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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

The big thrill in today's news is an airplane flight. It was no dazzling record of speed for speed's sake, but a wild drive through a stormy sky to save the life of a small child.

The child's parents live in Houston, Texas. She is a baby girl only five months old. Late yesterday afternoon her condition became critical. The doctors told the parents that only a prompt operation could save the child's life, an operation of a peculiarly delicate kind, which would have to be done by a specialist at Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

It was a question of getting that baby to Baltimore in time. Only ~~the~~ airplane service could do it. And that put it up to Jim ^{my} Wedell. ~~Wedell~~ Jim ^{my} is the speed wizard who won the coast-to-coast race this year. It was learned that ~~Stake~~ was staying at his grandmother's home at West Columbia, Texas, shooting ducks. They sent him an urgent message and

he responded immediately, taking over the controls of the plane at Houston. Nearly all the ^{seats}~~places~~ in that *regular passenger* plane were engaged, but one ^{man}~~passenger~~ gave up his place to enable the child's parents to fly. The passenger bears the historic name of Hohenzollern. ^{In fact} He is Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the former Kaiser.

So Jim ^{my}~~my~~ Wedell, with the ailing baby aboard, took off and went winging through a raging blizzard. He drove through ^{snow}~~snow~~ and gale for fourteen hundred miles, and averaged a hundred and forty-five miles an hour. There were times when he was going a hundred and sixty, in spite of the howling wind. He landed in Baltimore after one of the most thrilling flights on record.

The Baltimore surgeons today say the child has been resting comfortably and that they will operate tomorrow.

The little patient has an excellent chance to recover -

^E thanks to Jim ^{my}~~my~~ Wedell *the Speed King*.

WASHINGTON

The President today received a lot of visits - not that this was a presidential "at home" day. It was a matter of business -- that always ominous business called the budget. All sorts of lieutenants, advisors, heads of departments and what-not, called at the White House with reports and suggestions. All this was preliminary to getting busy on the Presidential message and the budget for the year which will be put before Congress when the boys assemble a week from today.

You will have an opportunity to hear the President's message ^{over the air} as read by the clerk because it's going to be broadcast ~~all over the country on this network~~, promptly at noon January 3rd.

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The taxpayers are shaking in their shoes.xx They're afraid that budget is going to hit them square in the pocket book. It was learned at the White House that no definite figures are to be given out yet. At the same time, the wise boys of the government are admitting that the deficit will be even more than the one billion dollars with which we've been threatened. In fact it will be quite considerably more.

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Another problem putting wrinkles in the Presidential ^{brew}~~brew~~ concerns the railroads. What do the railroads need? Why help, as usual. The Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation says that several lines will have to have some assistance from benevolent old Uncle Sam, so as to be able to refinance some of their bonds which mature next year.

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Grover Whalen, who was one of the visitors at the White House today, was the bearer of some optimistic information. Mr. Whalen is Chairman of the New York City Compliance Board of the N.R.A. He sees that the boys obey the codes -- a kind of code-copper. He reported to the President that the Recovery Program has been working out nicely. He said business over the holidays was far beyond what the most hopeful merchants had expected, and that folks in general seem to be in a buying mood.

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The Bureau of Internal Revenue kicked in with a report concerning money. Up to November 30th, Uncle Sam collected nearly ninety million dollars in processing taxes under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Another bit of holiday cheer from Washington is that by January 1st, ninety-seven per cent of the bank deposits in the U. S. A. will be guaranteed by insurance.

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DRAWBRIDGE

A young bricklayer from Virginia was about to drive his car over the Potomac River into Washington. Just before he reached the bridge, a couple of cops waved at him and shouted information to which he didn't listen. What they were hollering about was that the drawbridge was open.

The young Virginian continued gayly on his way and all of a sudden, bingo! He disappeared! Were those cops astonished? They were, but for a different reason from what you may suppose? The car instead of taking a header into the Potomac, was hanging by its hind wheels. There, in some extraordinary fashion, had caught on an iron pipe, and ~~they~~ hung suspended, driver and all, until the cops rescued him with a rope.

But that wasn't the end of the episode. After they rescued him, they arrested him and threw him into the calaboose for reckless driving.

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LEGACY

A man who died in Los Angeles yesterday left a remarkable Will. In this he bequeathed one thousand dollars to Comrade Stalin of the Soviet Republic and one thousand to President Roosevelt. To each of his four children he left one dollar, ~~saying that this was "for a reason they all know".~~

↳ Just the old family spirit. They can use their dollar ~~of~~ each to buy a copy of "Home, Sweet Home".

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SIAM

We are going to have another visit from his Majesty, King Prajahipok and Queen Rambaibarni. That is, the U.S.A. will have the visit, not you and I personally. You remember them, don't you? The King and Queen of Siam. The last time his Majesty was here he came to undergo an operation on his eye. King Prajahipok is coming again to consult a surgeon. His first visit will be to Washington, where he and Queen Rambaibarni will stay at the Siamese Legation. They will of course visit the President and Mrs. Roosevelt although maybe not you and me.

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WEATHER

Bob sled and skating enthusiasts can take unto themselves some encouragement from the Weather Bureau. Though the snow storms stopped today, the dope is that they may resume tomorrow. As we were warned last night, it turned cold with a vengeance today. In New York City late this afternoon it was eight degrees above zero. In Chicago it was ten below. Up at Malone, New York, which is known as the icebox of the United States, the thermometer registered twenty-seven below.

Personal

It was sure cold & snowy up my way. Of course not cold enough to both quick-starting Blue Sunoes. ^{NBC} But just for the fun of it I followed Ed Wynne's celebrated example and came to town through the snow ^{in a one} by horse ~~and~~ sleigh with the bells jingling.

FOREIGN

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Echoes of dark and devious plotting are suggested in reports from abroad, reports that concern that most sensational Christmas assassination of the Armenian Archbishop in ~~his own~~ ^{the N.Y.} church just as he was on his way to the altar. There are suggestions of ~~central~~ ^{Asiatic} political feuds and international ^K machinations worthy of the pen of a writer of fantastic mystery yarns. Right now the French police are ~~busy~~ ^{busy} with investigations in the Armenian colony in Paris. They are trying to sleuth out some Parisian angle to the murder of the Armenian Archbishop in New York. They suspect the thing may have been plotted from abroad. The Armenian colony in Paris is numerous and includes many political exiles of the Armenian Nationalist party. ^{But} They deny any connection with that strange affair in New York.

The assassination of the Archbishop is accepted as a political crime, one having to do with the struggle among the Armenians against ~~the~~ Bolshevik domination in a part of their native country.

FOREIGN

A celebrated Russian died today on the French Riviera, Tovarish Lunacharsky. In the early days of the Soviet government he used to be what corresponds to the Secretary of the Interior. In fact they called him the right hand man of Lenin, but of later days he dropped out of prominence.

And the new Russian Ambassador to the United States is on his way to take up his job. This first Ambassador from the Soviet Government to America, Mr. Alexander Troyanov¹sky, will come by way of Paris, where he hopes to meet our Ambassador, Bill Bullitt. The two envoys will probably cross the ~~xx~~ ocean on the same steamer. The Soviet representative will be at the Ritz-Tower ~~Hotel~~ in New York next week.

~~(Information from ~~xxxx~~ Ritz Tower)~~

The victims of that ^{Calamitous} ~~awful~~ French railroad accident _^ [^] _^ [^] have ^{been} given a national funeral. The President of the Republic, the entire French Cabinet, and most of the high officials of the government, attended the memorial services, ^{today} Among those who sent messages of sympathy were King George of England and President Roosevelt. The total dead amounted to two hundred and one. That made it the second most frightful railroad disaster of all time^s. The worst ^{one} of all happened in Scotland, near the romantic village of Gretna Green, ^{thirty odd years ago} ~~to be precise~~.

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PEACOCK BALL

The entire automobile world today is on its toes, preparing for the big week of the year, the National Automobile Show in New York. The show will be preceded by one of the swagger social events of the year, the Peacock Motor Show Ball, which will be held a week from Friday evening in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf. This Peacock Motor Show Ball this year is to be given with the cooperation of General Motors Company for the benefit of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

And talking about swagger social events of course there's the opera that opened in New York last - the glittering Metropolitan.

Tomorrow afternoon at the Met a performance will be given that will be interesting for at least two reasons - an unusually promising new tenor Nini Martini makes his debut in Rigoletto for the benefit of the world famed Grenfell Mission on the Labrador - the Eskimo and fisherman.

FISHERMEN

One of the unfortunate consequences of yesterday's storm did^{nt} come to light until today. Two ~~fisherm~~ fishing tugs capsized in the terrific seas of Lake Michigan, and eight fishermen were lost. Four others barely escaped with their lives when they ran from the storm, drove their tug through the breakers and beached it. One of the boats that capsized went over within a hundred yards of safety in the Harbor of Michigan City. ~~Uncle Sam's coast guardsmen have been searching all day for the bodies of those eight fishermen.~~

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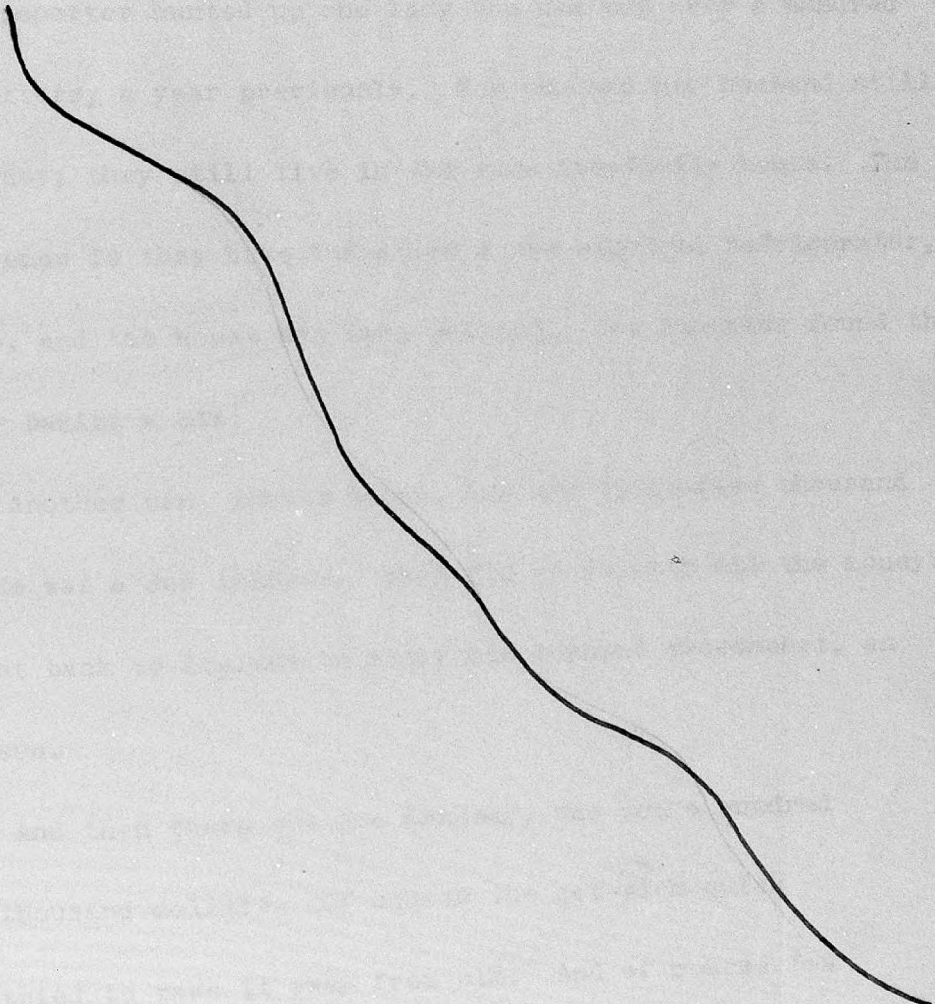
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Now a great many people are protesting against John Bull's rigid lottery laws and some people are even demanding that they be repealed. Of course, the church element is equally vehement, insisting that the lottery laws stand.

This question has aroused my curiosity. I wanted to know



EASY COME, EASY GO, OH YEAH?

What happens to all these fortunes won by folks who have a ticket in the Irish Sweepstakes or the famous Calcutta sweep! There is an old theory that if money comes easy, it goes in the same way. Well, ~~quite a number~~ ^{many} of radio listeners have been sending me clippings from the Boston Herald, which investigated, The Herald reporter hunted up one lady who had won over a hundred thousand dollars, a year previously. Now she and her husband still have the money; they still live in the same two-family house. The only difference is they have installed a new electric refrigerator, a new radio, and the house has been painted. The reporter found this Mrs. Lavery baking a pie.

Another man, Thomas Hogan, had won fifty-five thousand dollars. He was a day laborer. What did he do with all the money? Why, he went back to Ireland to marry his boyhood sweetheart, an Irish colleen.

And then there was Joe Kennedy, who won a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Of course the get-rich-quick swindlers tried to take it away from him. And of course Joe

gave up his job as a day laborer; but the curious thing about it is, he moved back to his native island of Jamaica so that he wouldn't have to pay out a lot of the money for taxes to Uncle Sam. ~~and~~ He invested his money in real estate, and I understand he is well on his way to becoming a millionaire. That's a real human interest story.

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TRIAL

Probably the swiftest jury trial ever heard of in the United States was just finished in San Francisco. A young man held up a theatre three weeks ago and murdered the treasurer. One week later, he tried it again, this time staging a raid on a bank. He was caught after a dramatic running-gun fight with the cops.

With the memory of the San Jose lynchings fresh in everyone's mind, public opinion in the Golden Gate demanded swift action. So that robber was brought to trial within eight days ^A ~~after~~ his ~~arrest~~ arrest. The trial was rushed through and at one o'clock this morning the jury turned in a verdict of guilty and voted ^{hanging.} ~~that the murderer should be hanged.~~

It is believed ~~that~~ this constitutes a record.

GLEE

In an English periodicals there was an article giving full instructions on how to start an amateur glee club. A writer in the famous SPRINGFIELD UNION suggests that what is needed is not instructions on how to start an amateur glee club but how to stop one.

And that item stope me, and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

LITERARY DIGEST.