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Good Evening Everybody:-

Here's big news, big the world over. A radiogram from Tokio reports a shake-up in the Japanese Cabinet. General Araki, the Mikado's sabre-rattling War Minister, has resigned his portfolio, he is retiring from active political life.

His successor has not yet been definitely appointed. The big moguls of his Mikado's army had a meeting and it is understood that they've picked General Hayashi to succeed General Araki. General Hayashi was at one time in command of Nippon's forces in Korea.

This move is significant because General Araki was the most aggressive of all the Mikado's ministers. He probably is more responsible than anyone else for the Japanese invasion of China, for the seizure of Manchiria and for everything else that has followed. So long as Araki was on the job, the gods of war were straining on their leash.

General Araki himself says he is retiring because

of poor health. But political writers in the Far East advance a different reason. The militarist party they say, is losing ground, so Araki quit of his own accord, rather than be forced out.

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PARIS

Here's another chapter from Paris in the serial story of the crash of that municipal bank ~~xxx~~ and pawn shop at Bayonne. The latest consequence of this ~~xxxxxx~~ scandal is a big shake-up in the Paris police force. Several of the high commanding officers of the French gendarmerie ~~cops~~ have been suspended. Others have been transferred. ~~from the jobs they hold to others in various parts of the city.~~

But there's more to come. It turns out that ~~Serge~~ Stavisky, the mysterious Russian head of that bank , who committed suicide, had a police record. They found from the archieves of ~~the~~ the prosecutor's office that an old ~~xx~~ charge had been pending against Stavisky for years. And when they came to delve deeper into the matter, they discovered that some one hundred and fifty legal documents had disappeared from the files of the French prosecutor's office.

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SHIP

We hear echoes today from a great sea disaster that happened a year ~~xxxx~~ ago. The French had built a magnificent new steamer for the South-Atlantic run, ~~the voyage between Harve and~~ Havre to South America. On her test run in the English Channel, a fire broke out and that splendid, ~~and highly~~ costly ship was burned to the waterline. She was to have been ~~quite~~ the last word in luxury and beauty.

When her owners asked the insurance underwriters to pay up, they refused. They declared that the vessel was not a total loss and could be rebuilt. So the case was taken to court and today the underwriters lost. The court ruled that the insurance, ~~of~~ ten million dollars in insurance, must be paid.

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SPAIN

Uncle Sam's Ambassador to Madrid radioed some good news to the State Department today. It concerns those four Americans who were arrested and thrown into prison for assaulting a civil guard on the beautiful island of Mallorca. After a tremendous uproar ~~which~~ followed their arrest, they were kept in jail several months and finally sentenced by the Civil Court to imprisonment for six months and a day.

Our Ambassador, Claude Bowers, has been successful in his efforts to help them. Those four Americans were released at noon today by order of ~~Spain's~~ the Spanish Foreign Minister.

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DISARMAMENT

Evidently we are going to hear some more about disarmament in the course of the week. Sir John Simon had a conference today with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald to report results of his recent trip to Geneva. There is going to be a cabinet meeting in dear Old London on Wednesday, at which the subject will be discussed.

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EXPLOSION

Another railroad accident in Europe! A bomb was exploded on the Vienna express just as it was approaching the Jugo-Slavian city of Zágrab. Four passengers were killed. Nobody knows yet definitely the motive for this crime. Two Roumanian cabinet ministers were believed to have been on the train but they escaped injury.

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CUBA

Apparently we're about to hear any day now that Uncle Sam has recognized the latest government of Cuba, the regime of Provisional President Carlos Mendietta.

Diplomats representing sixteen of the Latin-American republics called at the White House today. They had been invited by President Roosevelt to discuss this question of the recognition of Cuba. Word came from the White House that Mr. Roosevelt summoned this conference in order to inform the gentlemen that he thought the present government had proved its mettle and that the time had come for other countries to take Cuba into the fold once more.

At the same time, it was learned from the State Department that Secretary Hull was convinced that Cuba's affairs are on the mend and that all difficulties are being ironed out.

Later in the afternoon, it was said at the White House that recognition will come by Wednesday.

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GERMANY

President Roosevelt is trying to do something for the folks who loaned money to Germany. He had a conference at the White House this morning with Ambassador Luther. It is understood that the German debt situation was on the carpet. When the Ambassador left the White House, all he said was that he and the President were talking about economic problems in a distinctly general way.

Nevertheless, I understand that the President was emphatic in declaring that Germany's American Creditors must be treated on the same footing as the creditors of other nations. It has been reported that two European countries got preferential treatment from the Fatherland.

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INCOMES

Uncle Sam's Department of Commerce issued some figures today that are enough to make us open our eyes. The Department, for a whole year, has been studying our incomes, the incomes of everybody in the little old U.S.A. In 1929 the sum total of the country's income was eighty-one billions, ~~at the best~~. In 1930, the figures went to seventy-five billion. In 1932, the year before last, it had shrunk to forty-nine billions. In other words, the National income went down fifty-four per cent in three years. And now they say it's going up again.

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FINANCE

Uncle Sam is busy raising kail. There was a conference of Governors of the Federal Reserve Banks today. Mr. Black, Governor of the Board, said the member banks are going to do all they can to cooperate with the Administration. Muzuma for Uncle Sam.

GOLD

Uncle Sam is still buying gold with both hands. A radiogram from London reports that our government bought five million dollars' worth of the metal today, ~~This was~~ the total amount that was for sale on the London market. We bought it all.

NBC

NAVY

There are going to be no half measures about restoring Uncle Sam's Navy to full treaty strength. The House Committee on Appropriations supported the Naval Supply Bill today. This bill awards two hundred and eighty-four million dollars for the building of more warships. The measure will come up before a full meeting of the House in a couple of days.

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AIRMAIL

Another angle on that air mail controversy in Washington is given in the Washington Post today. The point in dispute, of course, concerns whether or not the air mail contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder. Thomas B. Doe, President of Eastern Air Transport, makes the contention that airmail contracts should not be awarded to the lowest bidder. That he claims would only mean that the companies making these low bids would have to use old, obsolete, and inferior equipment. He adds that it is in the interest of the country to have the most up-to-date airplanes and air transport facilities.

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N.R.A.

An amusing bit of news was brought back from Panama today by General J. Leslie Kincaid, President of the American Hotels, which includes the Gotham in New York and the Drake in Chicago. General Kincaid just returned from South America by way of Panama. And in the Canal Zone he found two hotels owned by Uncle Sam, neither of which has the Blue Eagle. What is more, the government as a hotel manager doesn't seem to have heard of the N.R.A. at all. While all hotel keepers on the mainland have been raising ~~xxxxx~~ wages and increasing employment, those two hotels in the Zone, owned by Uncle Sam, ~~just~~ recently put over a flat cut of fifteen per cent on everybody. General Kincaid promptly ~~xxxxxx~~ lodged a loud complaint with the American Hotel Association.

Gen. Kincaid

Thomas D.
Green.

President,
American Hotel
Association.

Jan. 22, 1934.

INTRO TO MR. GREEN

While watching John D. Rockefeller open the new post office at Rockefeller Center today I ran across Thomas D. Green, President of the American Hotel Association. He has strolled up to the studio with me, and I've xx been asking him about the President's birthday.

The head of the Hotel Association of America should know a thing or two about birthday parties, Presidential and otherwise -- wild and otherwise.

FOR MR. GREEN

Yes, Lowell, you bet we do. Parties give us a bit of trouble sometimes. But this idea of a national celebration on January 30th sure is making a hit with the hotels, all the way from the Waldorf in New York to the Hotel Stumble-In at Pohokus.

It was Henry L. Doherty who conceived the idea of this National Birthday celebration, to pay respect to the President and boost his favorite charity, the Warm Springs Foundation, where they fight infantile paralysis. I am told that over five thousand presidential birthday parties will be held, in hotels and restaurants from coast to coast, as a tribute to a man who made a fight against an almost insuperable handicap, and has won out --- and then became the President of the United States, and one of the great figures of our time.

HOCKEY

Hockey fans in New York saw something new last night. When the Boston Bruins met the Toronto Maple Leafs at Madison Square Garden, the Boston team appeared for the first time in helmets for all the world like those worn by football players.

This is an aftermath of an accident in Boston that nearly turned out tragically. Ace Bailey of the Toronto team was socked by Eddie Shore of the Bostons and crashed his head on the ice. Bailey was in the hospital for a long time and for a while it was feared that he would not recover.

Last night's match was the first time the two teams had met since that almost fatal game. And this time they wore football helmets.

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ITHACA KIDNAP

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A new mystery story comes from Ithaca, New York. An eighteen year old under-graduate of Cornell has been missing for ten days. Hitherto, nothing was said about it, but today the authorities of the University notified the police. So now state troopers of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are on the watch for him. The officers patrolling the Canadian border are also on the lookout.

The name of the missing lad is Jack Baker. He is the great grandson of Judge Marcus Lyon, the judge who helped Ezra Cornell found the college which today is Cornell University.

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FOLLOW ITHACA KIDNAP

Meanwhile, there's still no trace of Edward Bremer, the banker who was kidnapped five days ago in St. Paul. Both the family and the agents of Uncle Sam's Department of Justice kept a rigid silence today. The ransom is all ready to be paid over but the missing man's kin have been unable to make any contact with the abductors. Though they've had no word from him, Bremer's aged father, the brewer, Adolph Bremer, is confident that his son is alive and will be returned uninjured.

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WYNEKOOP

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The Wynekoop murder trial in Chicago came to a curious halt today. The presiding judge found himself unable to decide whether the aged Dr. Alice Wynekoop was physically able to go through with the ordeal. Even the doctors could not agree. They all admitted that Dr. Wynekoop was seriously ill, but their opinions differed on the question of whether she was ~~physically~~ able to stand the strain. ~~of going on with the trial.~~

Thereupon, Judge David announced that if Dr. Wynekoop's lawyers would petition for the withdrawal of a juror, he would grant the motion and declare a mistrial. So they picked this way out of the difficulty. And now the trial is postponed until Dr. Wynekoop ~~either~~ recovers sufficiently — if she does. ~~or dies in the county jail.~~

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LEAD WYNKEOOP

CHICAGO --- Judge David today declared a ~~kkk~~ mistrial in the case of Dr Alice Wynekoop. The court upheld her plea that she was too ill to continue the trial.

FOLLOW WYNEKOOP

Meanwhile, in another Chicago court the sensational racket conspiracy trial got under way. It has taken them three weeks to pick a jury. This is the case in which a Chicago alderman and seventeen others are accused of being involved in a racket to control the cleaning and ~~dyeing~~ dyeing industry. The prosecutor declares that officials of the union and heads of the association got together with hoodlums to use bombs, acid and all sorts of other violent means to brow-beat ~~everybody~~ outsiders who ran a cleaning and dyeing shop in Chicago. ~~and~~ The idea being to put up the prices to consumers.

The prosecutor also declares that Al Capone was mixed up in this racket. He says he has three hundred witnesses to put on the stand.

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SWINDLE

Something unusual happened in a London court of law today. A peeress of the realm was convicted of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. This peeress, whose ~~nxj~~ name is ~~the~~ Viscountess Strabolky, is an American by birth. She is seventy years old and left her home in Sacramento, California, many years ago to become Lady Strabolky.

She was convicted of having tried to sell to the son of an Irish peer some timber concessions in British Honduras. The trouble with her little effort was that she didn't own the concessions. So she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

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WALSH (Follow Swindle)

And a curious bit of police court news comes from St. John, Newfoundland. A cabinet minister was arrested, Mr. Walsh, the Minister of Agriculture. And what do you suppose the charge was? He's accused of having stolen three stamp albums from the national museum. The value of these stamps was in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars. Minister Walsh is out on four thousand dollars bail; and ~~one can imagine~~ are they talking up there in Newfoundland where the fog ~~the Newfoundlanders and their neighbors are having something~~ hangs low and the caribou calls to ~~to talk about~~ his mate!

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HOLD-UP

A tale of a sensational bank hold-up comes by radiogram from Switzerland. This bank, which is in Bahle-Basle, if you prefer, was stuck up by two young Germans. The robbers killed not only two cashiers, but two policemen and a by-stander.

We learn this afternoon that the Swiss police got their men. They were tipped off by a young girl who had been associating with the two crooks. However, the cops didn't get them in time to arrest them. Both committed suicide as the detectives arrived.

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BEAR

It seems that I have a few people worrying -- worrying along with me and my bear. They have been writing to me sympathetically about the fact that old brother bruin won't hibernate. A lady at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, writes in behalf of her five year old son, Billie. Billie wants to be informed right away whether that bear has gone to sleep or not. Jim Irwin of Dayton, Ohio, who is connected with an electric refrigerator company, telegraphs me that the weather must be so warm Mr. Bear doesn't know its winter. Jim suggests that I put him in his particular brand of ice box.

Many listeners suggest Blue Sunoco. George Fay of Syracuse contributes a poem:-

"Blue Sunoco for bears and every pet,
Twill soothe them no matter how restless they get,
Old Polly it helps when she tries a new word,
And the rooster is able to sing like a bird.

Dr. Thomas L. Garrett of New York sends me a telegram offering to hypnotize the bear and put him asleep. Well, it would be all right for the Doc to make hypnotic passes at the bear. But what if the bear made a pass at the Doc?

Pat Delaney, a bear trainer of Pontiac, Michigan, informs me that an ~~infi~~ infallible way to put the bear asleep is to shoot him. Prosper.