

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 Germany has a new cabinet  
2 tonight. Chancellor Bruening announced  
3 this afternoon that he had lined up a  
4 group of ministers to form a new  
5 government.

6 He had been trying to do this  
7 for days, and it was a hard job. The  
8 International News Service explains that  
9 the prominent politicians didn't want to  
10 co-operate, they didn't want to take the  
11 responsibility of becoming government  
12 ministers in a critical time such as  
13 Germany is facing.

14 But Chancellor Bruening kept on  
15 trying, and now he has succeeded.

16 One of the new ministers is  
17 General Groener, who is commander of  
18 Germany's military forces. He is both  
19 Minister of War and Minister of the  
20 Interior. Political observers say this  
21 is significant, because it's the first  
22 time that Germany has entrusted these  
23 two important jobs to a military man. As  
24 Minister of War, General Groener is in  
25 charge of the military affairs of the

1 nation. As Minister of the Interior, his  
2 job is to preserve order inside ~~of~~  
3 Germany. In other words, a sort of  
4 police job.

5 ( One striking bit of news comes  
6 in the announcement that Adolph Hitler,  
7 the leader of Germany's Fascists, will  
8 be received by President Von Hindenburg  
9 tomorrow. Handsome Adolph and his  
10 Teutonic Black Shirts are a loud and  
11 important element in Germany's disturbed  
12 political situation, but until now Hitler  
13 has never had an interview with President  
14 Von Hindenburg.)

15 And so tomorrow's visit will be  
16 the first conference between the old  
17 leader of Germany's armies and the much  
18 younger man who is the fire-eating <sup>captain of</sup> ~~leader~~  
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1 of the extreme Nationalists. Nobody  
2 seems to know just what Von Hindenburg  
3 and Handsome Adolph are going to talk  
4 about. Some think that the old warrior  
5 is going to ask the Black Shirt not to  
6 make any trouble during the present  
7 crisis. Others believe that Von  
8 Hindenburg is going to tell Handsome  
9 Adolph that he'd better not make any  
10 trouble or he and his Fascists are liable  
11 to get hurt.

12           Meanwhile, the Communists have  
13 been <sup>raising</sup> ~~making~~ their share of disturbance.  
14 Red agitators are <sup>shouting</sup> ~~making~~ fiery speeches  
15 and threatening civil war.

16           In the great industrial city of  
17 Essen the home of the Burgomaster was  
18 bombed. An infernal machine went off,  
19 but nobody was hurt. The Police say the  
20 Reds did it.

1           And now along comes a tempest --  
2 no, not in a teapot. It's a tempest ~~up~~  
3 at Columbia University. Or maybe you  
4 might call it just a small but lively  
5 whirlwind.

6           It appears that the students don't  
7 like the kind of English the Professors  
8 use. No, the students don't claim that  
9 the professorial English is too correct.  
10 They claim that the Professors make  
11 grammatical mistakes, errors of syntax,  
12 slips of diction.

13           Anyway, ~~blatant~~ this is the charge  
14 made by the student publication called  
15 "The Spectator." The New York Evening  
16 Post quotes the Spectator as accusing  
17 one Professor of having trouble with  
18 his relatives -- I mean, his relative  
19 pronouns. <sup>Well, I sympathize with the professor.</sup> And this same Professor is  
20 said to have closed one of his lectures  
21 with a choice grammatical bull. Here's  
22 what he said: "If anyone has any  
23 questions, they should ask them now."

24           Yes, Professor, that was an  
25 unquestionable bull. <sup>That's the kind I get letters about regularly.</sup> And the students

1 are quite right in pointing out that  
2 the Prof should have said: "If anyone  
3 has any questions, he should ask them  
4 now." And even that isn't very graceful.

5 "Yes, how," demand the outraged  
6 students, "can the ungrammatical  
7 instructors have the nerve to ~~take off~~  
8 <sup>lower</sup> ~~from~~ our grades if we write poor English,  
9 when they are terrible themselves?"

1 I always like to come across a  
 2 story that tells of the boys doing their  
 3 level best <sup>and</sup> accomplishing <sup>And not only by</sup> things. ~~the~~  
 4 <sup>ay of correcting the Professor's english. I like</sup> the old Horatio Alger spirit.

5 In <sup>this week's</sup> ~~the new~~ Literary Digest  
 6 ~~which came out today~~ we are told of a  
 7 prize contest for boys. The lads tried  
 8 their hands at building models - models  
 9 of coaches. And those young fellows  
 10 certainly worked their heads off. They  
 11 were out to win the prizes offered by  
 12 W. A. Fischer, university scholarships  
 13 for \$5,000. each to the four winners.

14 The Literary Digest, quoting  
 15 the Detroit Times, tells how one boy  
 16 finished his model coach at a quarter  
 17 of nine in the evening of the day when  
 18 the contest closed. Midnight was the  
 19 deadline. That lad drove ninety miles  
 20 to get his model into the contest, and  
 21 he arrived with fifteen minutes to  
 22 spare.

23 Then another boy after building  
 24 his model with the utmost care, woke up  
 25 one damp rainy morning and found that

1 his <sup>coach</sup> ~~model~~ had fallen to pieces. The  
2 dampness had warped it so much that it  
3 simply disintegrated. But he put it  
4 together again, and got one of the  
5 prizes.

6 One chap designed the wheels  
7 for his model and then ~~went to work~~ <sup>proceeded</sup>  
8 ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> cast these wheels in zinc. They  
9 say he did a bit of foundry work that  
10 would have done an expert credit.

11 And then there was another ~~that~~ <sup>who</sup>  
12 sold his bicycle to get money for  
13 materials out of which to build his  
14 model.

15 Yes, it was a display of the  
16 kind of spirit that makes dauntless  
17 men, and I'll bet W. A. Fischer, the  
18 donor, was ~~xxxxxxx~~ a happy man  
19 as he passed out the prizes.  
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1 I think we ought to give a  
2 salute to this bird, I mean a real bird  
3 with feathers and a bill and all the  
4 rest.

5 Several months ago John P.  
6 Lehrer, a pigeon fancier of Elmont,  
7 Long Island, sold eight carrier pigeons  
8 to John Brophy, the manager of an oil  
9 company in Venezuela.

10 The New York World Tele gram  
11 explains that Mr. Brophy took the eight  
12 birds to South America with him. A few  
13 weeks ago, down there in Venezuela two  
14 of the carrier pigeons escaped.

15 Well, back up this way in  
16 Long Island John Lehrer, the pigeon-fancier  
17 looked over his stock of birds and there  
18 to his astonishment he discovered one of  
19 the pigeons that had been taken to  
20 Venezuela. He made a check-up, and now  
21 the story comes along of how that  
22 carrier pigeon made a record flight of  
23 2000 miles across seas and mountains, all  
24 the way from the South American Republic  
25 of Venezuela, to its old home in Long  
Island, *in less than two weeks.*



1 A plan to help the farmers  
2 dispose of their grain is under way in  
3 the Middle West. The idea is to buy  
4 grain and feed the birds.

5 An Associated Press wire from  
6 Minneapolis declares that the Isaac Walton  
7 League has begun a state-wide movement,  
8 the purpose of which is to buy up some of  
9 the surplus grain that is on the farmers'  
10 hands. It will be ~~not~~ stored until the  
11 snow is deep. That's when the quail and  
12 the pheasants and other game birds have  
13 a hard time scratching a living.

14 The grain will be scattered  
15 on the white, wintry expanses of the  
16 fields. And the birds will flock and  
17 peck at the grain.

18 I suppose that if the plan goes  
19 through in a big way, the winter of  
20 1931-32 will go down in the history of  
21 the birds as one of the best on record.

1 I guess we all have a good deal  
2 of sympathy for the fireman who fights  
3 his way into a burning building and puts  
4 the fire out. And here's a bit of news  
5 that ought to make us doubly sympathetic.

6 There was a fire in a match  
7 factory. No sir, I don't think there are  
8 any of us who would want to walk into  
9 that. We all know how a match smells  
10 when ~~it~~ it flares. There were millions  
11 of matches flaring as that match factory  
12 went up in smoke. But the firemen went  
13 in just the same, and 30 of them came out  
14 somewhat the worse for wear *and ready for the*  
15 *ambulance surgeon.*

16 The New York Evening Post tells  
17 us that it happened in Brooklyn. The  
18 match factory was operating at full blast.  
19 Yes, and full blast is the right term to  
20 describe what happened. There was a  
21 sudden cry of FIRE. No, there was no  
22 panic. The men and women at work had been  
23 trained for just such an emergency. They  
24 got out in good order, and *at top speed.*  
25 ~~very fast.~~

And as they came out, the fire-  
men went in. And a little later, as the

1 suffocating smoke rolled with choking  
2 black billows, ambulance surgeons went  
3 to work on 30 coughing, gasping firemen  
4 -- and brought them around all right.

5 Yes, and this news item reminds us  
6 that this is fire prevention week. And  
7 it would be well if we all kept in mind  
8 what the White Fireman tells us in this  
9 week's Literary Digest.

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# CLEANING

1 Well, business is booming in  
2 Cleveland - at least it's booming for  
3 the pants pressers and the dry cleaners.  
4 Today thousands of men flocked to the  
5 shops to get their suits pressed and  
6 cleaned and also to get their hats  
7 pressed and blocked. The cleaners and  
8 pressers were simply swamped.

9 No, it isn't that <sup>the</sup> spick and  
10 span <sup>city</sup> ~~set~~ of Cleveland has suddenly  
11 become wild over the idea that the  
12 creases in the trousers must be just so.  
13 It's a case of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ price war.

14 The International News Service  
15 reports that an outbreak of wild  
16 competition between the pressers and  
17 cleaners is on, and they are slashing  
18 prices right down to the vanishing  
19 point. In some parts of the city you  
20 get your suit pressed for five cents,  
21 and dry-cleaned for twenty-five cents.  
22 And the price for cleaning and blocking  
23 hats <sup>today</sup> was ten cents. And the boys took  
24 full and enthusiastic advantage of  
25 the opportunity. As <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ result ~~there~~

baggy trousers are conspicuous by their absence, hats all look like new and you can no longer read a restaurant menu on a coat lapel.

1           They say that a certain famous  
2 lady is getting a lot of credit that  
3 she doesn't deserve -- I mean, the  
4 Empress Eugenie, <sup>or whatever you call her,</sup> wife of Napoleon the  
5 Third. The idea is that those Eugenie, <sup>or</sup>  
6 <sup>how-do-you-call-em</sup> hats were not invented by her at all.  
7 In fact, she just copied the ladies of a  
8 previous age, just as the ladies of this  
9 age are copying her in the matter of  
10 head-gear.

11           At least that is what we learn  
12 from Frank Russell, a member of the  
13 faculty of <sup>the</sup> Southern Methodist  
14 <sup>5</sup> university. He has been making a study  
15 of the origin and history of costumes.  
16 And he is quoted by the Associated Press  
17 as saying that those cocky, foxy little  
18 hats were worn in England during the  
19 reign of Charles the Second. And that  
20 was more than 100 years before the  
21 Empress Eugenie was born.  
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1 Well, the World Series is tied  
2 up again. Those two powerful teams are  
3 certainly putting up a nip-and-tuck  
4 battle.

5 The bats of Connie Mack's  
6 Philadelphia Athletics certainly got busy  
7 this afternoon. The score was 8 to one,  
8 with the St. Louis Cardinals on the  
9 losing end. Before the game started the  
10 word went out that foxy old Connie Mack  
11 wasn't going to take any more chances  
12 with that wild young St. Louis sensation,  
13 Pepper Martin.

14 The report was that <sup>Lefty</sup> Grove, the  
15 Philadelphia pitcher, had been ordered  
16 to pass Martin in the pinches. Whenever  
17 there were men on bases, why they  
18 weren't going to give Pepper a chance to  
19 bat in a flock of runs. <sup>Lefty</sup> ~~Grove~~ was just  
20 supposed to give <sup>Pepper</sup> ~~him~~ four wide ones and  
21 a ticket to first.

22 Well, Grove had good control  
23 today. The United Press box-score showed  
24 that he walked only one man -- and that  
25 man was Pepper Martin. He didn't make

1 any hits, but he got a base on balls.

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1 ~~Well~~, the hit of the World Series  
2 has been that rip-snorting young fellow,  
3 called Pepper Martin, otherwise the  
4 Oklahoma drugstore cowboy, and also the  
5 wild horse of the Osage. How that boy  
6 has been <sup>smacking</sup> ~~hitting~~ them, and how he has been  
7 running the bases! I imagine it's the  
8 way he's been going wild stealing bases  
9 that has done more than anything else to  
10 make Connie Mack's team see red.

11 Well, that kid Pepper Martin has  
12 <sup>already</sup> become famous in song and tall story.  
13 I can't sing a song, so let's be  
14 satisfied with a tall story -- which the  
15 Associated Press telegraphs from the  
16 open spaces of the Southwest.

17 It is told by Roy Moore, a baseball  
18 player and member of the Tall Story Club,  
19 who was a team-mate with Pepper Martin on  
20 the Houston, Texas, club in 1929.

21 Roy just gives us an example of  
22 how fast Pepper is on his feet.

23 "Old Pepper," he relates, "used  
24 to go out on the prairie and scare up a  
25 bunch of rabbits. He'd chase the rabbits

and run up next to one of them. Then he'd reach down and feel the rabbit's side. If the rabbit was skinny, why Pepper would pass him up. Then he'd reach down and feel the ribs of another one. He'd keep this up with 20 to 30 rabbits until he'd find a couple really fat ones.

Yes, Pepper Martin is a great base-runner, but the Tall Story Club is compelled by its love for truth to point out an instance of base-running far more remarkable than anything that Pepper flashed on either the Philadelphia or St. Louis diamonds.

An extraordinary instance of base-stealing comes from Warrant-Officer C. R. Heron, of the United States Army. The truthful Warrant-Officer is stationed at Governors Island.

He relates how during the trouble out in the Philippines a large supply of baseball paraphernalia was provided for the soldiers. His outfit was stationed in an outlying section of Mindano, and the boys used to stage regular games in an open clearing which was surrounded by the trees of

the jungle. And those trees were always filled with big monkeys who watched the games.

Then a mystery cropped up. That baseball paraphernalia began to vanish. Thieves were at work.

Several weeks later a great big monkey came into camp carrying a flag of truce. And he challenged the soldiers to a game of ball. Uncle Sam's brave warriors instantly accepted, and a game was arranged.

On the appointed day the monkey team showed up, and sure enough they were equipped with all those baseball supplies that had been stolen.

The monkeys went to bat first. One big ape took a stance at the plate. And the soldier pitcher began buzzing them across. The pitcher gave the big monkey a base on balls.

The monkey ambled down to first. He had a very long tail. As the pitcher wound up to put the ball across for the next batter, the monkey just held the tip of his tail on the base and walked down towards second. He was half

way to second with the end of his tail still touching first. Then as the pitcher threw the ball, that old monkey made a swift movement. He just turned around. He swung his tail around from first base and touched second. Yes, it was a clean ~~XXXXX~~ steal. And how could you expect the soldier catcher to throw out a base-runner under circumstances like that?

Yes, the monkeys won the game.

Well, after those monkey-shines, 'm afraid it will be a put-out for me, unless I clear out ---- and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.