girls do the picking.

Well, the Jersey Journal today has a story that that Professor's wife ~~ixnxx~~ has now been heard from. Mrs. Professor says that the girls have been doing it all along anyway, and didn't need any suggestion from the Professor to accomplish their purpose. Practically every girl does it, adds Mrs.

Professor, only the man she selects seldom knows it.

*In other words her old man was just a bit late with his news — a few thousand years late in fact.*

The big ice and cream man with a friend was returning home from Frederick early last ~~Tix~~ Tuesday morning. He says the beast appeared suddenly from the south, flying about twenty-five feet in the air.

Several boys have corroborated his story. The President of the Board of Education of Frederick County casts doubts on the yarn, though he admits there is a legend in the Middletown valley of the prevalence of the snallygaster in those regions.

Another faction in Maryland declares that the animal~~x~~ is not a snallygaster, but a Bovalopus.

In fact, an eminent scientist claims to have seen one of these. This scientist is Dr. William Mann, Curator of the National Museum in Washington, D. C. Dr. Mann says ~~that~~ he saw a one-eyed snallygaster <sup>or a</sup> ~~or a~~ Bovalopus one time when he was on his way home from a New Year's party in Havana. Dr. Mann declares "I needed it for the Zoo, and tried to catch it, but it got away."

Just to prove this story the Baltimore Evening Sun,

The Sun<sup>^</sup> paper, as ~~xxx~~ Baltimoreans call it, has a photograph of the

Bovalopus-snallygaster. According to the story in the Sun paper, <sup>vouched</sup>

~~is~~ <sup>^</sup> *far by such national characters as Frank Kent & H. L. Mencken* the snallygaster is a ~~phenomenon~~ phenomenon of the new economy era.

He's ~~x~~ condemned to wander forever through the midnight skies

uttering strange cries of "Balance the budget". The photograph

in the Sun<sup>^</sup> paper shows the snallygaster or Bovalopus riding an

old high-wheeled bicycle. I've at least ~~half~~ a dozen newspapers

from Maryland on my desk containing different accounts of this

animal.

FOOTBALL

The bookkeepers have been taking count of the 1932 football season. Counting up the country all over, attendance at college football games declined fifteen per cent. this ~~season~~ <sup>year, which</sup> ~~is not much considering that the snally gaster has failed to balance the budget in many localities.~~ ~~But~~ a story in the New York Evening Post points out that some teams played to a larger gate than ~~they had~~ ever ~~seen~~ before. Although the attendance throughout the country went down, the championship teams, the undefeated eleven<sup>s</sup>, such as that of Pittsburgh, drew twenty-five percent more spectators than last year. In the case of some ~~teams~~ <sup>others</sup> the increase was even more. George Washington University, for instance, showed a gain of three hundred per cent. In ~~some~~ <sup>seven</sup> games they played before ninety-two thousand ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> hundred fans. Notre Dame in all of its later engagements played to capacity crowds. Harvard and Yale showed a big falling off. But many of the crack Middle-western teams had as ~~large crowds~~ <sup>many fans & rooters</sup> as ever.

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SMITH

A touching appeal was made today by former Governor Alfred E. Smith. The occasion was a luncheon of the Emergency Relief Committee of New York at the Hotel New Yorker. ~~Mr.~~ Harvey Gibson, the Chairman of the Committee ~~has~~ made the announcement that they are still short of the goal of a fifteen million dollar fund which they have set themselves to reach by December 20th. Al Smith was the principal speaker, as he usually is wherever he goes, and here's one of the things he said:

"Can we let the children of unemployed fathers believe there is no Santa Claus unless their fathers are working."

~~Well, the upshot of the story is that the Committee left that luncheon at the New Yorker immensely bucked up~~

Al has a way of putting questions that can only be answered in one way. I think we ~~all~~<sup>all</sup> agree as did those present

at the luncheon ~~at~~<sup>at</sup> the ~~Hotel~~<sup>Hotel</sup> New Yorker that the answer ~~is~~

this time is an emphatic no, and here's wishing more power to the

Committee and to every committee in the country undertaking a similar campaign.

RUTH

In Camden, New Jersey, the gateway to Philadelphia, there

*(or should we say Philadelphia is the gateway to Camden?)*

is a young woman lawyer who certainly has her own way of enforcing the law.

According to a story in the Camden Courier Post, there are few women lawyers in Camden. This particular one whose name is Ruth Richman, is only twenty-three years old.

Last year she was driving her parents in her car. Another car with three bandits forced her to the roadside, and tried to hold Miss Richman up. Her parents sat paralyzed, but this young Portia jumped to the ground and faced the crooks. They grabbed her and in her struggles her clothes were severely torn. But this did not phase her. She screamed *long and so loud* loud, ~~many~~ neighbors came up and the would-be bandits ran away. ~~Saturday night~~

Saturday night Miss Richman was in her father's grocery store ~~in~~ in Camden. Three young men, masked, came into the store, one of them carrying a pistol. The lad with the pistol covered Miss Richman, the others ran to the cash register. Papa Richman was excited, rushed to his daughter, put his arms around ~~her~~

her and cried: "Take anything you want, but ~~don't~~ harm <sup>not one hair</sup> ~~of my beloved daughter.~~"

Well, that ~~doesn't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> seem to be Ruth's idea. She wrenched herself loose from Papa's ~~wiggled out of her father's~~ grasp and as the bandits were

leaving the store, she took several cans of tomatoes from ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> shelf and let ~~down a barrage of cans,~~ <sup>fly. In fact she put down a regular barrage of</sup> One of them hit a robber

in the back of the head. He stumbled but recovered his feet.

Miss Richman then seized a large butcher knife and ran after the robbers <sup>ready to disembowel them.</sup> But they jumped into their car and got away <sup>from</sup> Camden's Amazon.

If Miss Richman fights as well in court, she ought to have plenty of clients <sup>and nothing but victories.</sup>

tomatoes - in the can.

FUNK

What do you consider the ten most beautiful words in the English language? A story in the New York Sun today says — *and ex-boos,* that my friend <sup>^</sup>Wilfred Funk, President of Funk and Wagnalls, has been trying to get ideas from various people on this subject. Mr. Funk selected ten words himself. Those ten include dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous, chimes, golden, melody.

Having made his choice Mr. Funk, who is himself a poet as well as a publisher, consulted other writers on the question. Not one of them agreed with him. Not only did they not agree with him, but they didn't agree with each other. Mr. Funk found only one word on which so many as three authors agreed. Those authors were the brilliant and cynical Dorothy Parker, the historian, Hendrik Van Loon, and Albert Payson Terhune, ~~the one~~ who writes <sup>*those grand yarns about*</sup> ~~so interestingly on~~ <sup>^</sup> collie dogs. The one most beautiful word on which those three authors agree, was cellardoor. *Figure that one out if you can.*

~~Miss~~ Dorothy Parker was quite harsh about Wilfred Funk's



list. She said it was silly. She added that next to the word  
cellardoor her favorite words were " " " " "check and "enclosed."

Well, those are not such bad words either, especially  
at this time of the year. But I know four words that are  
highly appropriate at this moment and they are

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.