

1 Good Evening Everybody:

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3 Before we take a look at what's
4 happened today around this old world of
5 ours, let's stop for a second and see if
6 anything startling ever happened on May
7 22nd in previous years. Yes, here's the
8 list--and it's a ^{dramatic} ~~startling~~ one.

9 2,265 years ago, on May 22nd, in
10 the year 334 B.C. one of the most
11 important events of all human history
12 occurred. Alexander the Great defeated
13 the Persians at the Battle of Granicus
14 in Asia Minor. And that was the first
15 of the series of sensational victories
16 that set the young Macedonian hero off on
17 his career of conquest to change the face
18 of the world.

19 Then, 603 years after that, in
20 337 A. D., Constantine the Great died,--
21 the Roman Emperor who became a Christian
22 and established Christianity as the
23 religion of the Western World.

24 And then, many centuries later,
25 the French Army, left by Napoleon in
Egypt, surrendered to the British on May

22, 1801.

Well, I don't suppose any events quite so important happened today on this May 22, 1931, but just the same there's interesting news.

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Here's a late dispatch. President Hoover say that he doesn't intend to call an extra session of Congress. According to the Associated Press the President in reply to Senator La Follette's suggestion that an extra session to called, said today: "We cannot legislate ourselves out of a world economic depression." Then the President added: "A poll of the members of Congress would show that a large majority agree with me."

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Are you interested in boxing? Well, if you are you will be interested to hear that a featherweight championship fight was held at Madison Square Garden, New York tonight. The battles were "Bat" Battalino the champ and Fidel La Barba. It went the full fifteen rounds and Battalino won the decision.

1 An Indian girl went on trial to day
2 before a gathering of eccliastics in
3 Albany. She died about two hundred ^{and}
4 fifty years ago. Her name was Tekak
5 Witha and she was known as the lily
6 of the Mohawks. The beauty of her
7 tribe, she became a christian and was
8 famous far and wide for her piety.

9 The idea now is to canonize
10 ~~xxxxxx~~ her as a saint, and, according
11 to the International News Service, the
12 first steps are being taken at the
13 residence of the Catholic Bishop of
14 Albany. The procedure is to argue the
15 matter pro and con, ~~as~~ a kind of
16 court proceedings, ^a~~an~~ trial.

17 And so the lily of the Mohawks
18 who lived during the last half of the
19 seventeenth century, is on trial in the
20 city of Albany.

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1 Word of another radical
2 innovation comes over the cables from
3 London. The idea is to have a radio
4 minister of the gospel.

5 The London Daily Mail, so the
6 Associated Press informs us, prints
7 an article today stating that a number
8 of bishops of the Church of England
9 are considering a plan to install loud
10 speakers in some of the churches to take
11 the place of the ministers.

12 There is a shortage of clergy
13 in England. They haven't enough
14 clergymen to take care of all the
15 churches. And some say the answer is
16 radio. It is expected that the
17 congregations will listen to this sermon
18 and the prayers and give the responses
19 and join in the prayers just as if the
20 minister were there officiating instead
21 of a loud speaker. *Yes, the mechanical*
22 *age is upon us.*

1 Every once in a while you hear a
2 pessimist telling how hard times are --
3 and you are liable to hear him say:
4 BUSINESS? WHY, WHO'S DOING ANY BUSINESS?
5 Well, a good answer to that is to ~~just~~
6 mention a few lines of trade in which
7 things are picking up nicely. ~~Here's~~
8 ~~one line~~, for example --

9 A big casualty ^{the Aetna of Hartford,} company, one of
10 the most important in the country,
11 reports that during the first quarter
12 of this year its sales of automobile
13 insurance were 5% ahead of the amount of
14 automobile insurance ~~they~~ sold during
15 the same period last year. This same
16 company gives us figures which show that
17 there is a general increase of automobile
18 insurance all over the country. Eight
19 per cent more automobile insurance
20 policies are in force this year than
21 were in force last year.

22 Yes sir, there's a firm that's
23 doing business. But the figures mean
24 more than that. Automobile insurance
25 obviously means a great deal in

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connection with the automobile industry.
When people are buying more automobile
insurance it also seems to mean they
are buying more ^{cars.} ~~automobiles~~. In other
words, we have several links in a long
chain of approaching prosperity.

1 There seems to be a slight
2 difference of opinion in this next
3 dispatch. It begins with a picture of
4 ~~Russian~~^{rosy} optimism, and then takes on
5 a ~~somewhat~~^a slightly acid tone. The
6 fragrant rose is succeeded by a somewhat
7 sour pickle.

8 The American Iron and Steel
9 Institute is meeting in New York, and *according*
10 *to the United Press* Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate,
11 addressed the delegates today. He said
12 prosperity was returning fast, and then
13 devoted a few remarks to the standard
14 of wages. He said, according to the
15 Associated Press, that the standard of
16 wages must be kept up. There must be
17 no wage cutting.

18 And all that was received with
19 the customary applause.

20 Then James A. Farrell,
21 President of the United States Steel
22 Corporation, got up and had his say.
23 He had prepared an address, but laid
24 it aside for a moment and kicked over
25 the harness. He spoke his mind right

1 out. He declared, according to the
2 International News Service, that
3 wages were not stabilized in the steel
4 industry. He said it's all right to
5 talk about not cutting wages, but that
6 wages were being cut. Here's the
7 way he put it:

8 "It's a shame that when some
9 of the large companies are trying to
10 maintain wages, others are cutting
11 them.

12 *added Mr. Farrell,*
13 "Every manufacturer," has not
14 maintained the current rate of wages.
15 I am not going to give the names of
16 all the companies represented in this
17 room that have cut wages, because I
18 don't want to embarrass you, but I
19 think it's a pretty cheap sort of
20 business."

21 After Mr. Farrell had finished
22 his extemporaneous remarks, many of the
23 steel magnates in the audience got up and
24 walked outside and gathered in knots
25 discussing the sharp things that had been
said by the president of U. S. Steel.

1 Of course, we know that after the
2 ball is over many a heart is ~~broken~~
3 breaking, and so on. But you never
4 heard of any great amount of weeping
5 after the ball game is over.

6 However, in Chicago a man shed
7 copious quantities of tears right
8 after the ball game ended.

9 The Associated Press informs
10 us that a bunch of kids were having a
11 lively game and they were using Jimmie
12 McQuillan's baseball. Jimmie is eight
13 years old.

14 The score was three to three
15 when somebody batted a home run over
16 the fence. The ball landed in the yard
17 of Otto Wahler, and Otto doesn't
18 approve of those ball games in the
19 vacant lot next to his house. Maybe
20 he's had a few windows broken. Anyway,
21 he ~~got~~^{got} the baseball and kept it. The
22 kids asked him to give ~~them their~~^{it back}
23 ~~baseball~~ and Jimmie McQuillan did want
24 his brand new spheroid back in the
25 worst way. But Otto just kept that ball.

1 Then Jimmie's father went after
2 it. There was a lot of argument and
3 then Otto procured a tear gas pistol
4 and fired it at Mr. McQuillan, and
5 that's when Jimmie's father burst
6 into tears. Otto was arrested and is
7 charged with assault.

POPPIES

1 Tomorrow is Poppy Day. All over
2 the country people will be wearing
3 those crimson flowers which symbolize
4 the battle fields in France. 100,000
5 women of the American Legion Auxilliary
6 will be out selling poppies. They expect
7 to dispose of more than 10 million of
8 the little flowers. The poppies are
9 artificial blossoms made by disabled
10 veterans in government hospitals and
11 American Legion establishments in 31
12 different states. And the proceeds go
13 to help the disabled veterans. ~~Wanda~~

14 Well, 13 years ago the World War
15 was at its wildest climax, and the
16 doughboys of the A.E.F. were just getting
17 ready to swing into action in a big way.
18 The poppies then were a familiar sight
19 along the battle lines in the West.
20 Now, 13 years later, those memorial
21 poppies will be worn by millions of
22 Americans who in this quiet time of
23 peace remember those anxious days of war.

1 Now comes a striking headline. It
2 reads -- THE REVOLT OF THE MACHINES.
3 Well, the idea of machines rising in
4 rebellion seems strange. But let's see
5 what the idea is.

6 It's a revolt of American machines.
7 And these rebellious machines are in
8 Russia.

9 It appears that Soviet Russia has *a*
10 ~~a good deal of~~ *vast quantity of the* American type of
11 machinery. But the communists are not
12 doing right by the machines, and so
13 the machines don't behave themselves as
14 they should.

15 The communist newspaper Pravda
16 tells that in one single Soviet plant
17 they have 900 accidents a month. The
18 machines go out of commission that often.
19 Such, declares ~~the~~ Pravda, is the
20 answer the machines give ^{to} those who
21 handle them like barbarians.

22 All of this is told in an article
23 in this week's Literary Digest which
24 presents some almost fantastic truths
25 about the way things are going in ~~the~~

1 factories run on a communist^{ic} basis.
2 And the Digest gets the facts from the
3 official newspapers of the Soviets. You
4 ~~ought to~~ ^{will be interested to} read that account which the
5 Digest reprints from the Pravda telling
6 the story of a day's operation at the
7 huge plant for manufacturing tractors
8 -- the plant that was intended to be
9 one of the main-stays of the 5-year
10 plan.

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1 Word comes from India that Gandhi
2 has announced that he will not sail for
3 England. He was scheduled to be in
4 London for a meeting on June 29th to
5 discuss a settlement of the India
6 problem.

7 According to the Associated Press,
8 Gandhi's reason for not going is that
9 the Hindus and Mohammedans in India
10 have not yet been able to settle their
11 differences. The two great
12 religious factors ^{ions} ~~are~~ have been negotiating
13 with each other, trying to work out
14 some sort of compromise to put an end
15 to the constant quarrels between them.
16 Gandhi expected that an agreement would
17 be reached before the time came for him
18 to go to England. But now the time has
19 arrived and the Hindus and Mohammedans
20 are still deadlocked. And so the Mahatma
21 won't go. He complains in addition that
22 the terms of the temporary peace treaty
23 which he made with the British authori-
24 ties have not been altogether fulfilled.
25 Meanwhile, Lord Willingdon, the new

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Viceroy of India, has told Gandhi that the British government intends to carry out in every respect its arrangement with the Mahatma and his nationalist party.

1 From across the wide Pacific
2 the familiar word economy comes
3 echoing this evening. The Japanese
4 government is out to cut expenses, and
5 today the ministers of the government
6 decided to slash the salaries of
7 government employees.

8 All salaries ^{of} over \$50. a month
9 will be cut all the way from five to
10 fourteen percent.

11 According to the International
12 News Service ^{even} the prime minister's pay
13 check is in for a bit of punishment.
14 The Japanese Premier now get^s \$6,000.
15 a year and that will be cut to \$4800.

16 And so tonight there are a
17 number of Japs on the government payroll
18 in Japan who are not shouting "Banzai",
19 with any great ~~enthusiasm~~ enthusiasm.
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AIR SHOW

1 I am only going to give a few
2 figures this evening about one of the
3 biggest, most dramatic shows ever staged
4 in this part of the world. It's the great
5 maneuvers of the United States ^{Army} air force
6 which, having started at Chicago, will
7 continue at New York tomorrow.

8 I met an old flying friend on the
9 street this afternoon - Howard Mingos,
10 author of many books on aviation. Well,

11 Howard Mingos was all excited about the
12 big event. ~~tomorrow~~ He said that today
13 672 airplanes in complicated formations
14 flew from the Middle West across the
15 Allegheny Mountains to the airports of
16 New York. ^P It was a 600-mile jump, and
17 there was only one accident. ^{according to the U.P. and the D.N.S.} The acci-
18 dent occurred when one of the planes was
19 landing on Long Island. It cracked up as
20 it came to earth. The plane was pretty
21 badly damaged but neither the pilot nor
22 the mechanic was hurt. ^P Well, that
23 colossal air show over New York City will
24 take place tomorrow. The city is full of
25 flying men tonight.

1 Two o'clock tomorrow afternoon
2 will be the time when things will get
3 into full swing in ~~the~~ New York skies,
4 ~~and when we will hear the drone of~~
5 ~~hundreds of airplane motors.~~

6 The French have been experimenting
7 with a kind of gas fog which is to be
8 used in hiding the ground from hostile
9 airplanes.

10 The United Press tells us that
11 today successful demonstrations of the
12 new fog gas were made at the city of
13 Tourcoing, a big textile center.

14 Incidentally, 100,000 textile workers
15 are out on a strike at Tourcoing. But
16 that has nothing to do with the dense
17 fog that was created artificially and
18 spread far and wide.

19 The fog-gas streamed from great
20 gas tanks and moved along the ground in
21 the form of a dense white bank. A
22 moderate wind was blowing, but it failed
23 to dissipate the gas to any extent.

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1 A dispatch from Paris this evening
2 is of special interest because of ~~that~~ *the same*
3 ~~great~~ series of air maneuvers. ~~that are~~
4 ~~now being held by the flying forces of~~
5 ~~the United States.~~

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1 a city in wartime and protect it from
2 the attacks of enemy air craft. And so
3 if another war comes along we may have
4 the drama of an air squadron setting out
5 to raid a city and the city hiding in
6 the depths of a cloud of gas-fog. The
7 hostile aviators search for the town in
8 vain and all they can see below them for
9 miles is a vast expanse of white vapor.

1 The Tall Story Club this evening
2 lifts its voice to pay homage to the
3 art of aviation, and pay~~s~~ its respects
4 to the great series of air maneuvers
5 which the flying forces of the United
6 States are now putting on.

7 A Tall Story teller who signs
8 himself R. F. Deever, tells how in
9 southwestern Texas aviation is changing
10 the habits of the buzzards. It appears
11 that the buzzards of that section have
12 been seeing so ~~much of the~~ ^{many} planes flying
13 through the sky that the birds themselves
14 have become air-minded, *although one would*
naturally expect buzzards to be air-minded to start with.

15 At one southwestern field the
16 boys are always looping the loop -- and
17 a local buzzard got the habit too. That
18 buzzard had seen so many planes looping
19 that he looped the loop himself. Day
20 after day the astonished Texans watched
21 old man buzzard come down in a dizzy
22 plunge and then swing around, making an
23 *equally* dizzy loop. And he did that over and
24 over.

25 I suppose that buzzard might still

be looping the loop in the blue skies of Texas -- but, as Mr. Deever tells us, old Mr. Buzzard got so air-minded that he started to drink gasoline. He would sneak around to the flying field and fill himself full of that special high-powered gas that the flyers use in their planes. In fact, the buzzard got so soaked with gasoline that he was little more than a sponge.

The result was that one day when he was doing a particularly fancy outside loop the friction of the air set that gassodden buzzard afire, and he blew up in mid-air. Tail feathers were scattered over an area of five Texas counties.

Ever since then the buzzards in those parts have been a little more careful about being so air-minded -- and now they confine their maneuvers to mere tail spins, power dives and barrel rolls - a la Al Williams and Jimmy Doolittle.

Well, after that literary tail spin here goes for a nose dive right out of here -

AND, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW